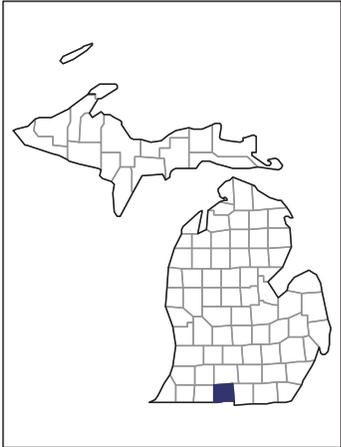


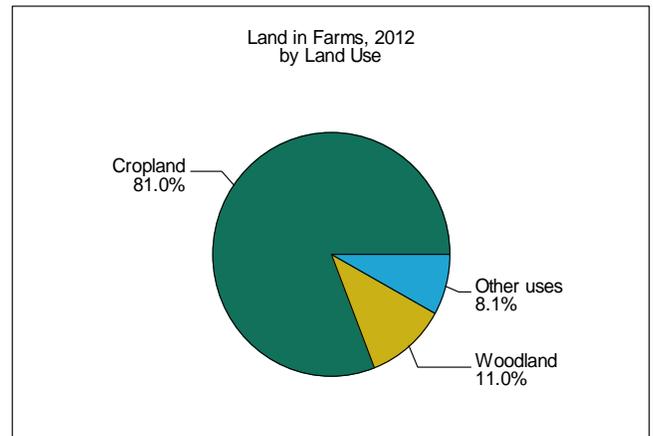
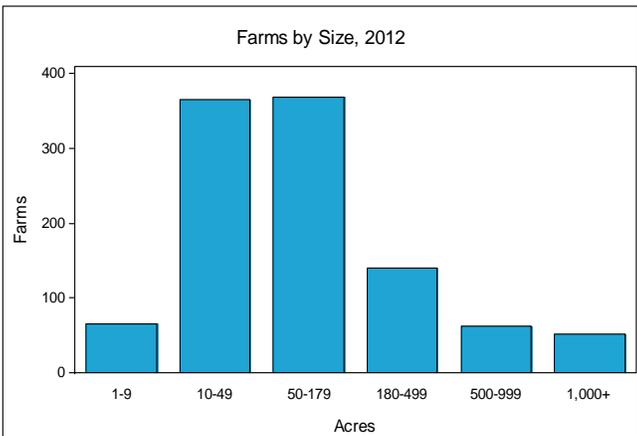
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Branch County Michigan

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,054	1,129	- 7
Land in Farms	244,208 acres	250,134 acres	- 2
Average Size of Farm	232 acres	222 acres	+ 5
Market Value of Products Sold	\$175,346,000	\$115,430,000	+ 52
Crop Sales \$125,375,000 (72 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$49,971,000 (28 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$166,363	\$102,241	+ 63
Government Payments	\$4,329,000	\$3,804,000	+ 14
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,582	\$5,299	+ 43





Branch 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	175,346	17	83	660	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	125,375	19	82	504	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	49,971	16	83	907	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	110,539	10	82	419	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	61	49	79	1,673	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	22	81	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	37	49	78	564	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,406	44	82	1,634	3,049
Poultry and eggs	1,942	11	82	913	3,013
Cattle and calves	6,404	27	82	1,628	3,056
Milk from cows	13,868	29	73	413	2,038
Hogs and pigs	26,620	4	80	212	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	419	9	79	400	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	420	20	81	674	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	37	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	298	20	82	598	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	86,564	9	80	359	2,638
Soybeans for beans	72,669	8	71	430	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,201	48	82	1,611	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	4,188	31	78	1,063	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	4,188	31	78	988	2,480
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	120,903	4	81	532	2,723
Hogs and pigs	56,385	6	81	266	2,889
Cattle and calves	12,370	29	83	1,773	3,063
Layers	2,508	35	82	1,148	3,040
Sheep and lambs	2,473	8	79	371	2,897

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	378	Farming	485
\$1,000 to \$2,499	56	Other	569
\$2,500 to \$4,999	64		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	92	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	87	Male	950
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Female	104
\$25,000 to \$39,999	37		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	21	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	97		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	80	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	59	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$500,000 or more	75	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	137,658	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	130,605	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,534
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	47,202	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	44,783	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	12

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.