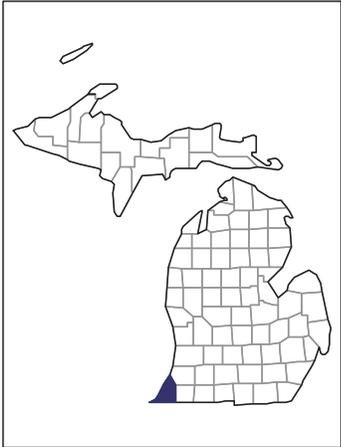


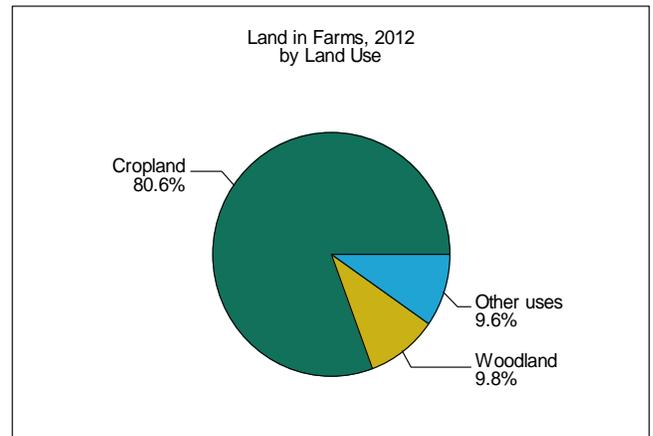
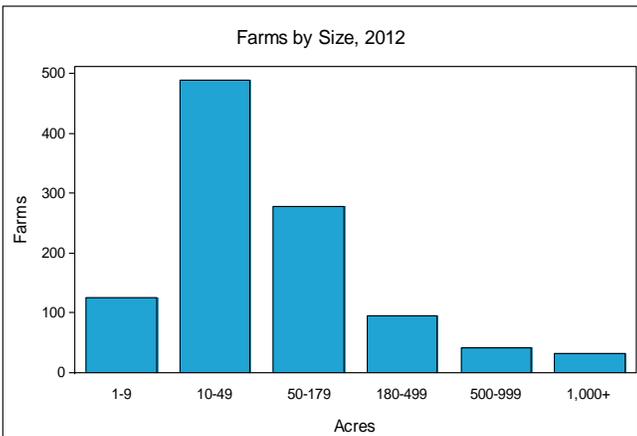
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Berrien County Michigan

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,063	1,300	- 18
Land in Farms	156,418 acres	169,016 acres	- 7
Average Size of Farm	147 acres	130 acres	+ 13
Market Value of Products Sold	\$161,542,000	\$136,260,000	+ 19
Crop Sales \$145,902,000 (90 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$15,640,000 (10 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$151,968	\$104,815	+ 45
Government Payments	\$3,303,000	\$2,241,000	+ 47
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$10,552	\$6,295	+ 68





Berrien 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	161,542	20	83	731	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	145,902	15	82	409	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	15,640	38	83	1,826	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	64,560	25	82	697	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	39,862	2	82	74	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	19,825	4	79	108	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	20,819	7	81	147	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	113	22	78	258	1,530
Other crops and hay	722	63	82	2,172	3,049
Poultry and eggs	31	53	82	1,833	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,492	57	82	2,469	3,056
Milk from cows	5,734	43	73	675	2,038
Hogs and pigs	7,753	14	80	475	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	48	50	79	1,946	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	166	44	81	1,407	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	37	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	415	14	82	478	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	45,400	24	80	658	2,638
Soybeans for beans	37,840	25	71	705	2,162
Vegetables harvested, all	8,448	5	82	103	2,801
Grapes	6,446	1	62	23	2,144
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,937	70	82	2,221	3,057
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	20,480	14	81	487	2,889
Cattle and calves	4,324	52	83	2,471	3,063
Colonies of bees	4,259	7	80	176	2,761
Layers	2,246	38	82	1,207	3,040
Horses and ponies	1,374	29	83	814	3,072

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	311	Farming	542
\$1,000 to \$2,499	51	Other	521
\$2,500 to \$4,999	74		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	79	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	94	Male	883
\$20,000 to \$24,999	30	Female	180
\$25,000 to \$39,999	69		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	30	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	106		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	97	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	66	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$500,000 or more	56	Asian	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	142,329	Black or African American	19
Average per farm (\$)	133,894	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,651
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	33,447	More than one race	8
Average per farm (\$)	31,465	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	28

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

- Represents zero.

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.