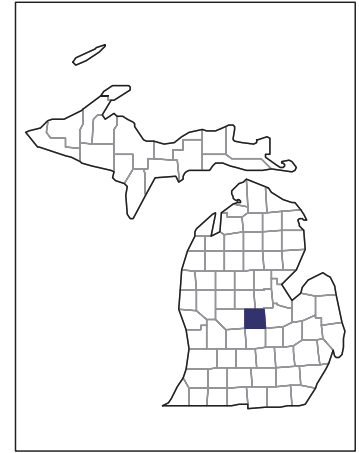


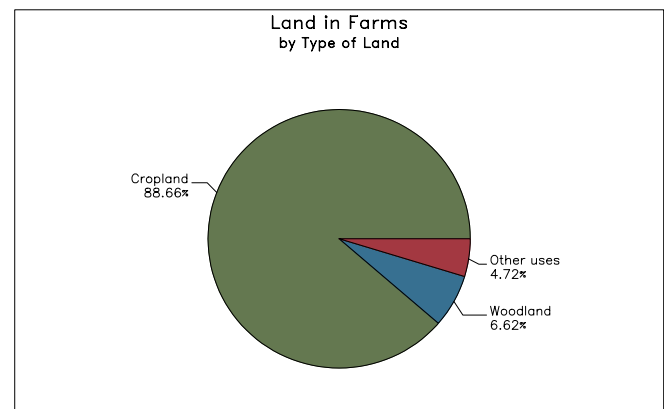
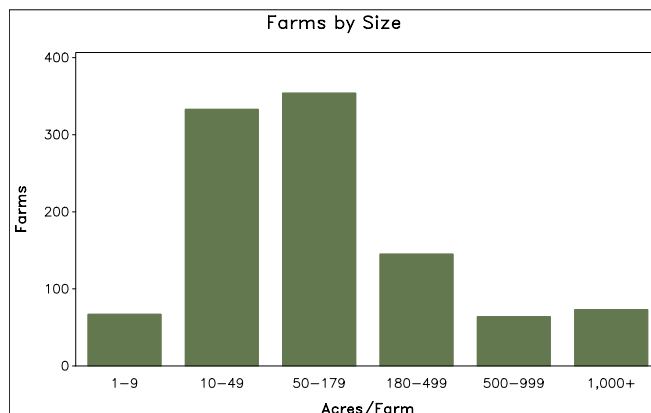
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County Profile

Gratiot County Michigan



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,036	1,018	+ 2
Land in Farms	286,937 acres	288,932 acres	- 1
Average Size of Farm	277 acres	284 acres	- 2
Market Value of Products Sold	\$189,913,000	\$114,726,000	+ 66
Crop Sales \$86,088,000 (45 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$103,824,000 (55 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$183,313	\$112,697	+ 63
Government Payments	\$4,485,000	\$5,139,000	- 13
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,956	\$8,953	- 33



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County Profile

Gratiot 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	189,913	7	83	356	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	86,088	15	83	472	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	103,824	5	83	372	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	69,387	7	82	412	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	106	57	81	1,369	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	627	46	80	1,301	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	9	66	81	1,139	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	6	83	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	6	82	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	20,803	3	83	648	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	61,049	6	77	118	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	7	82	(D)	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	45	44	79	1,737	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	228	34	82	1,005	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	40	41	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	90	58	82	1,058	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	92,171	7	78	317	2,634
Soybeans for beans	77,177	4	65	311	2,039
Wheat for grain, all	16,879	10	75	539	2,481
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	15,054	28	83	1,320	3,060
Sugarbeets for sugar	10,446	6	19	33	130
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	4	81	(D)	2,627
Turkeys	(D)	5	77	(D)	2,371
Hogs and pigs	61,061	4	81	255	2,958
Cattle and calves	38,800	6	83	812	3,060
Layers	1,601	45	82	1,234	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	318	Farming	482
\$1,000 to \$2,499	64	Other	554
\$2,500 to \$4,999	73	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	67	Male	949
\$10,000 to \$19,999	93	Female	87
\$20,000 to \$24,999	31	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	85	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	American Indian or Alaska Native	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	73	Asian	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	90	Black or African American	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	47	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	81	White	1,487
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	150,351	More than one race	9
Average per farm (\$)	145,127	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	11
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	50,435		
Average per farm (\$)	48,683		

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.