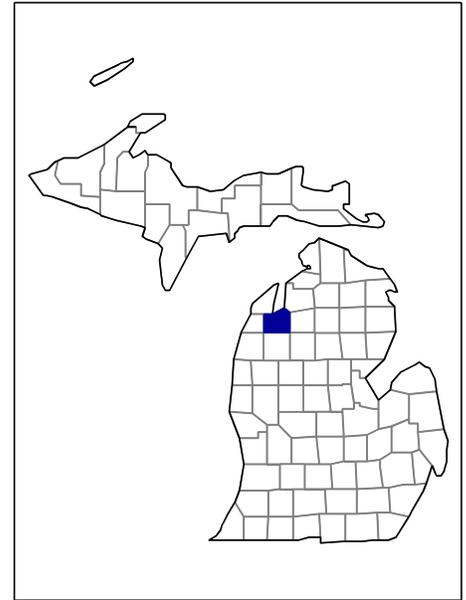


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Grand Traverse, Michigan



### Number of farms

489 farms in 2002, 485 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Land in farms

62,268 acres in 2002, 66,997 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

### Average size of farm

127 acres in 2002, 138 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$11,366,000 in 2002, \$18,791,000 in 1997, down 40 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$7,553,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,813,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

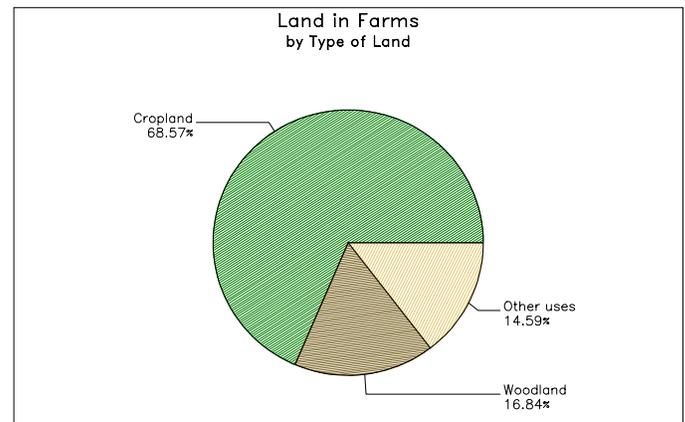
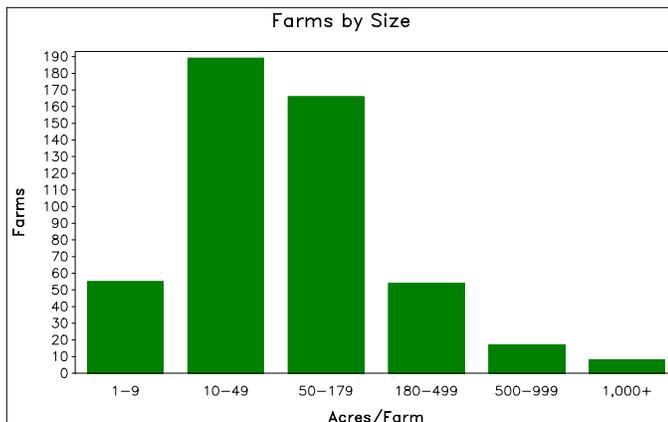
\$23,243 in 2002, \$38,744 in 1997, down 40 percent.

### Government Payments

\$639,000 in 2002, \$361,000 in 1997, up 77 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,095 in 2002, \$3,408 in 1997, up 108 percent.



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**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	11,366	53	83	2,445	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	7,553	47	83	1,841	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,813	53	83	2,474	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,059	50	80	1,758	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	818	48	81	825	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	3,546	12	82	179	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	769	47	81	1,216	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	571	9	80	92	1,774
Other crops and hay	790	56	83	1,481	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,817	43	82	2,233	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	781	66	76	1,466	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	11	57	81	2,216	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	72	52	82	2,078	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	38	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	705	6	79	191	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	4,736	54	83	2,550	3,059
Colonies of bees	3,439	7	75	171	2,392
Hogs and pigs	3,027	33	78	1,020	2,926
Horses and ponies	839	45	83	1,516	3,065
Bison	(D)	1	52	(D)	1,321
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,967	49	83	1,680	3,059
Corn for grain	5,182	45	80	1,266	2,592
Tart cherries	4,051	3	56	3	631
Sweet cherries	1,999	2	60	12	691
Oats	1,443	12	82	378	2,215

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	162	Farming	259
\$1,000 to \$2,499	65	Other	230
\$2,500 to \$4,999	39	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	64	Male	418
\$10,000 to \$19,999	44	Female	71
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	White	751
\$50,000 to \$99,999	28	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	16	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	3	Asian	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	15,989	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	33,173	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	10
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-3,480		
Average per farm (\$)	-7,221		

(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.