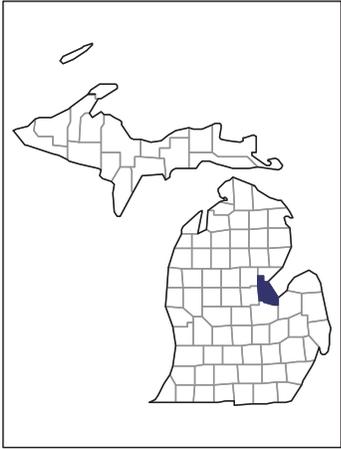


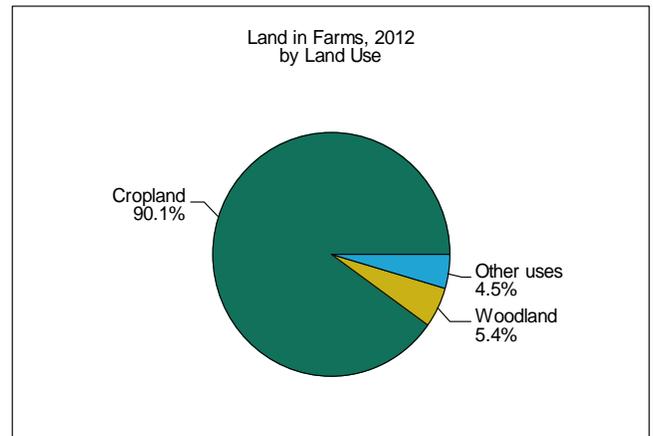
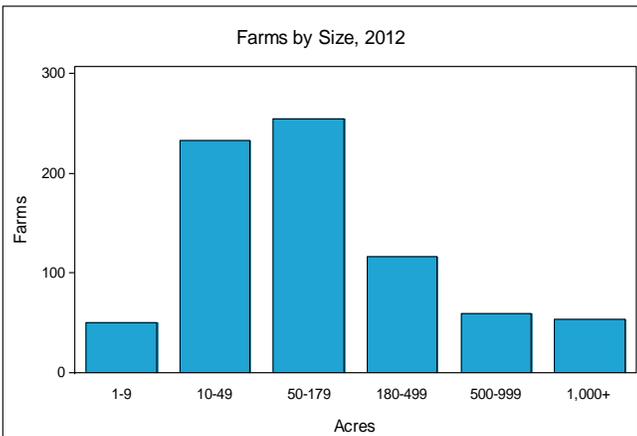
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Bay County Michigan

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	766	851	- 10
Land in Farms	193,708 acres	186,256 acres	+ 4
Average Size of Farm	253 acres	219 acres	+ 16
Market Value of Products Sold	\$165,294,000	\$77,223,000	+ 114
Crop Sales \$157,210,000 (95 percent) Livestock Sales \$8,085,000 (5 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$215,789	\$90,744	+ 138
Government Payments	\$2,628,000	\$2,424,000	+ 8
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,044	\$4,253	+ 19





Bay County – Michigan

Ranked items among the 83 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	165,294	19	83	708	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	157,210	13	82	357	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,085	47	83	2,243	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	107,905	11	82	436	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	18,564	8	82	134	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	58	79	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,439	26	81	559	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	78	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	27,193	5	82	108	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,426	58	82	2,493	3,056
Milk from cows	6,119	42	73	650	2,038
Hogs and pigs	150	38	80	1,152	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	75	56	81	2,047	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	37	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	208	25	82	751	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	62,105	18	80	524	2,638
Soybeans for beans	41,929	23	71	674	2,162
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	18,226	4	44	23	510
Sugarbeets for sugar	15,163	5	22	27	136
Wheat for grain, all	13,894	14	78	574	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	5,117	48	83	2,382	3,063
Layers	1,191	64	82	1,726	3,040
Colonies of bees	870	21	80	423	2,761
Horses and ponies	718	48	83	1,634	3,072
Hogs and pigs	630	40	81	1,165	2,889

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	229	Farming	417
\$1,000 to \$2,499	23	Other	349
\$2,500 to \$4,999	30	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	35	Male	698
\$10,000 to \$19,999	42	Female	68
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	42	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	25	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	82	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	86	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	59	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	99	White	1,064
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	108,883	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	142,145	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	12
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	61,865		
Average per farm (\$)	80,763		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.