



# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Lake, Michigan

### Number of farms

173 farms in 2002, 153 farms in 1997, up 13 percent.

### Land in farms

23,378 acres in 2002, 26,383 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

### Average size of farm

135 acres in 2002, 172 acres in 1997, down 22 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$2,117,000 in 2002, \$2,181,000 in 1997, down 3 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$987,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,129,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

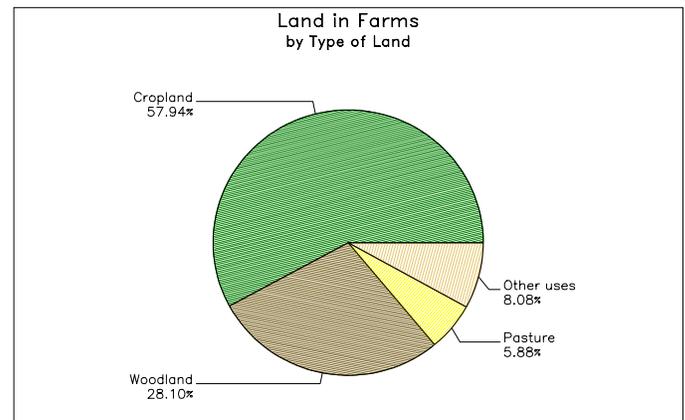
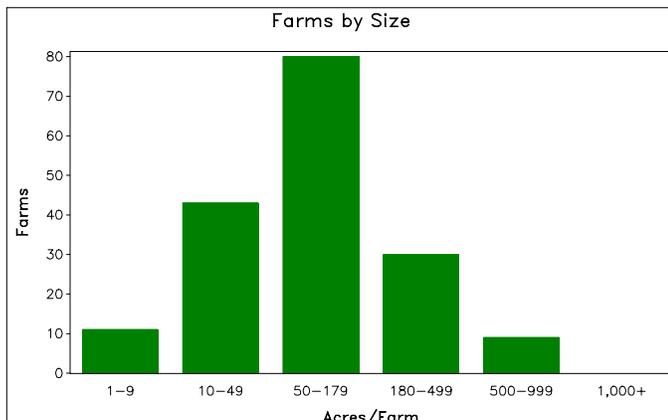
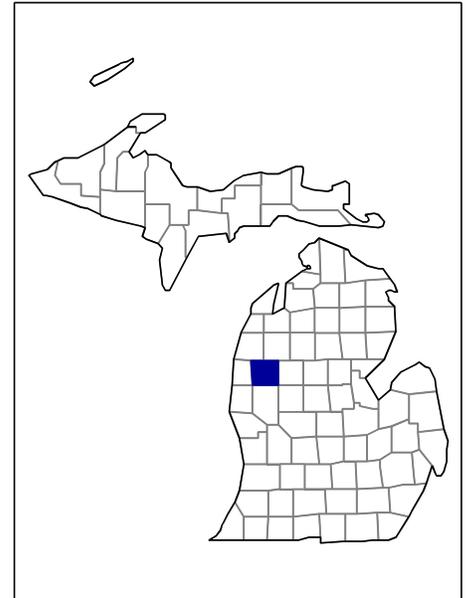
\$12,235 in 2002, \$14,252 in 1997, down 14 percent.

### Government Payments

\$96,000 in 2002, \$63,000 in 1997, up 52 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,987 in 2002, \$1,980 in 1997, up 51 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	2,117	76	83	2,942	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	987	73	83	2,732	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,129	71	83	2,851	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	56	73	80	2,508	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	459	54	81	1,466	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	434	65	83	2,026	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2	75	80	2,531	2,918
Cattle and calves	381	68	82	2,801	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	666	69	76	1,530	2,493
Hogs and pigs	21	62	79	2,038	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	40	37	81	1,426	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	38	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	2,257	69	83	2,790	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,013	30	80	965	2,867
Horses and ponies	486	59	83	2,196	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	220	75	81	2,426	2,983
Colonies of bees <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	75	(D)	2,392
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,280	63	83	2,147	3,059
Corn for grain	424	65	80	2,025	2,592
Corn for silage	334	64	79	1,571	2,307
Cut Christmas trees	303	43	82	292	1,877
Short-rotation woody crops	159	24	71	332	1,262

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	90	Farming	78
\$1,000 to \$2,499	22	Other	95
\$2,500 to \$4,999	25		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	9	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	8	Male	149
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Female	24
\$25,000 to \$39,999	7		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3	White	255
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,585	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	9,214	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	228	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	1,325	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(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.

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