2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE County Profile

Muskegon County
Michigan

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	476	-7
Land in farms (acres)	63,182	-15
Average size of farm (acres)	133	-8
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	74,677,000	-2
Government payments	173,000	-74
Farm-related income	3,129,000	-33
Total farm production expenses	68,052,000	+8
Net cash farm income	9,927,000	-46
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	156,884	+6
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	3,269	-44
Farm-related income	17,285	-36
Total farm production expenses	142,965	+17
Net cash farm income	20,855	-42

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	59
Livestock, poultry, and products	41

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	72
Pastureland	4
Woodland	15
Other	8

Acres irrigated: 3,642

6% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	15
Reduced till	9
Intensive till	16
Cover crop	15

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	207	43
$2,500 to $4,999	47	10
$5,000 to $9,999	59	12
$10,000 to $24,999	49	10
$25,000 to $49,999	29	6
$50,000 to $99,999	26	5
$100,000 or more	59	12

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	69	14
10 to 49 acres	222	47
50 to 179 acres	116	24
180 to 499 acres	46	10
500 to 999 acres	12	3
1,000 + acres	11	2

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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	**74,677**	**36**	**83**	**1,415**	**3,077**
Crops	**43,964**	**34**	**83**	**1,180**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	9,807	41	81	1,406	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	3,806	27	82	400	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	21,616	7	81	108	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	6,652	16	80	327	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	86	28	76	292	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,998	33	82	1,208	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**30,713**	**30**	**82**	**1,317**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	113	30	82	1,016	3,007
Cattle and calves	7,964	18	82	1,391	3,055
Milk from cows	18,232	26	72	330	1,892
Hogs and pigs	3,766	23	82	502	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	131	37	78	1,269	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	13	30	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	374	20	81	361	2,878

Total Producers [c] 823

Sex
Male 507
Female 316

Age
<35 87
35 – 64 494
65 and older 242

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native 2
Asian -
Black or African American -
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander -
White 812
More than one race 9

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin 11
With military service 68
New and beginning farmers 271

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **83**

Farm organically **1**

Sell directly to consumers **19**

Hire farm labor **24**

Are family farms **96**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Soybeans for beans 10,639
Forage (hay/haylage), all 8,973
Corn for grain 8,599
Corn for silage or greenchop 3,091
Apples 2,595

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens 1,494
Cattle and calves 10,094
Goats 324
Hogs and pigs 7,757
Horses and ponies 628
Layers 6,221
Pullets 410
Sheep and lambs 140
Turkeys 287

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.