



2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Iron, Michigan

Number of farms

106 farms in 2002, 103 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

Land in farms

31,382 acres in 2002, 25,944 acres in 1997, up 21 percent.

Average size of farm

296 acres in 2002, 252 acres in 1997, up 17 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$3,214,000 in 2002, \$1,700,000 in 1997, up 89 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,719,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$494,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

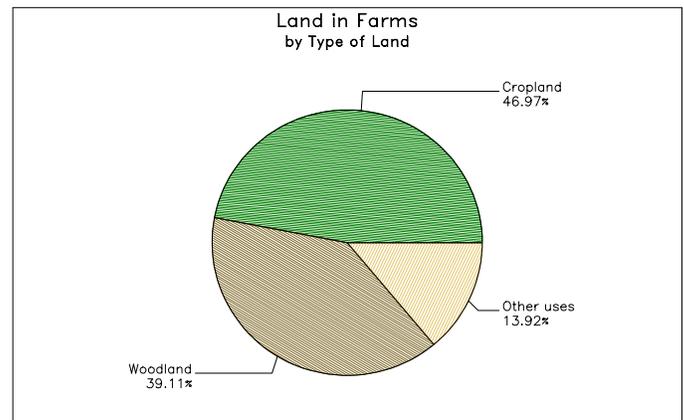
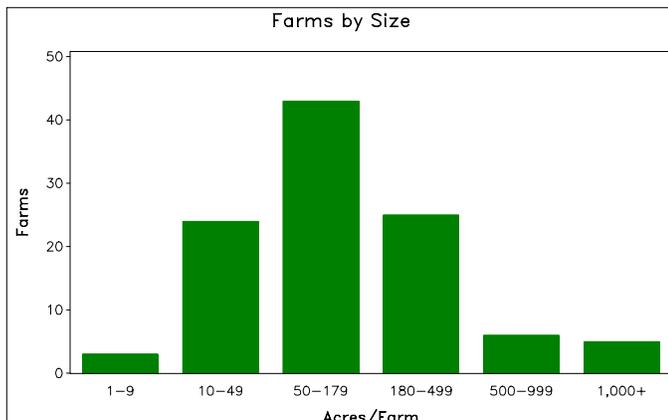
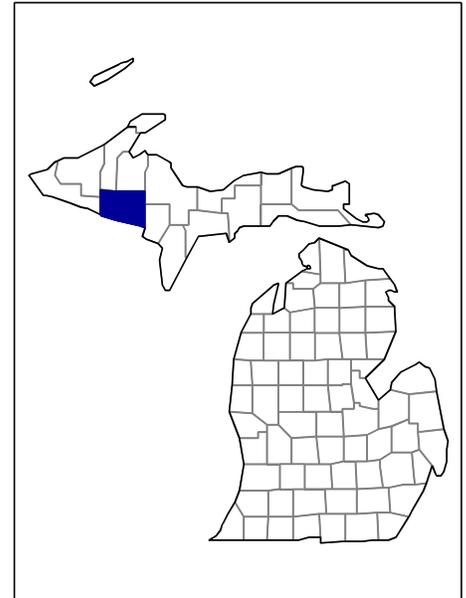
\$30,318 in 2002, \$16,505 in 1997, up 84 percent.

Government Payments

\$15,000 in 2002, \$34,000 in 1997, down 56 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$736 in 2002, \$2,279 in 1997, down 68 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	3,214	71	83	2,873	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,719	63	83	2,381	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	494	77	83	2,949	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	73	70	80	2,453	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,339	31	81	493	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	205	77	83	2,518	3,046
Poultry and eggs	29	36	80	1,600	2,918
Cattle and calves	298	73	82	2,848	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2	77	79	2,702	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	5	71	81	2,588	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	48	56	82	2,373	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	38	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	1,653	71	83	2,845	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	480	64	81	1,929	2,983
Deer	(D)	22	63	(D)	1,080
Horses and ponies	255	73	83	2,710	3,065
Sheep and lambs	156	61	80	2,071	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,344	69	83	2,269	3,059
Potatoes	768	11	72	177	1,551
Oats	500	47	82	831	2,215
All Wheat for grain	360	56	73	1,888	2,517
Short-rotation woody crops	200	16	71	281	1,262

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	31
\$1,000 to \$2,499	18
\$2,500 to \$4,999	15
\$5,000 to \$9,999	9
\$10,000 to \$19,999	13
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	2
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2
\$500,000 or more	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	2,356
Average per farm (\$)	22,017
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	635
Average per farm (\$)	5,934

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	60
Other	46
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	85
Female	21
Average age of principal operator (years)	52.5
All operators ² by race:	
White	155
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	2
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(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.