



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Gratiot, Michigan

Number of farms

1,018 farms in 2002, 985 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

Land in farms

288,932 acres in 2002, 284,828 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Average size of farm

284 acres in 2002, 289 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$114,726,000 in 2002, \$104,035,000 in 1997, up 10 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$64,445,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$50,280,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

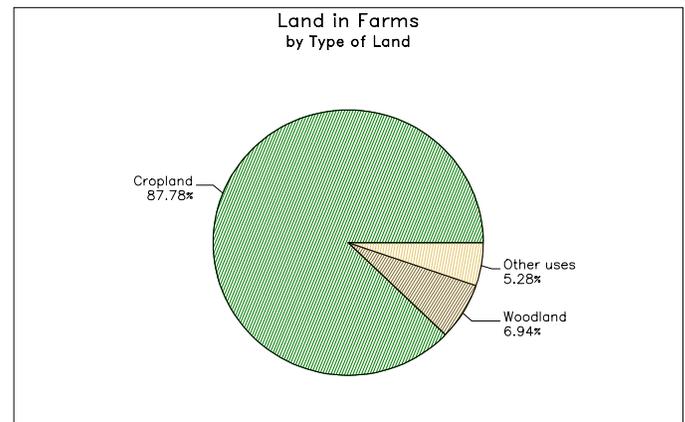
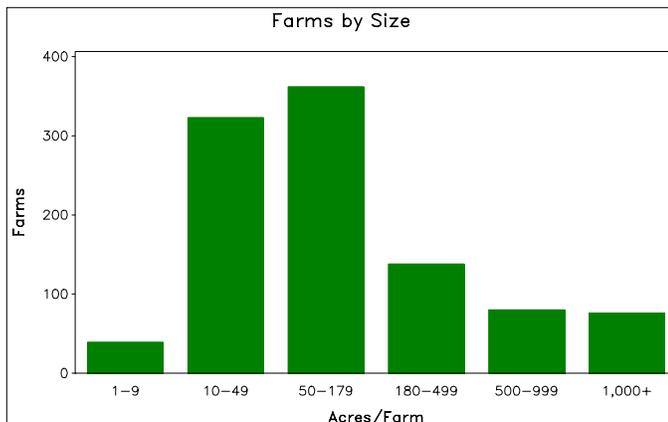
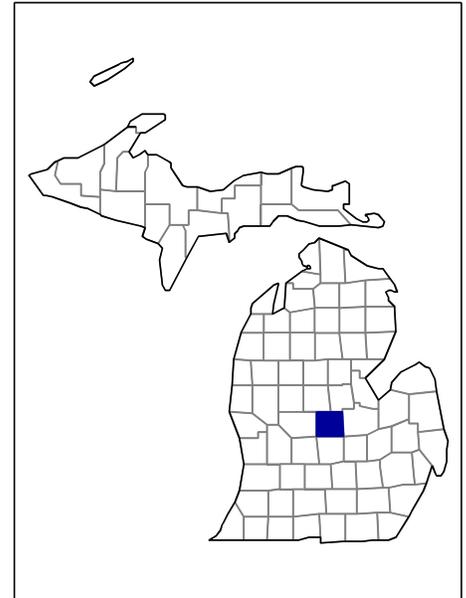
\$112,697 in 2002, \$105,620 in 1997, up 7 percent.

Government Payments

\$5,139,000 in 2002, \$2,897,000 in 1997, up 77 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,953 in 2002, \$4,902 in 1997, up 83 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	114,726	7	83	404	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	64,445	14	83	333	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	50,280	7	83	544	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	44,928	6	80	294	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	78	53	82	1,378	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	12	67	80	1,124	1,774
Other crops and hay	12,299	6	83	114	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	14,722	3	82	713	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	23,055	13	76	199	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	54	35	81	1,207	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	139	41	82	1,459	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	38	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	104	40	79	838	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	(D)	3	75	(D)	2,328
Hogs and pigs	31,258	9	78	394	2,926
Cattle and calves	26,912	8	83	1,156	3,059
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,221	13	78	744	2,599
Horses and ponies	1,198	41	83	1,033	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	82,677	7	61	356	2,076
Corn for grain	74,067	8	80	330	2,592
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	22,794	4	48	17	571
Sugarbeets for sugar	17,961	6	28	25	158
All Wheat for grain	13,332	12	73	542	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	289	Farming	620
\$1,000 to \$2,499	86	Other	398
\$2,500 to \$4,999	67		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	92	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	113	Male	955
\$20,000 to \$24,999	22	Female	63
\$25,000 to \$39,999	55		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	26	Average age of principal operator (years)	51.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	69		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	90	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	49	White	1,396
\$500,000 or more	60	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	97,202	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	95,390	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	24,781	More than one race	11
Average per farm (\$)	24,319	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(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.