

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Cass, Michigan

Number of farms

808 farms in 2002, 804 farms in 1997, up slightly.

Land in farms

189,127 acres in 2002, 185,418 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

234 acres in 2002, 231 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$64,272,000 in 2002, \$68,919,000 in 1997, down 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$38,188,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$26,084,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

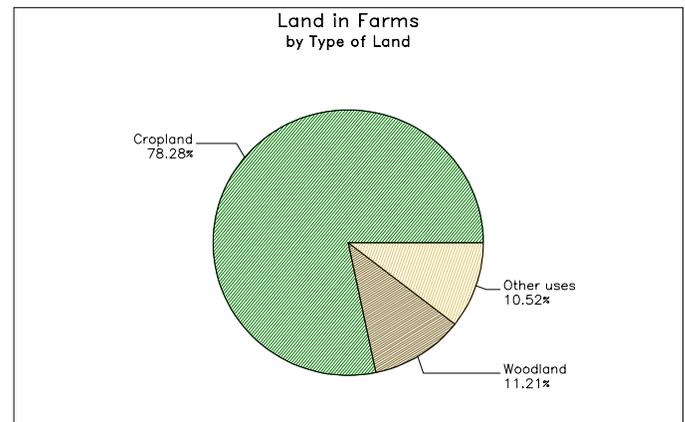
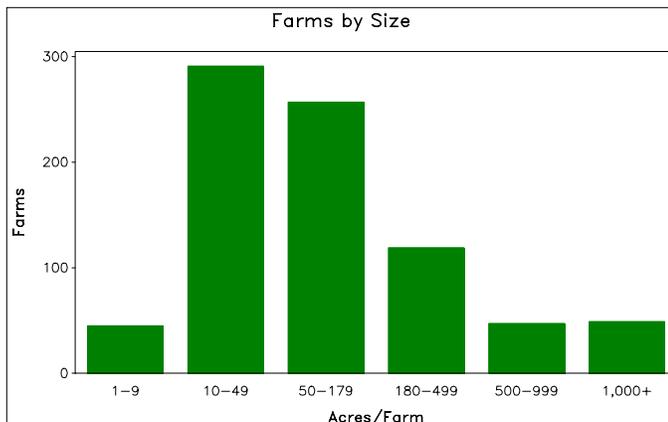
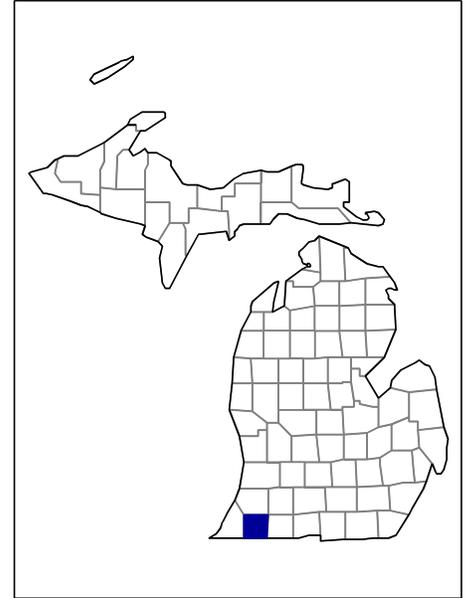
\$79,545 in 2002, \$85,720 in 1997, down 7 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,025,000 in 2002, \$2,298,000 in 1997, up 32 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,139 in 2002, \$5,497 in 1997, up 66 percent.



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Ranked items among the 83 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

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	64,272	21	83	896	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	38,188	24	83	672	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	26,084	17	83	1,053	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	22,322	19	80	632	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	6,934	14	81	234	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	4,826	9	82	148	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,625	28	81	692	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	157	29	80	321	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,325	41	83	992	3,046
Poultry and eggs	184	19	80	1,214	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,104	40	82	2,132	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,514	57	76	1,156	2,493
Hogs and pigs	21,470	2	79	144	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	425	2	81	213	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	331	27	82	651	3,014
Aquaculture	10	19	38	972	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	46	61	79	1,176	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	127,219	2	78	117	2,926
Cattle and calves	6,695	45	83	2,358	3,059
Pheasants	(D)	9	60	(D)	1,541
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	11	78	(D)	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,364	31	81	1,173	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	58,243	15	80	431	2,592
Soybeans	48,003	19	61	563	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,523	47	83	1,632	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	4,957	9	80	142	2,710
All Wheat for grain	3,729	31	73	1,038	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	256
\$1,000 to \$2,499	98
\$2,500 to \$4,999	78
\$5,000 to \$9,999	67
\$10,000 to \$19,999	52
\$20,000 to \$24,999	27
\$25,000 to \$39,999	41
\$40,000 to \$49,999	19
\$50,000 to \$99,999	59
\$100,000 to \$249,999	44
\$250,000 to \$499,999	36
\$500,000 or more	31
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	60,815
Average per farm (\$)	75,546
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,254
Average per farm (\$)	11,495

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	426
Other	382
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	726
Female	82
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.2
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,136
Black or African American	18
American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
Asian	2
More than one race	6
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	15

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

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.