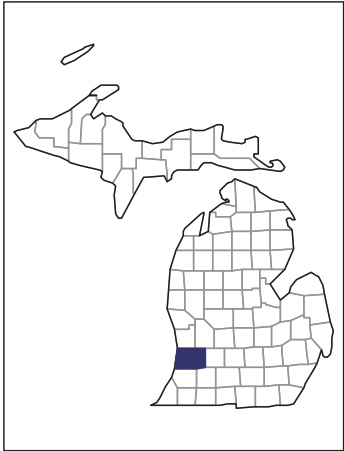


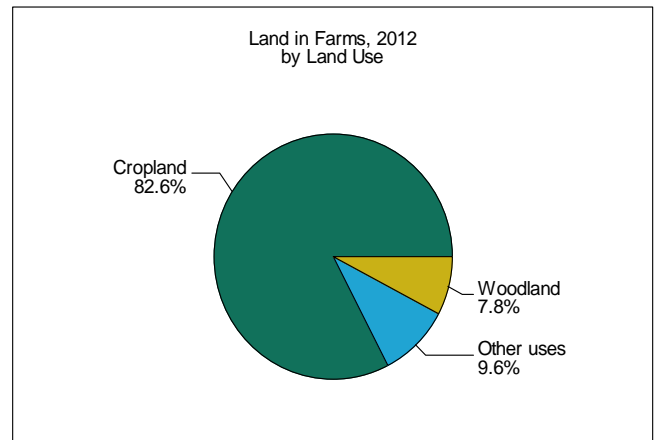
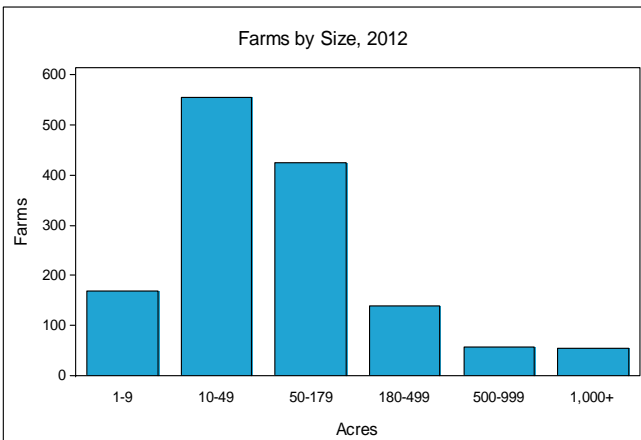
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Allegan County Michigan

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,396	1,595	- 12
<b>Land in Farms</b>	270,282 acres	275,120 acres	- 2
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	194 acres	172 acres	+ 13
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$580,835,000	\$397,533,000	+ 46
Crop Sales \$194,085,000 (33 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$386,750,000 (67 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$416,071	\$249,237	+ 67
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$3,286,000	\$3,444,000	- 5
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$8,671	\$7,374	+ 18





## Allegan County – Michigan

### Ranked items among the 83 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	580,835	2	83	75	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	194,085	8	82	231	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	386,750	1	83	63	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	103,748	14	82	457	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	18,360	9	82	136	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	15,199	6	79	125	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	52,582	4	81	51	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	811	5	78	40	1,530
Other crops and hay	3,386	20	82	869	3,049
Poultry and eggs	135,948	3	82	76	3,013
Cattle and calves	19,313	7	82	825	3,056
Milk from cows	81,849	5	73	95	2,038
Hogs and pigs	147,247	1	80	22	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	419	8	79	399	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	313	30	81	876	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	37	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	1,661	4	82	148	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	93,484	6	80	325	2,638
Soybeans for beans	53,591	16	71	567	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	23,674	9	82	816	3,057
Corn for silage	17,742	3	78	73	2,237
Wheat for grain, all	8,603	20	78	736	2,537
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	4,959,754	1	82	9	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	1,378,281	1	77	9	2,637
Turkeys	399,937	2	76	66	2,416
Hogs and pigs	252,085	1	81	59	2,889
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	242,787	3	81	467	2,723

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	416	Farming	673
\$1,000 to \$2,499	102	Other	723
\$2,500 to \$4,999	132	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	117	Male	1,226
\$10,000 to \$19,999	115	Female	170
\$20,000 to \$24,999	45	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	65	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	31	American Indian or Alaska Native	13
\$50,000 to \$99,999	98	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	83	Black or African American	29
\$250,000 to \$499,999	57	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	135	White	2,087
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	499,507	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	357,813	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	25
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	92,820		
Average per farm (\$)	66,490		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero.

<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.