

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

St. Joseph, Michigan

Number of farms

907 farms in 2002, 916 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

Land in farms

230,624 acres in 2002, 230,145 acres in 1997, up slightly.

Average size of farm

254 acres in 2002, 251 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$93,660,000 in 2002, \$84,781,000 in 1997, up 10 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$76,068,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$17,592,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

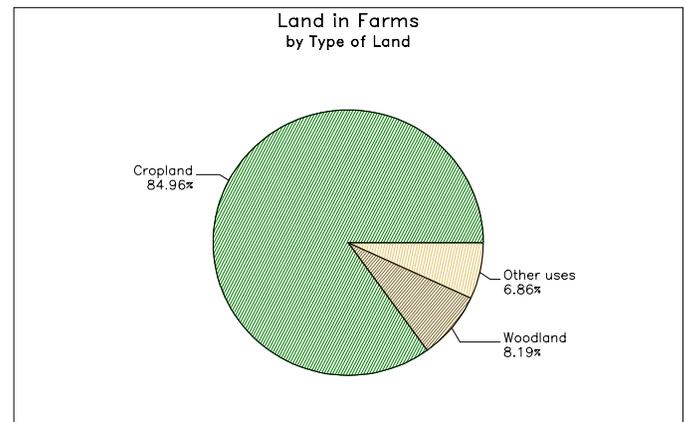
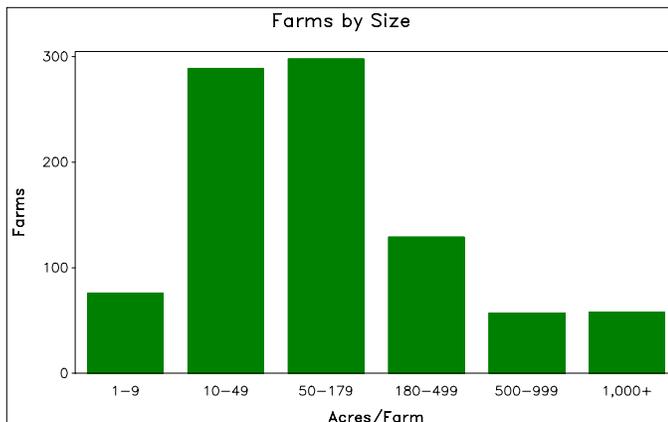
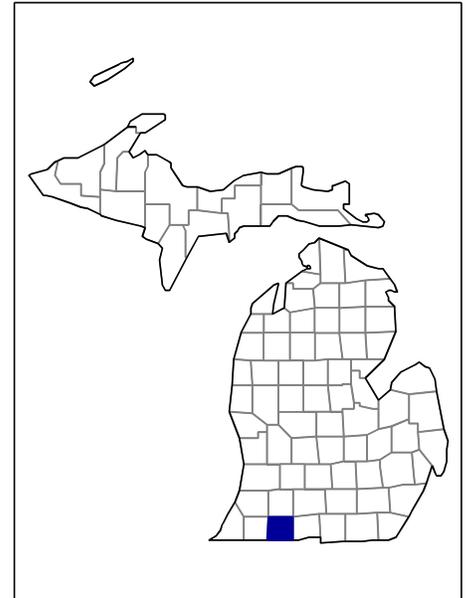
\$103,264 in 2002, \$92,556 in 1997, up 12 percent.

Government Payments

\$3,970,000 in 2002, \$3,801,000 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,026 in 2002, \$7,482 in 1997, up 34 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	93,660	15	83	580	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	76,068	11	83	239	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	17,592	25	83	1,407	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	41,770	7	80	328	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	23,187	3	81	91	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	134	40	82	1,106	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	9,458	14	81	277	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	48	53	80	660	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,471	32	83	889	3,046
Poultry and eggs	679	14	80	1,015	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,479	27	82	1,795	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,637	42	76	748	2,493
Hogs and pigs	8,789	8	79	321	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	183	8	81	468	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	332	26	82	647	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	38	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	493	10	79	279	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	36,455	8	81	569	2,983
Hogs and pigs	33,898	8	78	378	2,926
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	5	78	(D)	2,599
Cattle and calves	7,603	40	83	2,281	3,059
Pheasants ³	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	1,541
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	90,549	3	80	246	2,592
Soybeans	60,143	14	61	485	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,063	48	83	1,673	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	9,931	3	80	66	2,710
Potatoes	6,309	2	72	47	1,551

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	283	Farming	534
\$1,000 to \$2,499	63	Other	373
\$2,500 to \$4,999	84	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	90	Male	825
\$10,000 to \$19,999	82	Female	82
\$20,000 to \$24,999	20	Average age of principal operator (years)	51.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	42	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	26	White	1,290
\$50,000 to \$99,999	57	Black or African American	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	73	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	49	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3
\$500,000 or more	38	Asian	9
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	81,771	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	90,057	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	12
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	21,379		
Average per farm (\$)	23,545		

(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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.