

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Alpena, Michigan

Number of farms

460 farms in 2002, 492 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

73,790 acres in 2002, 85,234 acres in 1997, down 13 percent.

Average size of farm

160 acres in 2002, 173 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$12,553,000 in 2002, \$11,791,000 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,191,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,362,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

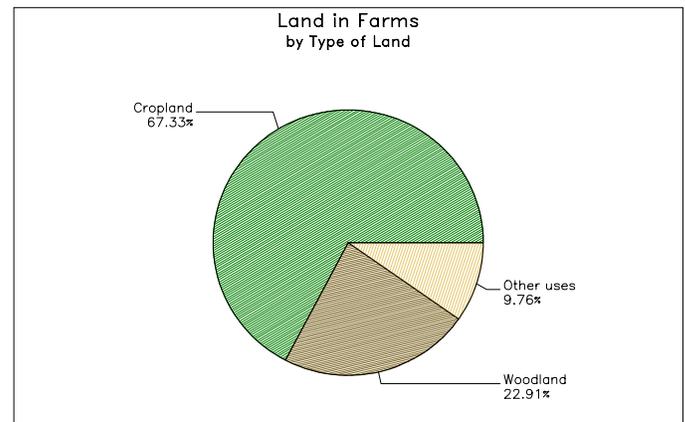
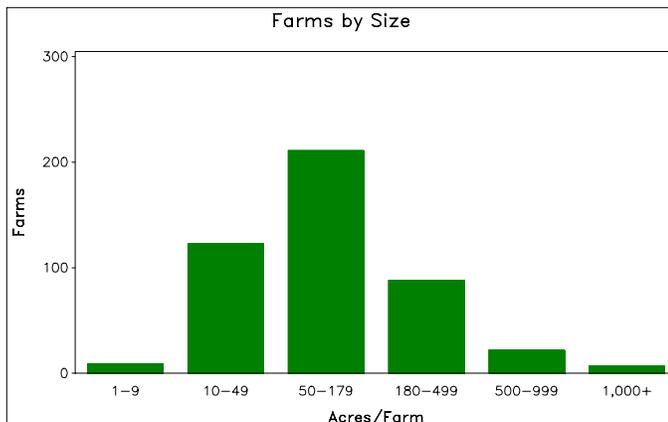
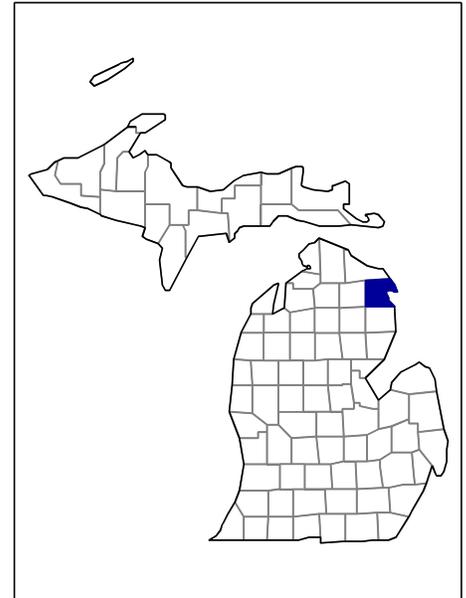
\$27,290 in 2002, \$23,966 in 1997, up 14 percent.

Government Payments

\$538,000 in 2002, \$294,000 in 1997, up 83 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,408 in 2002, \$1,985 in 1997, up 122 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	12,553	51	83	2,382	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,191	55	83	2,174	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,362	42	83	2,008	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,129	43	80	1,542	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	366	55	81	1,105	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	87	51	82	1,337	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	67	73	81	2,190	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	81	42	80	495	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,461	33	83	895	3,046
Poultry and eggs	15	50	80	1,814	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,230	39	82	2,096	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,985	31	76	546	2,493
Hogs and pigs	11	67	79	2,275	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	5	69	81	2,578	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	114	43	82	1,651	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	38	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1	78	79	2,395	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	9,974	33	83	2,045	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,137	38	81	1,294	2,983
Horses and ponies	1,061	43	83	1,199	3,065
Ducks	253	20	77	456	2,630
Turkeys	(D)	17	75	(D)	2,328
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	23,126	17	83	970	3,059
Corn for grain	4,296	46	80	1,337	2,592
All Wheat for grain	2,507	36	73	1,198	2,517
Oats	1,845	7	82	275	2,215
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	1,528	13	48	138	571

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	148	Farming	253
\$1,000 to \$2,499	74	Other	207
\$2,500 to \$4,999	52		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	53	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	33	Male	429
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Female	31
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	24		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	21	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14	White	677
\$500,000 or more	1	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	9,460	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	20,700	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,196	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	6,993	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(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.