

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Eaton, Michigan

### Number of farms

1,221 farms in 2002, 1,247 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

### Land in farms

238,188 acres in 2002, 246,358 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Average size of farm

195 acres in 2002, 198 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$53,034,000 in 2002, \$56,987,000 in 1997, down 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$40,397,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$12,636,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

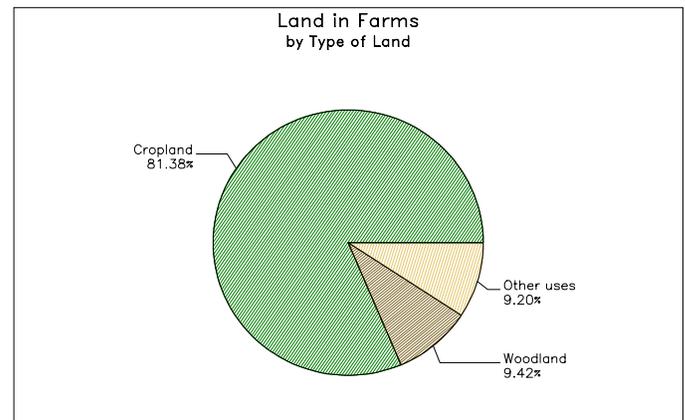
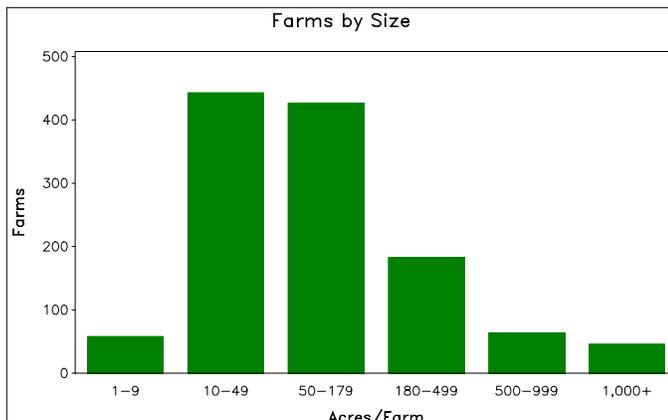
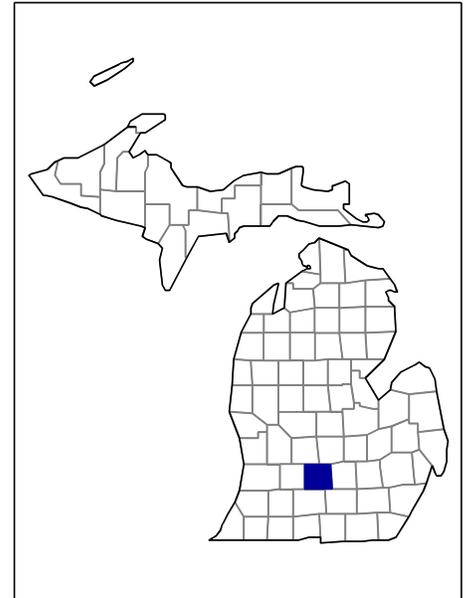
\$43,435 in 2002, \$45,699 in 1997, down 5 percent.

### Government Payments

\$3,058,000 in 2002, \$3,050,000 in 1997, up slightly.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,842 in 2002, \$5,495 in 1997, up 25 percent.



**2002 Census of Agriculture  
County Profile  
United States Department of Agriculture, Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service**

**Eaton, Michigan**

**Ranked items among the 83 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

| Item  | Quantity | State Rank | Universe <sup>1</sup> | U.S. Rank | Universe <sup>1</sup> |
|---|----------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| <b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>             |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Total value of agricultural products sold                               | 53,034   | 26         | 83                    | 1,082     | 3,075                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse                         | 40,397   | 20         | 83                    | 626       | 3,070                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products                         | 12,636   | 32         | 83                    | 1,679     | 3,070                 |
| <b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>                      |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas                               | 31,469   | 11         | 80                    | 462       | 2,871                 |
| Tobacco   | -        | -          | -                     | -         | 560                   |
| Cotton and cottonseed   | -        | -          | -                     | -         | 656                   |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes                        | 4,739    | 22         | 81                    | 320       | 2,747                 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries  | 144      | 39         | 82                    | 1,074     | 2,638                 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod                              | 2,251    | 30         | 81                    | 746       | 2,708                 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops                      | 140      | 31         | 80                    | 341       | 1,774                 |
| Other crops and hay   | 1,654    | 28         | 83                    | 789       | 3,046                 |
| Poultry and eggs  | 73       | 28         | 80                    | 1,378     | 2,918                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 4,856    | 19         | 82                    | 1,540     | 3,053                 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows                                 | 4,096    | 39         | 76                    | 717       | 2,493                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | 2,756    | 18         | 79                    | 631       | 2,919                 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products  | 81       | 22         | 81                    | 932       | 2,997                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                              | 743      | 5          | 82                    | 207       | 3,014                 |
| Aquaculture   | -        | -          | 38                    | -         | 1,520                 |
| Other animals and other animal products                                 | 32       | 63         | 79                    | 1,322     | 2,727                 |
| <b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>                           |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Cattle and calves   | 13,096   | 26         | 83                    | 1,848     | 3,059                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | 10,188   | 19         | 78                    | 713       | 2,926                 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older   | 4,297    | 12         | 81                    | 812       | 2,983                 |
| Horses and ponies   | 2,680    | 9          | 83                    | 276       | 3,065                 |
| Sheep and lambs   | 2,377    | 7          | 80                    | 474       | 2,867                 |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>   |          |            |                       |           |                       |
| Soybeans  | 70,885   | 12         | 61                    | 421       | 2,076                 |
| Corn for grain  | 65,025   | 10         | 80                    | 385       | 2,592                 |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 16,482   | 27         | 83                    | 1,276     | 3,059                 |
| All Wheat for grain   | 13,106   | 13         | 73                    | 549       | 2,517                 |
| Corn for silage   | 2,045    | 32         | 79                    | 745       | 2,307                 |

**Other County Highlights**

| Economic Characteristics                    | Quantity | Operator Characteristics  | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales                     |          | Principal operators by primary occupation:                        |          |
| Less than \$1,000                           | 413      | Farming   | 637      |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 106      | Other   | 584      |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 114      |   |          |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 137      | Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 103      | Male  | 1,089    |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | 41       | Female  | 132      |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 67       |   |          |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 35       | Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 53.8     |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 81       |   |          |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 73       | All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:                               |          |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 34       | White   | 1,755    |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 17       | Black or African American   | -        |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 50,408   | American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | 1        |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 41,216   | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | -        |
|   |          | Asian   | 1        |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 11,740   | More than one race  | 9        |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 9,599    | All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 18       |

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.