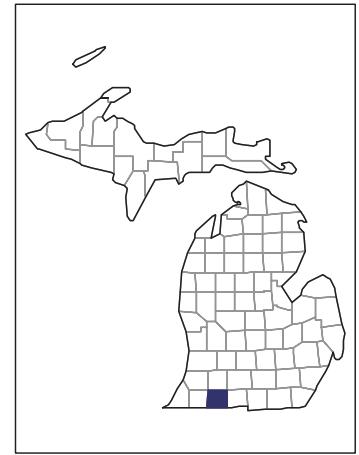


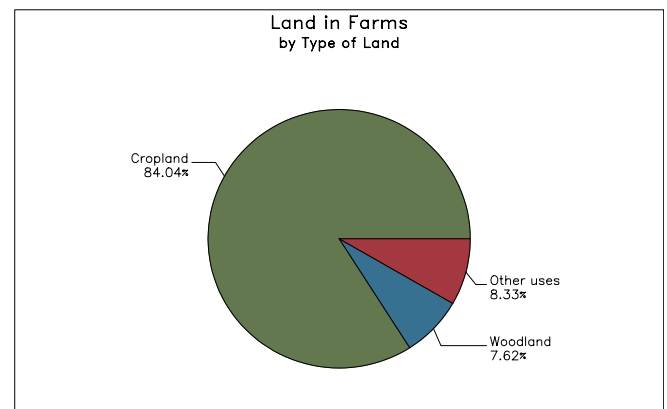
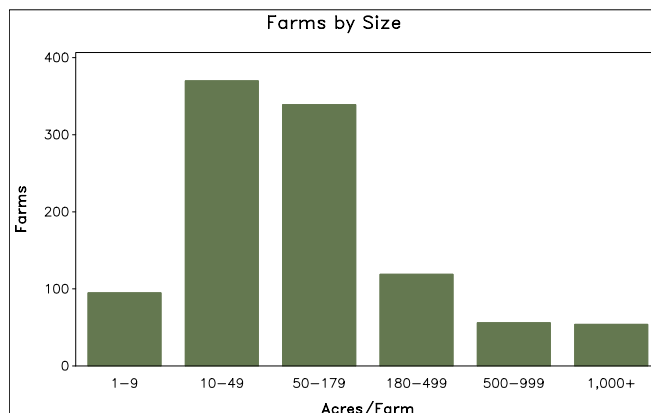
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

St. Joseph County Michigan



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,033	907	+ 14
Land in Farms	215,425 acres	230,624 acres	- 7
Average Size of Farm	209 acres	254 acres	- 18
Market Value of Products Sold	\$136,033,000	\$93,660,000	+ 45
Crop Sales \$104,757,000 (77 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$31,276,000 (23 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$131,688	\$103,264	+ 28
Government Payments	\$3,322,000	\$3,970,000	- 16
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,865	\$10,026	- 32



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County Profile

St. Joseph 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	136,033	16	83	621	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	104,757	13	83	343	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	31,276	25	83	1,157	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	79,642	6	82	339	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	17,992	5	81	124	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,370	24	81	385	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,713	23	80	573	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	36	51	81	703	1,710
Other crops and hay	2,005	23	83	874	3,054
Poultry and eggs	2,003	12	82	888	3,020
Cattle and calves	3,831	33	83	1,890	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	14,895	25	77	370	2,493
Hogs and pigs	8,734	12	82	404	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	124	23	79	940	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	537	18	82	453	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	41	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	1,152	6	82	174	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	91,693	8	78	320	2,634
Soybeans for beans	43,634	16	65	561	2,039
Vegetables harvested for sale	10,698	3	81	81	2,794
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,122	50	83	1,709	3,060
Potatoes	5,368	2	73	43	2,124
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	105,356	3	81	556	2,476
Hogs and pigs	33,391	11	81	400	2,958
Cattle and calves	11,779	29	83	1,872	3,060
Layers	3,552	18	82	881	3,024
Horses and ponies	2,104	17	83	506	3,066

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	368	Farming	405
\$1,000 to \$2,499	82	Other	628
\$2,500 to \$4,999	61	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	96	Male	918
\$10,000 to \$19,999	103	Female	115
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	42	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	19	American Indian or Alaska Native	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	62	Asian	10
\$100,000 to \$249,999	71	Black or African American	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	43	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	63	White	1,449
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	108,359	More than one race	10
Average per farm (\$)	104,898	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	12
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	39,532		
Average per farm (\$)	38,269		

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.