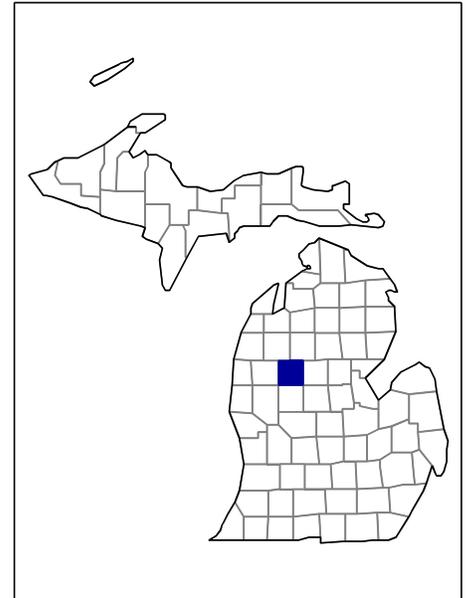


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Osceola, Michigan



### Number of farms

591 farms in 2002, 578 farms in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Land in farms

115,922 acres in 2002, 115,888 acres in 1997, up slightly.

### Average size of farm

196 acres in 2002, 200 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$19,185,000 in 2002, \$19,501,000 in 1997, down 2 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,596,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$14,589,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

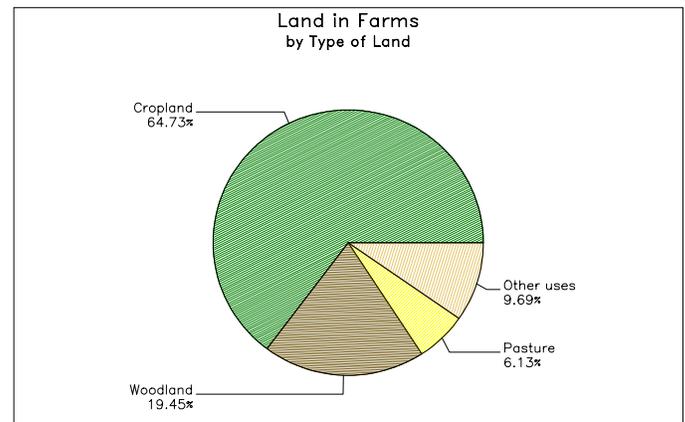
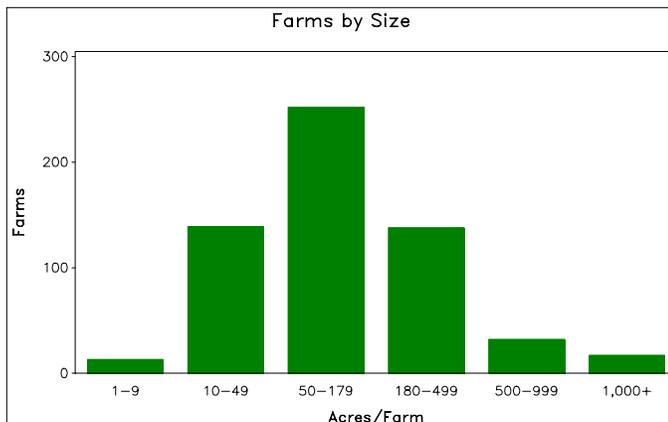
\$32,461 in 2002, \$33,738 in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,247,000 in 2002, \$448,000 in 1997, up 178 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,463 in 2002, \$2,424 in 1997, up 167 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	19,185	47	83	2,127	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,596	54	83	2,117	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	14,589	31	83	1,570	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	481	55	80	2,009	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	725	49	81	872	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	20	68	82	1,950	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	779	8	80	64	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	40	33	80	1,515	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,973	33	82	1,914	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	11,004	21	76	347	2,493
Hogs and pigs	76	48	79	1,555	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	181	9	81	478	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	113	44	82	1,662	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	38	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	202	24	79	593	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	18,072	20	83	1,557	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,705	16	80	647	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,234	35	81	1,237	2,983
Deer	1,153	5	63	53	1,080
Horses and ponies	1,151	42	83	1,089	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	40,289	2	83	476	3,059
Corn for grain	3,801	50	80	1,384	2,592
Corn for silage	3,575	23	79	488	2,307
Cut Christmas trees	2,583	6	82	27	1,877
Oats	631	37	82	707	2,215

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	214
\$1,000 to \$2,499	81
\$2,500 to \$4,999	53
\$5,000 to \$9,999	75
\$10,000 to \$19,999	42
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17
\$25,000 to \$39,999	23
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	30
\$100,000 to \$249,999	24
\$250,000 to \$499,999	18
\$500,000 or more	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	14,668
Average per farm (\$)	24,819
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,113
Average per farm (\$)	10,343

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	326
Other	265
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	543
Female	48
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.7
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	867
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	3
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	11

(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.