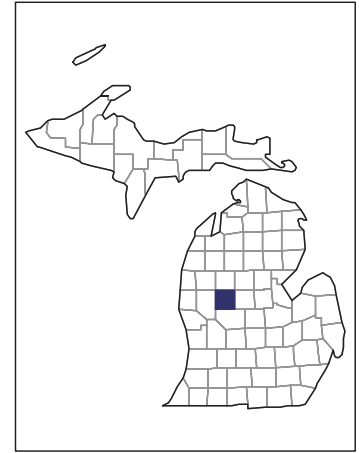


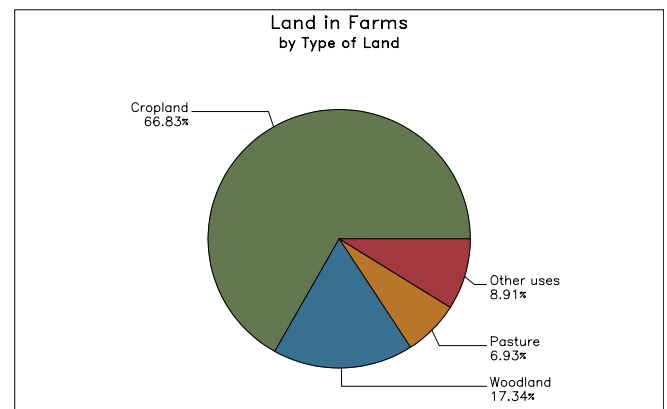
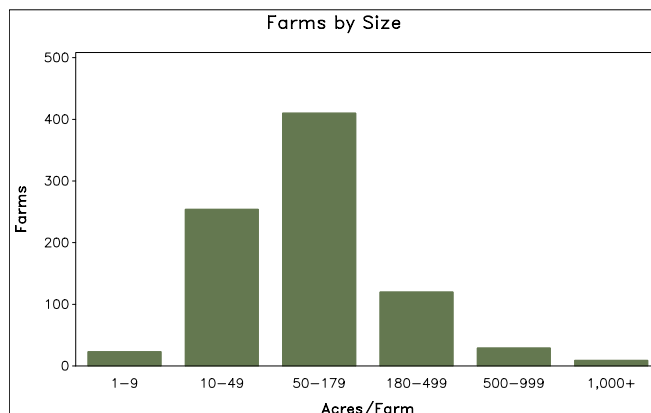
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## County Profile

### Mecosta County Michigan



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	845	794	+ 6
<b>Land in Farms</b>	114,715 acres	119,777 acres	- 4
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	136 acres	151 acres	- 10
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$72,652,000	\$30,604,000	+ 137
Crop Sales \$19,277,000 (27 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$53,376,000 (73 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$85,979	\$38,544	+ 123
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$653,000	\$1,051,000	- 38
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$2,066	\$4,026	- 49



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#### Ranked items among the 83 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	72,652	30	83	1,206	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	19,277	42	83	1,476	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	53,376	13	83	753	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	6,498	39	82	1,396	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	13	81	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	50	72	80	2,234	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	22	58	81	870	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	21	82	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	5,282	24	83	1,666	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	14,001	27	77	384	2,493
Hogs and pigs	32,822	3	82	139	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	209	10	79	604	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	321	28	82	740	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	18	41	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	510	16	82	383	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	30,917	4	83	662	3,060
Corn for grain	16,206	36	78	1,005	2,634
Corn for silage	4,278	24	79	367	2,263
Vegetables harvested for sale	(D)	16	81	221	2,794
Potatoes	(D)	3	73	(D)	2,124
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	32,219	12	81	407	2,958
Cattle and calves	15,179	23	83	1,652	3,060
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	6,336	6	81	672	2,476
Layers	5,709	7	82	772	3,024
Pheasants	(D)	15	66	(D)	1,544

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	294	Farming	370
\$1,000 to \$2,499	73	Other	475
\$2,500 to \$4,999	85	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	103	Male	725
\$10,000 to \$19,999	76	Female	120
\$20,000 to \$24,999	31	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	59	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	49	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	38	Black or African American	6
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	17	White	1,267
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	67,551	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	79,942	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,496		
Average per farm (\$)	8,871		

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.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.