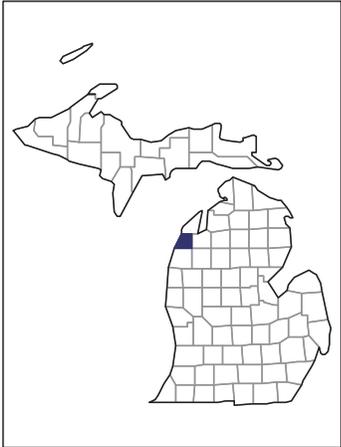


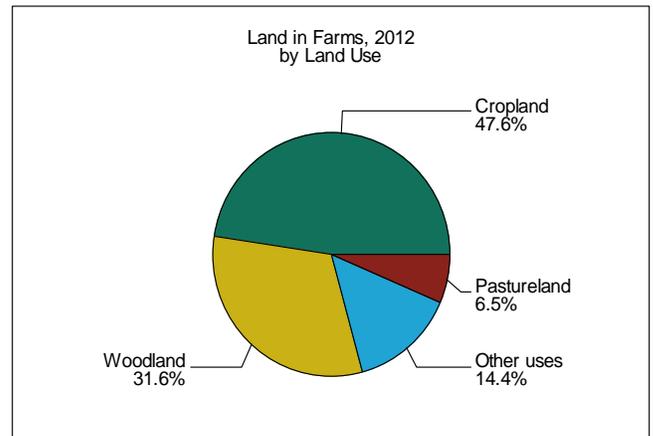
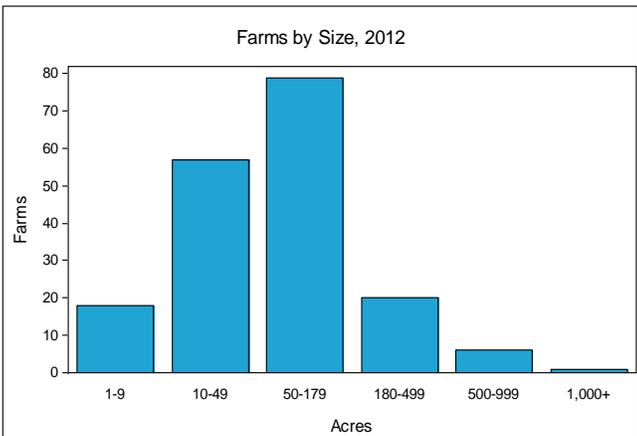
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Benzie County Michigan

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	181	205	- 12
Land in Farms	20,646 acres	21,069 acres	- 2
Average Size of Farm	114 acres	103 acres	+ 11
Market Value of Products Sold	\$6,396,000	\$7,981,000	- 20
Crop Sales \$3,320,000 (52 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$3,077,000 (48 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$35,339	\$38,933	- 9
Government Payments	\$808,000	\$74,000	+ 992
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$21,846	\$2,540	+ 760





Benzie 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	6,396	68	83	2,800	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,320	67	82	2,557	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,077	63	83	2,652	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	396	71	82	2,448	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,967	15	79	320	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	78	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	378	74	82	2,547	3,049
Poultry and eggs	19	62	82	2,080	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,499	56	82	2,465	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	73	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	13	69	79	2,604	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	29	66	81	2,532	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	37	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,893	78	82	2,720	3,057
Cherries, tart	1,795	6	57	8	756
Corn for grain	1,720	62	80	1,764	2,638
Apples	821	11	80	48	2,167
Corn for silage	432	63	78	1,446	2,237
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Colonies of bees	(D)	2	80	(D)	2,761
Layers	1,285	56	82	1,658	3,040
Cattle and calves	1,062	75	83	2,867	3,063
Hogs and pigs	(D)	37	81	(D)	2,889
Pullets for laying flock replacement	281	33	77	1,008	2,637

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	56	Farming	95
\$1,000 to \$2,499	23	Other	86
\$2,500 to \$4,999	18	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	28	Male	150
\$10,000 to \$19,999	17	Female	31
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	6	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	2	White	273
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	8,962	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	49,512	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-207		
Average per farm (\$)	-1,142		

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.