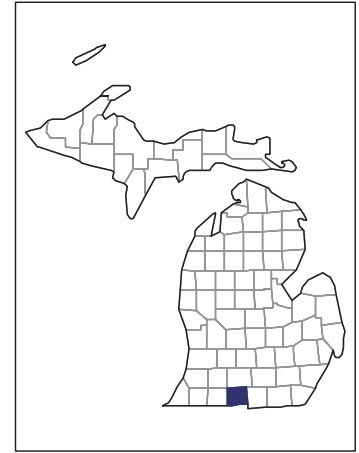


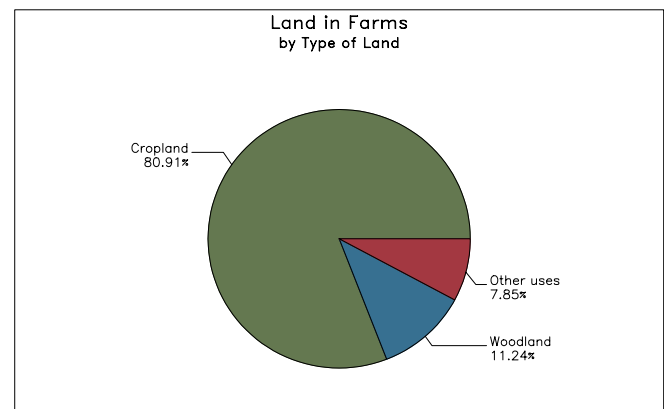
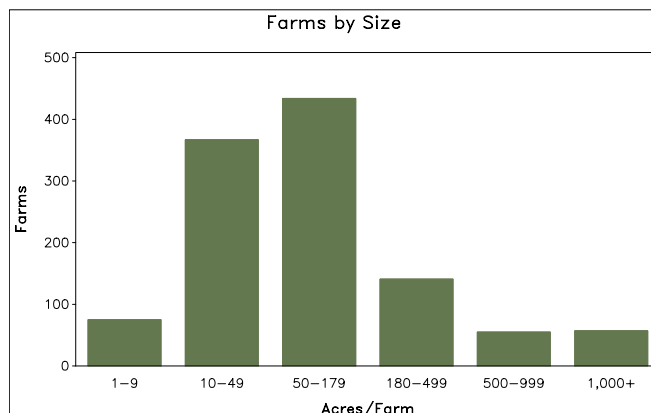
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Branch County Michigan



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,129	1,123	+ 1
Land in Farms	250,134 acres	253,690 acres	- 1
Average Size of Farm	222 acres	226 acres	- 2
Market Value of Products Sold	\$115,430,000	\$64,904,000	+ 78
Crop Sales \$69,380,000 (60 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$46,050,000 (40 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$102,241	\$57,796	+ 77
Government Payments	\$3,804,000	\$4,575,000	- 17
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,299	\$7,915	- 33



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County Profile

Branch County – Michigan

Ranked items among the 83 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	115,430	19	83	762	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	69,380	16	83	619	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	46,050	18	83	850	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	54,370	10	82	540	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	20	81	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	156	53	81	1,208	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	15	80	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	41	48	81	662	1,710
Other crops and hay	678	60	83	1,906	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	13	82	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	8,067	18	83	1,356	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	11,127	32	77	442	2,493
Hogs and pigs	24,601	4	82	186	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	258	7	79	500	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	349	27	82	690	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	41	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	93,639	5	78	309	2,634
Soybeans for beans	62,114	10	65	413	2,039
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,044	52	83	1,807	3,060
Wheat for grain, all	5,575	26	75	938	2,481
Vegetables harvested for sale	3,633	17	81	227	2,794
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	4	81	(D)	2,476
Hogs and pigs	64,996	3	81	238	2,958
Cattle and calves	13,831	26	83	1,742	3,060
Sheep and lambs	3,295	5	80	319	2,891
Layers	2,024	37	82	1,109	3,024

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	474	Farming	420
\$1,000 to \$2,499	78	Other	709
\$2,500 to \$4,999	76	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	83	Male	976
\$10,000 to \$19,999	76	Female	153
\$20,000 to \$24,999	31	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	55	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	American Indian or Alaska Native	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	68	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	77	Black or African American	6
\$250,000 to \$499,999	43	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
\$500,000 or more	54	White	1,621
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	104,104	More than one race	16
Average per farm (\$)	92,209	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	19,743		
Average per farm (\$)	17,488		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. ² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.