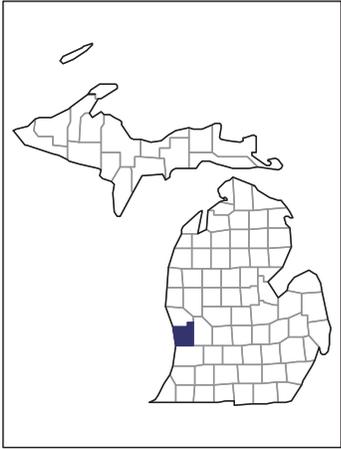


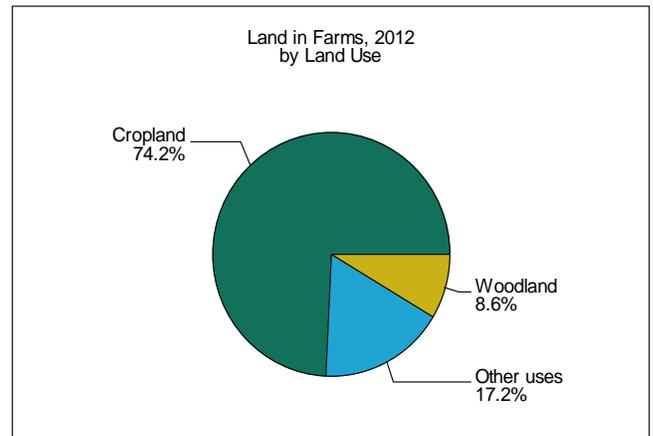
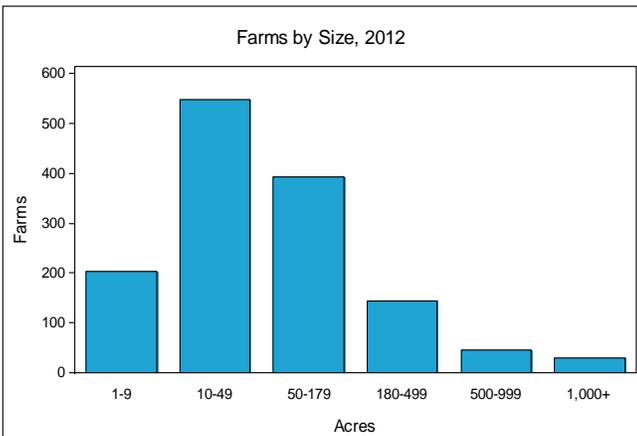
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Ottawa County Michigan

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,363	1,451	- 6
<b>Land in Farms</b>	186,154 acres	170,539 acres	+ 9
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	137 acres	118 acres	+ 16
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$534,405,000	\$391,093,000	+ 37
Crop Sales \$300,308,000 (56 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$234,096,000 (44 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$392,080	\$269,533	+ 45
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$2,689,000	\$1,463,000	+ 84
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$7,748	\$4,053	+ 91





## Ottawa County – Michigan

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

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	534,405	3	83	95	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	300,308	2	82	85	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	234,096	4	83	141	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	50,688	29	82	828	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	14,075	11	82	168	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	45,536	2	79	67	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	186,973	1	81	7	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	348	9	78	97	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,689	27	82	1,074	3,049
Poultry and eggs	142,585	1	82	70	3,013
Cattle and calves	21,961	5	82	747	3,056
Milk from cows	58,132	9	73	140	2,038
Hogs and pigs	10,377	12	80	411	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	539	5	79	309	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	411	21	81	686	3,011
Aquaculture	2	24	37	1,067	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	90	47	82	1,152	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	43,598	25	80	671	2,638
Soybeans for beans	26,259	29	71	836	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	20,824	16	82	930	3,057
Corn for silage	15,566	6	78	85	2,237
Land in Berries	6,318	2	78	12	2,339
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	(D)	3	82	(D)	3,040
Turkeys	1,499,422	1	76	16	2,416
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	394,733	1	81	414	2,723
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	4	77	(D)	2,637
Cattle and calves	40,910	7	83	672	3,063

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	277	Farming	702
\$1,000 to \$2,499	94	Other	661
\$2,500 to \$4,999	113	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	104	Male	1,210
\$10,000 to \$19,999	111	Female	153
\$20,000 to \$24,999	49	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	116	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	32	American Indian or Alaska Native	13
\$50,000 to \$99,999	101	Asian	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	121	Black or African American	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	80	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	165	White	2,105
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	440,082	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	322,878	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	60
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	111,092		
Average per farm (\$)	81,505		

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.

<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.