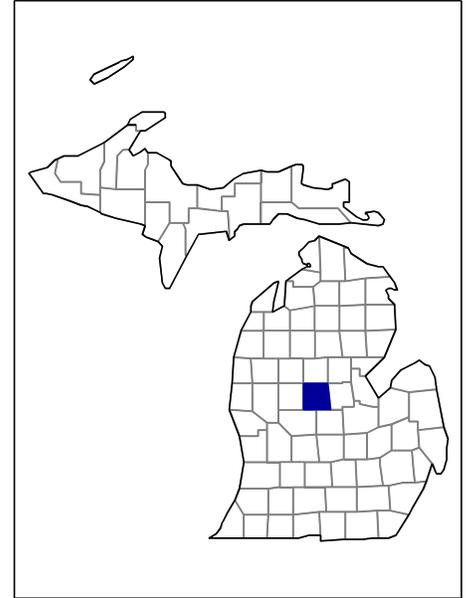


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Number of farms

953 farms in 2002, 1,038 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

195,432 acres in 2002, 227,650 acres in 1997, down 14 percent.

Average size of farm

205 acres in 2002, 219 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$50,126,000 in 2002, \$58,061,000 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$24,280,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$25,846,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

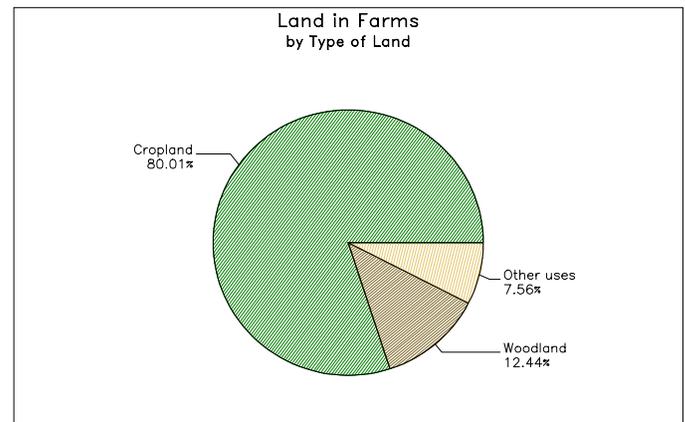
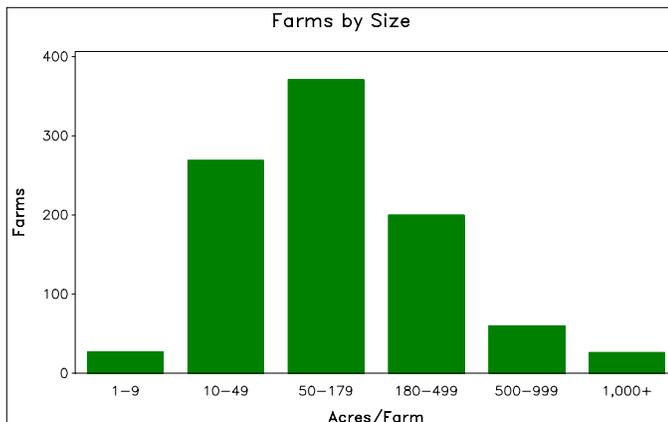
\$52,598 in 2002, \$55,935 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,188,000 in 2002, \$1,869,000 in 1997, up 17 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,861 in 2002, \$3,456 in 1997, up 41 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	50,126	29	83	1,165	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	24,280	34	83	1,023	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	25,846	18	83	1,068	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	18,162	24	80	722	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,530	36	81	623	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	104	45	82	1,224	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	503	53	81	1,421	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	78	44	80	503	1,774
Other crops and hay	3,904	8	83	312	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	7,415	10	82	1,211	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	15,879	15	76	259	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1,892	20	79	728	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	217	36	82	1,038	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	38	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	371	14	79	371	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	25,349	11	83	1,221	3,059
Hogs and pigs	8,654	21	78	760	2,926
Colonies of bees	1,770	15	75	313	2,392
Horses and ponies	1,345	36	83	899	3,065
Sheep and lambs	1,133	27	80	887	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	41,465	25	61	615	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	33,991	4	83	621	3,059
Corn for grain	30,148	30	80	658	2,592
All Wheat for grain	13,699	11	73	537	2,517
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	6,185	9	48	63	571

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	274
\$1,000 to \$2,499	78
\$2,500 to \$4,999	91
\$5,000 to \$9,999	94
\$10,000 to \$19,999	111
\$20,000 to \$24,999	25
\$25,000 to \$39,999	64
\$40,000 to \$49,999	29
\$50,000 to \$99,999	78
\$100,000 to \$249,999	56
\$250,000 to \$499,999	31
\$500,000 or more	22
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	44,784
Average per farm (\$)	46,796
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	10,042
Average per farm (\$)	10,493

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	512
Other	441
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	878
Female	75
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.8
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,351
Black or African American	2
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	1
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.