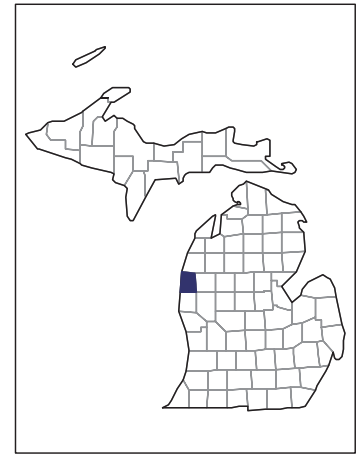


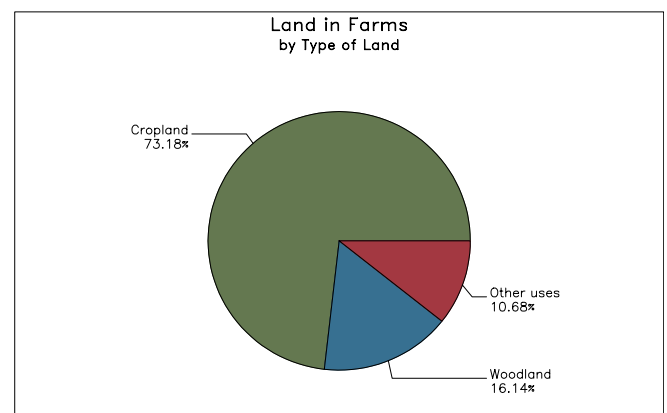
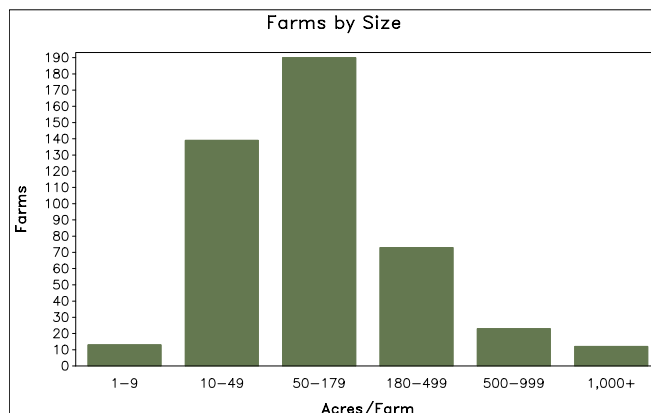
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Mason County Michigan



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	450	478	- 6
Land in Farms	76,446 acres	79,621 acres	- 4
Average Size of Farm	170 acres	167 acres	+ 2
Market Value of Products Sold	\$34,468,000	\$24,955,000	+ 38
Crop Sales \$20,372,000 (59 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$14,096,000 (41 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$76,596	\$52,207	+ 47
Government Payments	\$574,000	\$707,000	- 19
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,415	\$5,198	- 15



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Mason 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	34,468	42	83	1,874	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	20,372	41	83	1,440	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	14,096	39	83	1,805	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,179	40	82	1,479	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,321	26	81	432	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	11	81	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,960	25	80	664	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	105	30	82	1,410	3,020
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	8,806	37	77	522	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	72	36	79	1,365	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	78	50	82	1,904	3,024
Aquaculture	3	28	41	1,176	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	158	43	82	798	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,758	36	83	1,399	3,060
Corn for grain	12,872	40	78	1,088	2,634
Vegetables harvested for sale	4,619	13	81	186	2,794
Corn for silage	3,319	27	79	468	2,263
Soybeans for beans	2,634	43	65	1,344	2,039
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	8,490	36	83	2,132	3,060
Hogs and pigs	(D)	21	81	(D)	2,958
Layers	1,616	44	82	1,226	3,024
Colonies of bees	1,225	21	76	408	2,640
Sheep and lambs	840	34	80	1,043	2,891

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	137	Farming	196
\$1,000 to \$2,499	60	Other	254
\$2,500 to \$4,999	43	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	41	Male	398
\$10,000 to \$19,999	42	Female	52
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	18	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	28	Black or African American	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	20	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	20	White	672
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	31,138	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	69,196	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,917		
Average per farm (\$)	10,926		

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.