Alger County
Michigan

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	126	+35
Land in farms (acres)	20,961	+18
Average size of farm (acres)	166	-13
Total	**($)**	
Market value of products sold	4,225,000	+40
Government payments	12,000	-90
Farm-related income	80,000	-37
Total farm production expenses	4,388,000	+57
Net cash farm income	-70,000	-115
Per farm average	**($)**	
Market value of products sold	33,533	+3
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	1,473	-66
Farm-related income	1,826	-57
Total farm production expenses	34,823	+16
Net cash farm income	-559	-111

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	30
Livestock, poultry, and products	70

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	47
Pastureland	9
Woodland	31
Other	12

Acres irrigated: 46

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	21
Reduced till	5
Intensive till	16
Cover crop	22

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	53	42
$2,500 to $4,999	12	10
$5,000 to $9,999	14	11
$10,000 to $24,999	16	13
$25,000 to $49,999	9	7
$50,000 to $99,999	11	9
$100,000 or more	11	9

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	14	11
10 to 49 acres	47	37
50 to 179 acres	37	29
180 to 499 acres	20	16
500 to 999 acres	2	2
1,000 + acres	6	5

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales ($1,000)	Rank in State [b]	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. [b]	Counties Producing Item
Total	**4,225**	**72**	**83**	**2,874**	**3,077**
Crops	**1,262**	**76**	**83**	**2,781**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	128	73	81	2,425	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	237	63	82	1,207	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	4	69	81	1,857	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	331	62	80	1,163	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	6	56	76	569	1,384
Other crops and hay	557	68	82	2,278	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**2,963**	**62**	**82**	**2,630**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	29	60	82	1,438	3,007
Cattle and calves	1,350	56	82	2,316	3,055
Milk from cows	1,411	62	72	872	1,892
Hogs and pigs	54	44	82	1,077	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	104	34	81	1,254	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	74	78	2,425	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	30	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	65	81	1,417	2,878

Total Producers [c]	**226**
Sex	
Male	125
Female	101
Age	
<35	33
35 – 64	138
65 and older	55
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	9
Asian	-
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	217
More than one race	-
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	-
With military service	29
New and beginning farmers	103

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	**81**
Farm organically	**2**
Sell directly to consumers	**40**
Hire farm labor	**16**
Are family farms	**97**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Forage (hay/haylage), all	6,724
Barley for grain	(D)
Oats for grain	357
Corn for grain	105
Vegetables harvested, all	55

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,560
Cattle and calves	2,215
Goats	75
Hogs and pigs	251
Horses and ponies	122
Layers	949
Pullets	133
Sheep and lambs	625
Turkeys	35

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

[a] May not add to 100% due to rounding. [b] Among counties whose rank can be displayed. [c] Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. [d] Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. [e] Position below the line does not indicate rank. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.