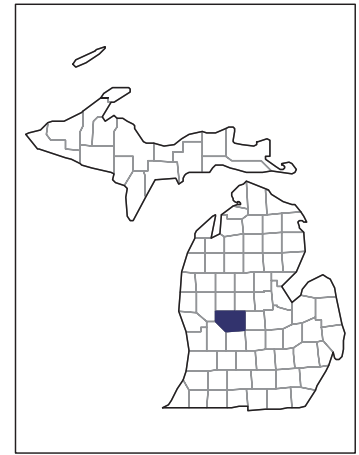


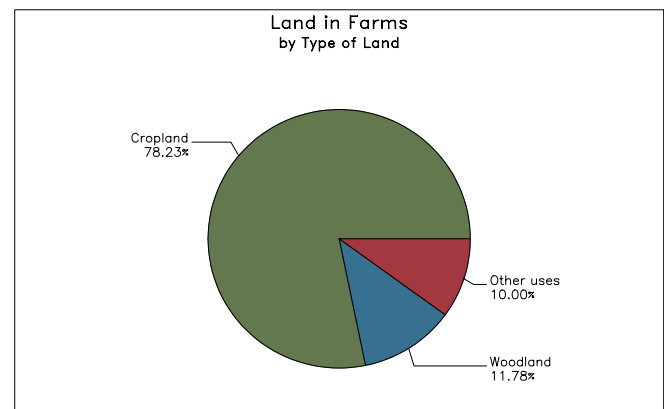
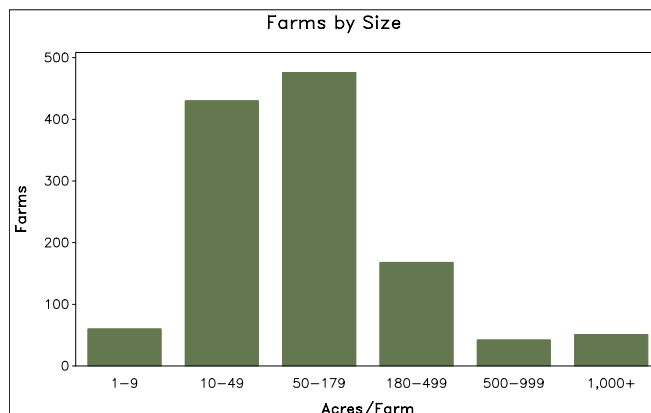
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Montcalm County Michigan



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,227	1,139	+ 8
Land in Farms	242,804 acres	255,306 acres	- 5
Average Size of Farm	198 acres	224 acres	- 12
Market Value of Products Sold	\$139,384,000	\$106,312,000	+ 31
Crop Sales \$88,810,000 (64 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$50,573,000 (36 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$113,597	\$93,338	+ 22
Government Payments	\$2,473,000	\$2,934,000	- 16
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,094	\$6,684	- 39



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County Profile

Montcalm 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	139,384	14	83	595	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	88,810	14	83	449	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	50,573	16	83	788	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	31,943	23	82	788	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	47,143	1	81	59	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,133	21	81	289	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,549	28	80	717	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	2,297	3	81	25	1,710
Other crops and hay	2,746	14	83	623	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	31	82	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	10,741	12	83	1,140	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	36,567	14	77	200	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2,131	20	82	743	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	115	26	79	999	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	366	26	82	659	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	32	41	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	551	15	82	354	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	60,417	17	78	519	2,634
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	28,432	7	83	729	3,060
Vegetables harvested for sale	23,136	1	81	39	2,794
Soybeans for beans	18,003	32	65	864	2,039
Potatoes	16,282	1	73	20	2,124
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	26,141	12	83	1,169	3,060
Hogs and pigs	8,716	20	81	727	2,958
Layers	5,921	6	82	765	3,024
Colonies of bees	4,900	2	76	143	2,640
Pheasants	3,014	17	66	191	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	447	Farming	578
\$1,000 to \$2,499	115	Other	649
\$2,500 to \$4,999	127	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	103	Male	1,081
\$10,000 to \$19,999	119	Female	146
\$20,000 to \$24,999	21	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	57	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	23	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	60	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	59	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	43	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	53	White	1,810
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	117,085	More than one race	13
Average per farm (\$)	95,424	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	17
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	29,069		
Average per farm (\$)	23,691		

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.