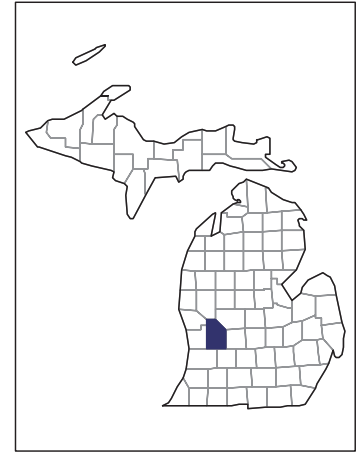


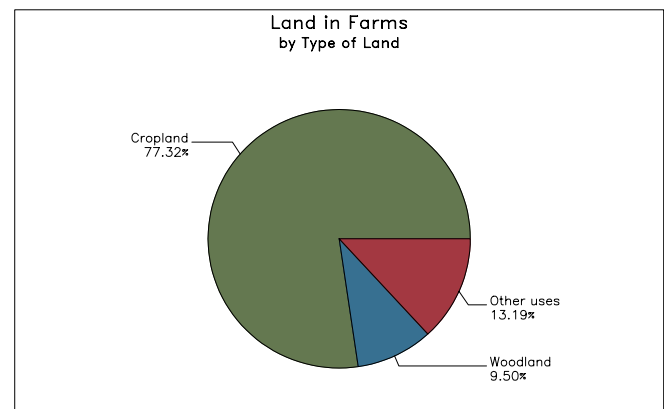
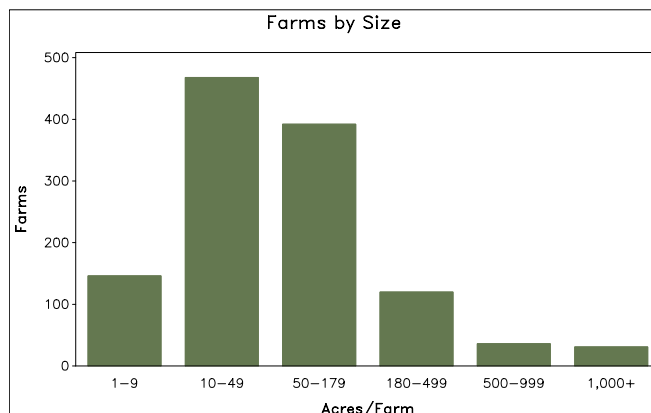
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Kent County Michigan



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,193	1,212	- 2
Land in Farms	170,117 acres	173,381 acres	- 2
Average Size of Farm	143 acres	143 acres	0
Market Value of Products Sold	\$194,729,000	\$149,670,000	+ 30
Crop Sales \$137,512,000 (71 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$57,217,000 (29 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$163,226	\$123,490	+ 32
Government Payments	\$1,405,000	\$3,967,000	- 65
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,404	\$13,005	- 66



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Kent 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	194,729	6	83	341	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	137,512	5	83	202	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	57,217	11	83	706	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	25,940	27	82	879	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	12,296	10	81	162	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	33,919	4	81	77	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	63,455	3	80	53	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	192	22	81	251	1,710
Other crops and hay	1,709	29	83	1,008	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	11	82	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	9,982	13	83	1,192	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	39,801	11	77	185	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3,720	16	82	606	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	66	38	79	1,433	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,043	3	82	204	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	21	41	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	20	82	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	43,357	26	78	652	2,634
Soybeans for beans	21,264	31	65	815	2,039
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	21,252	18	83	1,004	3,060
Apples	9,325	1	80	8	2,144
Corn for silage	9,254	10	79	141	2,263
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	(D)	7	77	(D)	2,371
Cattle and calves	25,350	14	83	1,200	3,060
Hogs and pigs	15,363	17	81	592	2,958
Pheasants	4,377	14	66	150	1,544
Colonies of bees	2,885	8	76	226	2,640

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	355	Farming	518
\$1,000 to \$2,499	130	Other	675
\$2,500 to \$4,999	108	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	110	Male	1,007
\$10,000 to \$19,999	93	Female	186
\$20,000 to \$24,999	39	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	71	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	33	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	64	Asian	7
\$100,000 to \$249,999	58	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	59	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	73	White	1,788
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	156,134	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	130,875	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	14
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	45,838		
Average per farm (\$)	38,423		

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.