



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Bay, Michigan

Number of farms

787 farms in 2002, 818 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

Land in farms

186,118 acres in 2002, 182,632 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

236 acres in 2002, 223 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$59,373,000 in 2002, \$62,414,000 in 1997, down 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$54,568,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,806,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

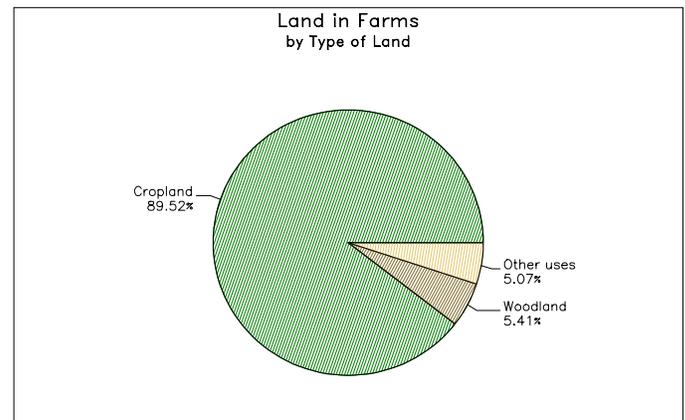
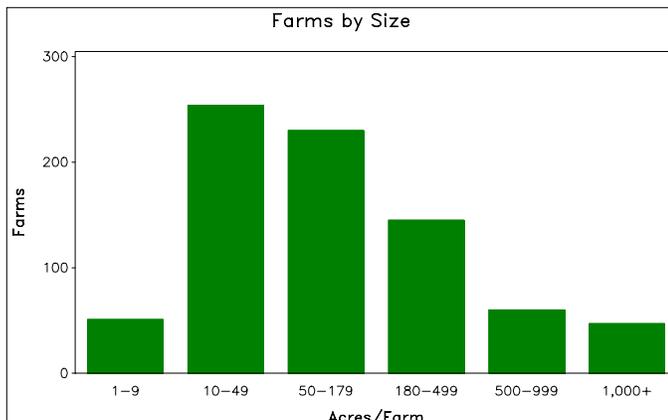
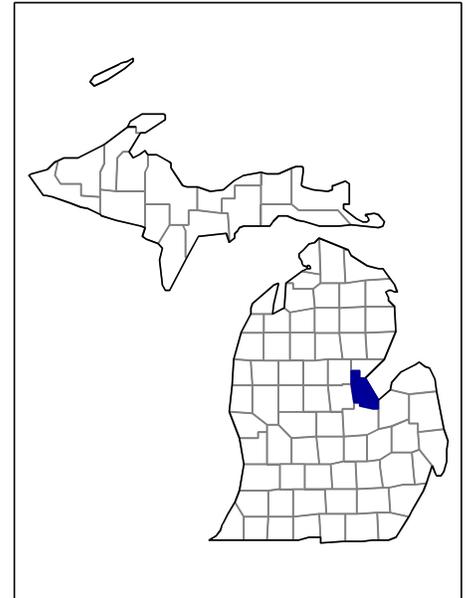
\$75,442 in 2002, \$76,300 in 1997, down 1 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,073,000 in 2002, \$1,785,000 in 1997, up 16 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,512 in 2002, \$4,439 in 1997, up 24 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	59,373	23	83	966	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	54,568	16	83	427	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,806	48	83	2,363	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	29,453	13	80	500	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	8,804	9	81	189	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	122	42	82	1,146	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,610	25	81	562	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	52	51	80	638	1,774
Other crops and hay	12,527	4	83	110	3,046
Poultry and eggs	24	41	80	1,653	2,918
Cattle and calves	796	60	82	2,635	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,470	43	76	777	2,493
Hogs and pigs	27	59	79	1,934	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	14	55	81	2,108	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	43	59	82	2,431	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	38	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	431	12	79	323	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Colonies of bees	4,976	3	75	113	2,392
Cattle and calves	4,731	55	83	2,551	3,059
Quail	(D)	3	46	(D)	1,412
Layers 20 weeks old and older	819	48	81	1,539	2,983
Horses and ponies	803	47	83	1,564	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	46,660	21	80	525	2,592
Soybeans	43,622	23	61	601	2,076
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	26,165	3	48	15	571
Sugarbeets for sugar	20,588	4	28	22	158
All Wheat for grain	7,819	20	73	730	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	202	Farming	486
\$1,000 to \$2,499	54	Other	301
\$2,500 to \$4,999	59		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	67	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	74	Male	741
\$20,000 to \$24,999	32	Female	46
\$25,000 to \$39,999	43		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	29	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	71		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	75	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	58	White	1,091
\$500,000 or more	23	Black or African American	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	49,659	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Average per farm (\$)	63,099	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	12,652	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	16,076	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	16

(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.