



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Branch, Michigan

Number of farms

1,123 farms in 2002, 1,139 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

Land in farms

253,690 acres in 2002, 249,326 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

226 acres in 2002, 219 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$64,904,000 in 2002, \$78,906,000 in 1997, down 18 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$39,288,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$25,616,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

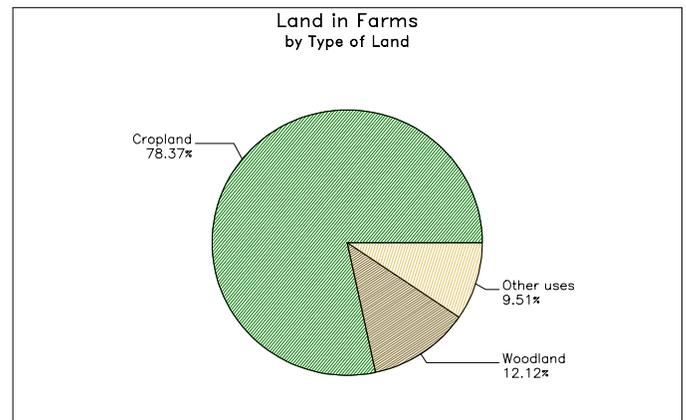
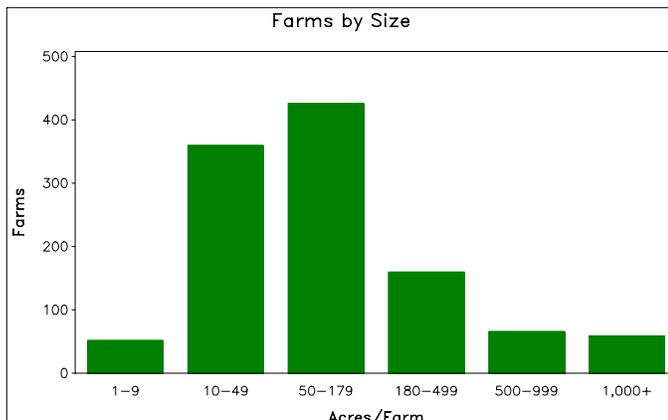
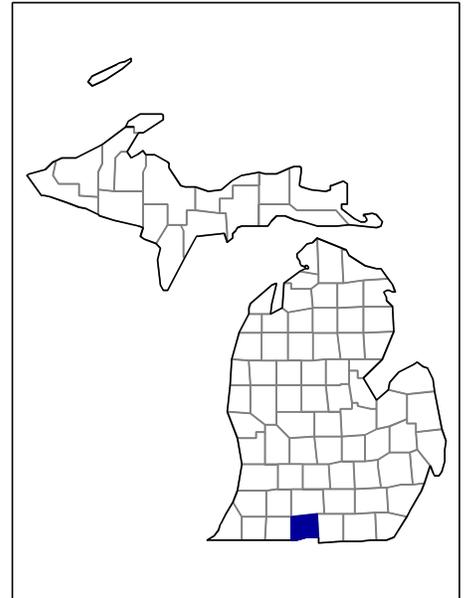
\$57,796 in 2002, \$69,276 in 1997, down 17 percent.

Government Payments

\$4,575,000 in 2002, \$4,389,000 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,915 in 2002, \$6,721 in 1997, up 18 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	64,904	19	83	887	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	39,288	23	83	646	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	25,616	19	83	1,077	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	32,308	10	80	450	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,799	27	81	371	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	123	41	82	1,143	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,202	31	81	759	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	18	65	80	1,002	1,774
Other crops and hay	839	54	83	1,417	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,260	22	82	1,649	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,628	32	76	574	2,493
Hogs and pigs	14,546	4	79	206	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	446	18	82	450	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	38	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	140	34	79	732	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	2	78	(D)	2,599
Hogs and pigs	66,289	4	78	226	2,926
Cattle and calves	12,833	27	83	1,855	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,837	15	80	600	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,588	28	83	695	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	77,231	7	80	307	2,592
Soybeans	76,960	9	61	387	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,758	50	83	1,700	3,059
All Wheat for grain	4,612	28	73	958	2,517
All Vegetables harvested	2,639	20	80	230	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	441	Farming	593
\$1,000 to \$2,499	86	Other	530
\$2,500 to \$4,999	98		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	90	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	99	Male	1,038
\$20,000 to \$24,999	27	Female	85
\$25,000 to \$39,999	52		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	31	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	70		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	62	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	39	White	1,537
\$500,000 or more	28	Black or African American	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	67,973	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Average per farm (\$)	60,528	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,396	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	2,134	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	21

(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.