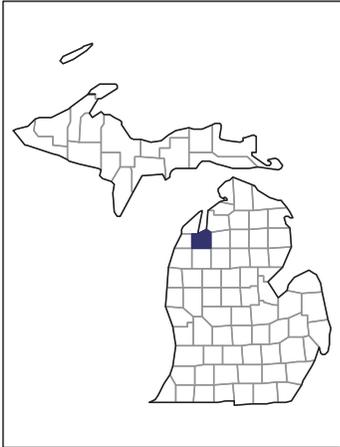


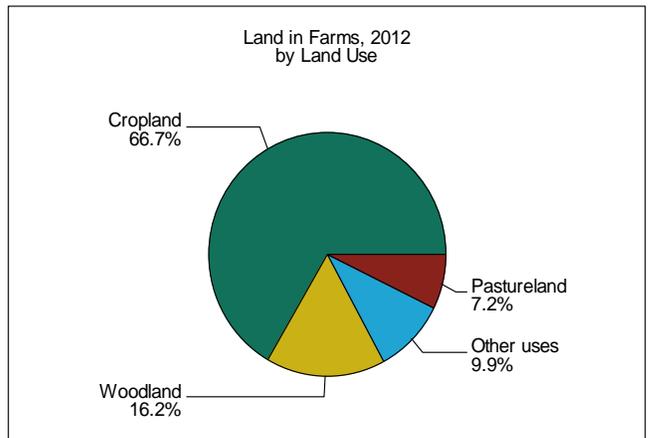
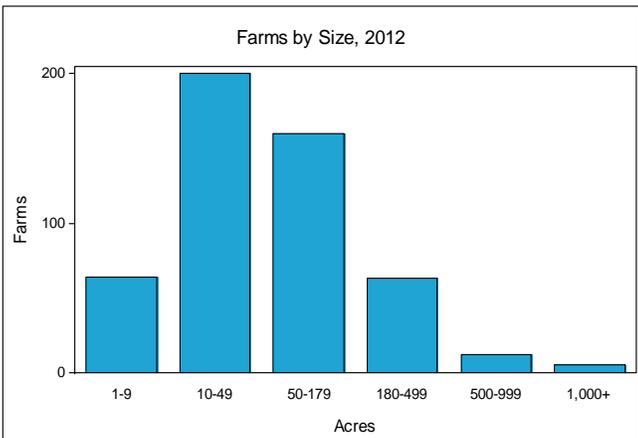
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Grand Traverse County Michigan

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	504	522	- 3
Land in Farms	54,558 acres	62,577 acres	- 13
Average Size of Farm	108 acres	120 acres	- 10
Market Value of Products Sold	\$18,246,000	\$19,244,000	- 5
Crop Sales \$13,927,000 (76 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$4,319,000 (24 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$36,202	\$36,865	- 2
Government Payments	\$1,273,000	\$284,000	+ 348
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,780	\$2,308	+ 280





Grand Traverse County – Michigan

Ranked items among the 83 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	18,246	54	83	2,426	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	13,927	48	82	1,918	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,319	57	83	2,517	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,620	51	82	1,778	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	677	53	82	984	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	6,159	9	79	179	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,359	39	81	926	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	151	17	78	200	1,530
Other crops and hay	961	58	82	1,970	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,595	52	82	2,438	3,056
Milk from cows	637	67	73	1,406	2,038
Hogs and pigs	1,347	28	80	821	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	7	75	79	2,771	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	125	48	81	1,656	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	37	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	11	82	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,478	52	82	1,677	3,057
Corn for grain	7,401	46	80	1,304	2,638
Cherries, tart	4,658	4	57	4	756
Cherries, sweet	1,753	2	60	16	908
Soybeans for beans	1,486	51	71	1,607	2,162
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	5,589	26	81	743	2,889
Colonies of bees	(D)	6	80	(D)	2,761
Cattle and calves	3,013	60	83	2,607	3,063
Layers	1,823	45	82	1,375	3,040
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	780	36	81	1,047	2,723

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	150	Farming	278
\$1,000 to \$2,499	58	Other	226
\$2,500 to \$4,999	40		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	54	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	73	Male	419
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18	Female	85
\$25,000 to \$39,999	23		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	25		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	31	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$500,000 or more	5	Asian	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	28,588	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	56,721	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	801
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-561	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	-1,113	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	9

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.