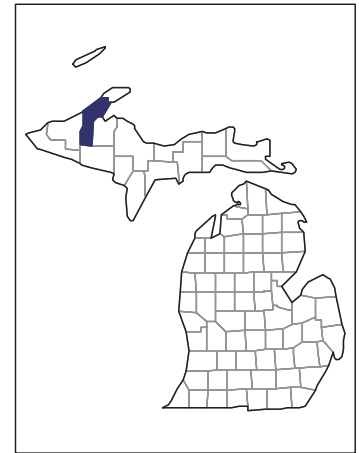


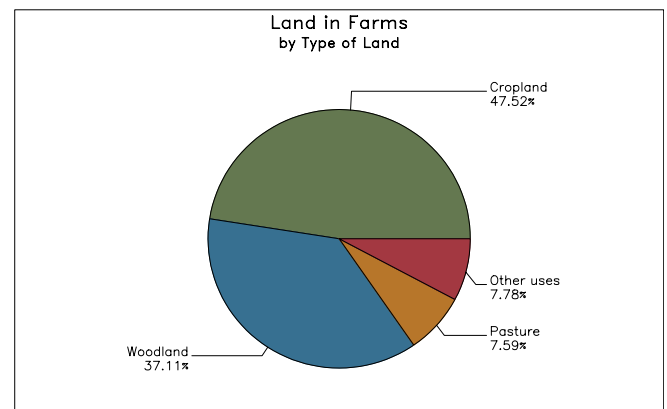
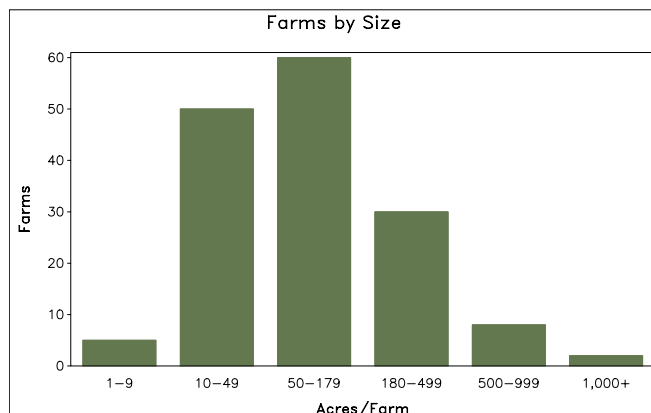
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Houghton County Michigan



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	155	158	- 2
Land in Farms	23,643 acres	25,856 acres	- 9
Average Size of Farm	153 acres	164 acres	- 7
Market Value of Products Sold	\$2,709,000	\$2,821,000	- 4
Crop Sales \$1,014,000 (37 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$1,695,000 (63 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$17,476	\$17,853	- 2
Government Payments	\$46,000	\$70,000	- 34
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$1,517	\$2,708	- 44



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Houghton 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	2,709	73	83	2,931	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,014	73	83	2,792	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,695	71	83	2,812	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	13	78	82	2,725	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	71	64	81	1,985	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	174	51	81	1,151	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	178	62	80	1,842	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	7	67	81	1,185	1,710
Other crops and hay	570	62	83	2,054	3,054
Poultry and eggs	13	71	82	2,341	3,020
Cattle and calves	202	77	83	2,919	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,431	64	77	1,221	2,493
Hogs and pigs	7	74	82	2,391	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	7	72	79	2,710	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	17	71	82	2,711	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	41	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	17	76	82	1,836	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,014	65	83	2,148	3,060
Barley for grain	399	12	60	394	1,154
Oats for grain	250	61	80	948	1,957
Corn for grain	210	70	78	2,214	2,634
Corn for silage	(D)	72	79	(D)	2,263
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	1,126	74	83	2,894	3,060
Layers	593	71	82	2,043	3,024
Horses and ponies	280	70	83	2,718	3,066
Colonies of bees	280	37	76	816	2,640
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	62	81	(D)	2,476

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	55	Farming	63
\$1,000 to \$2,499	25	Other	92
\$2,500 to \$4,999	27	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	18	Male	120
\$10,000 to \$19,999	15	Female	35
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	6	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	2	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	1	White	232
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	2,988	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	19,278	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	66		
Average per farm (\$)	426		

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.