

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Alger, Michigan

Number of farms

67 farms in 2002, 70 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

Land in farms

14,969 acres in 2002, 16,777 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

Average size of farm

223 acres in 2002, 240 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$1,511,000 in 2002, \$1,971,000 in 1997, down 23 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$501,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,010,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

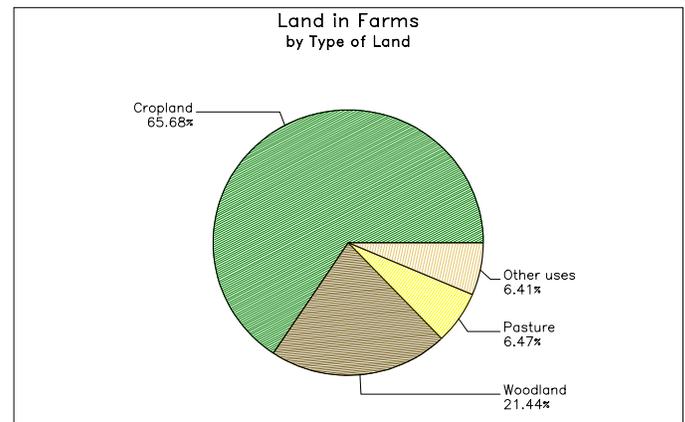
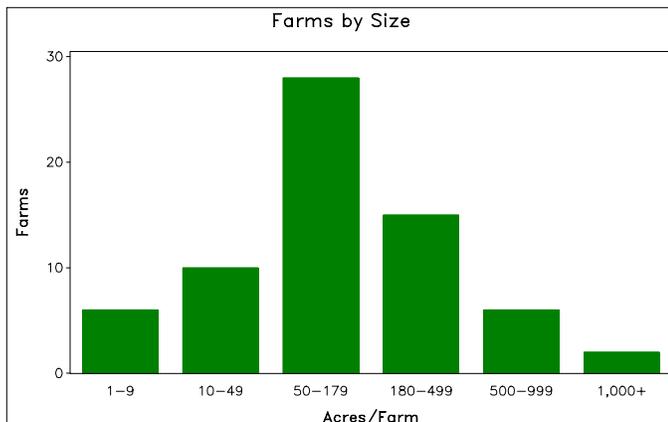
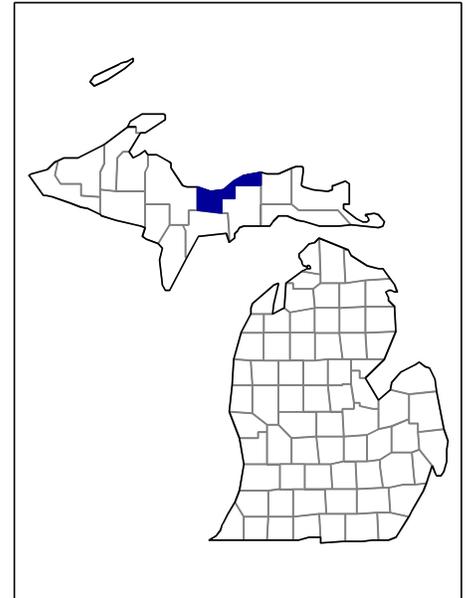
\$22,547 in 2002, \$28,152 in 1997, down 20 percent.

Government Payments

\$168,000 in 2002, \$18,000 in 1997, up 833 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$14,009 in 2002, \$1,312 in 1997, up 968 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service**

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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	1,511	78	83	2,978	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	501	76	83	2,886	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,010	72	83	2,870	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	18	78	80	2,672	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	30	69	81	2,223	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	319	69	83	2,264	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2	74	80	2,509	2,918
Cattle and calves	272	75	82	2,867	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	713	68	76	1,501	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	8	80	82	2,940	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	38	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	1,582	72	83	2,851	3,059
Sheep and lambs	(D)	40	80	(D)	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	247	71	81	2,363	2,983
Horses and ponies	129	78	83	2,913	3,065
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	67	78	(D)	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,912	73	83	2,326	3,059
Barley	290	12	72	506	1,246
Corn for silage	165	69	79	1,820	2,307
Oats	(D)	76	82	(D)	2,215
Potatoes	(D)	37	72	(D)	1,551

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	25	Farming	36
\$1,000 to \$2,499	6	Other	31
\$2,500 to \$4,999	7		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	6	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	7	Male	51
\$20,000 to \$24,999	-	Female	16
\$25,000 to \$39,999	6		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	Average age of principal operator (years)	48.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	5	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	White	104
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,425	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	20,963	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	352	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	5,177	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.