

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Hillsdale, Michigan

### Number of farms

1,509 farms in 2002, 1,439 farms in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Land in farms

275,316 acres in 2002, 268,384 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Average size of farm

182 acres in 2002, 187 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$78,914,000 in 2002, \$73,052,000 in 1997, up 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$40,884,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$38,030,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

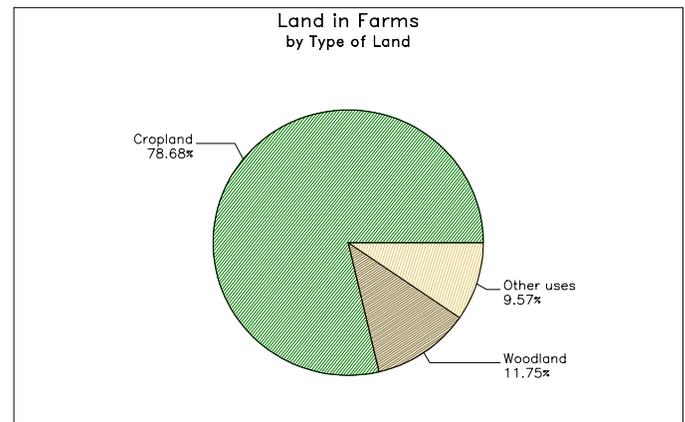
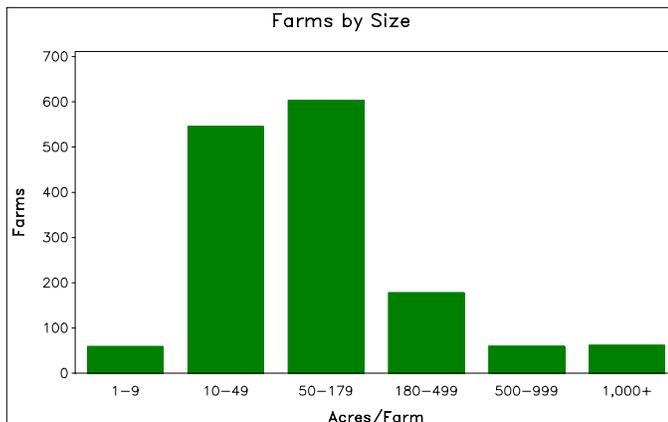
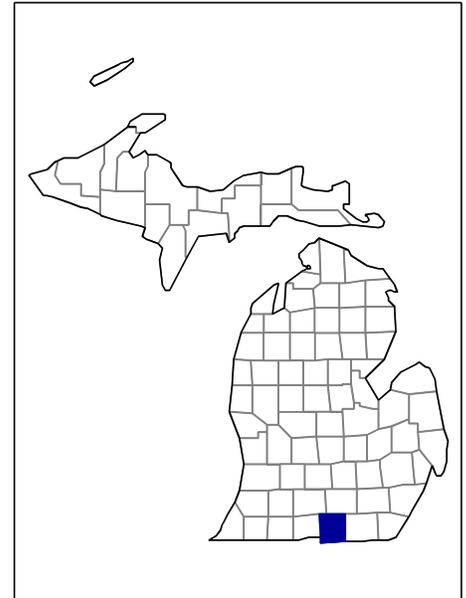
\$52,296 in 2002, \$50,766 in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Government Payments

\$5,403,000 in 2002, \$4,603,000 in 1997, up 17 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,463 in 2002, \$5,120 in 1997, up 26 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	78,914	18	83	710	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	40,884	19	83	615	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	38,030	11	83	770	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	509	52	81	995	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	229	34	82	839	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	43	55	80	684	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	7,174	11	82	1,234	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	24,003	12	76	186	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	76	28	81	984	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	438	20	82	468	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	38	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	249	20	79	504	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	7	81	(D)	2,983
Hogs and pigs	29,051	10	78	418	2,926
Cattle and calves	26,574	9	83	1,169	3,059
Horses and ponies	2,403	11	83	343	3,065
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,596	18	78	797	2,599
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans	71,220	11	61	417	2,076
Corn for grain	64,651	12	80	388	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	20,668	21	83	1,072	3,059
All Wheat for grain	11,041	16	73	609	2,517
Corn for silage	6,553	13	79	280	2,307

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	708
\$1,000 to \$2,499	116
\$2,500 to \$4,999	129
\$5,000 to \$9,999	114
\$10,000 to \$19,999	120
\$20,000 to \$24,999	24
\$25,000 to \$39,999	73
\$40,000 to \$49,999	36
\$50,000 to \$99,999	65
\$100,000 to \$249,999	68
\$250,000 to \$499,999	31
\$500,000 or more	25
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	73,414
Average per farm (\$)	48,812
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	13,846
Average per farm (\$)	9,206

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	736
Other	773
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,375
Female	134
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.4
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	2,097
Black or African American	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	13
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	44

(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.