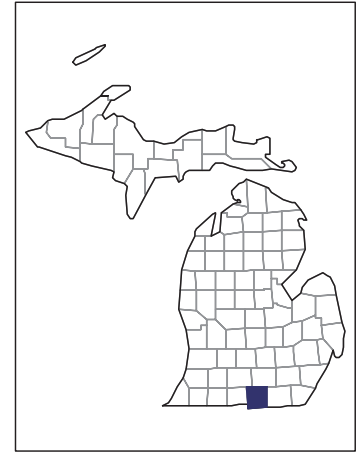


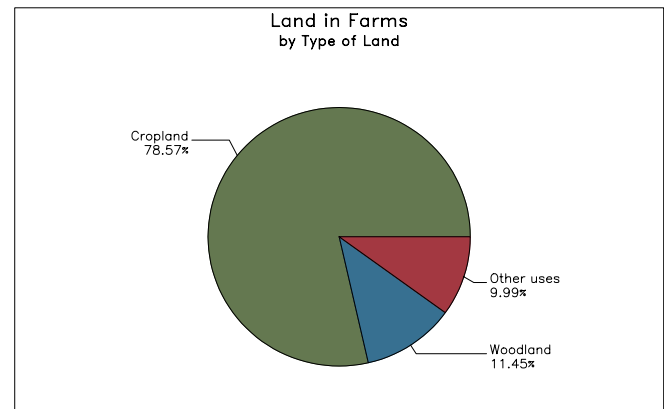
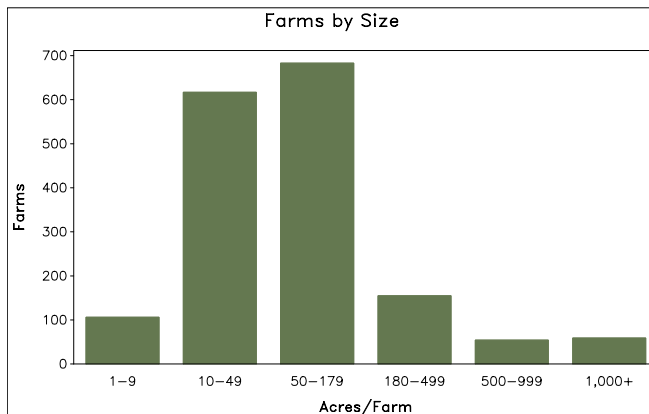
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Hillsdale County Michigan



| | 2007 | 2002 | % change |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------|
| Number of Farms | 1,674 | 1,509 | + 11 |
| Land in Farms | 269,916 acres | 275,316 acres | - 2 |
| Average Size of Farm | 161 acres | 182 acres | - 12 |
| Market Value of Products Sold | \$120,635,000 | \$78,914,000 | + 53 |
| Crop Sales \$65,830,000 (55 percent) | | | |
| Livestock Sales \$54,805,000 (45 percent) | | | |
| Average Per Farm | \$72,064 | \$52,296 | + 38 |
| Government Payments | \$6,019,000 | \$5,403,000 | + 11 |
| Average Per Farm Receiving Payments | \$5,487 | \$6,463 | - 15 |



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Hillsdale 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 | 120,635 | 18 | 83 | 728 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 65,830 | 18 | 83 | 658 | 3,072 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 54,805 | 12 | 83 | 731 | 3,069 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 46,812 | 14 | 82 | 609 | 2,933 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 437 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | - | - | 626 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 264 | 55 | 81 | 1,380 | 2,796 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | 635 | 31 | 81 | 628 | 2,659 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | (D) | (D) | 80 | (D) | 2,703 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | 160 | 28 | 81 | 290 | 1,710 |
| Other crops and hay | (D) | (D) | 83 | (D) | 3,054 |
| Poultry and eggs | 90 | 40 | 82 | 1,452 | 3,020 |
| Cattle and calves | 7,843 | 19 | 83 | 1,381 | 3,054 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 37,657 | 13 | 77 | 191 | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | 8,262 | 13 | 82 | 414 | 2,922 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 266 | 6 | 79 | 484 | 2,998 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 527 | 19 | 82 | 463 | 3,024 |
| Aquaculture | - | - | 41 | - | 1,498 |
| Other animals and other animal products | 159 | 42 | 82 | 795 | 2,875 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Corn for grain | 70,896 | 15 | 78 | 452 | 2,634 |
| Soybeans for beans | 63,716 | 9 | 65 | 400 | 2,039 |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 17,456 | 25 | 83 | 1,178 | 3,060 |
| Wheat for grain, all | 12,436 | 15 | 75 | 633 | 2,481 |
| Corn for silage | 7,404 | 16 | 79 | 198 | 2,263 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Hogs and pigs | 24,859 | 13 | 81 | 469 | 2,958 |
| Cattle and calves | 23,784 | 15 | 83 | 1,253 | 3,060 |
| Layers | 3,736 | 17 | 82 | 863 | 3,024 |
| Sheep and lambs | 3,537 | 4 | 80 | 301 | 2,891 |
| Horses and ponies | 1,977 | 20 | 83 | 561 | 3,066 |

Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity | Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales: | | Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 822 | Farming | 563 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 138 | Other | 1,111 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 111 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 123 | Male | 1,433 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 98 | Female | 241 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 32 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 57.6 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 73 | All operators by race ² : | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 37 | American Indian or Alaska Native | 11 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 80 | Asian | 5 |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 77 | Black or African American | 5 |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 38 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| \$500,000 or more | 45 | White | 2,388 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 112,744 | More than one race | 24 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 67,350 | All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ² | 35 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 19,393 | | |
| Average per farm (\$) | 11,585 | | |

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.