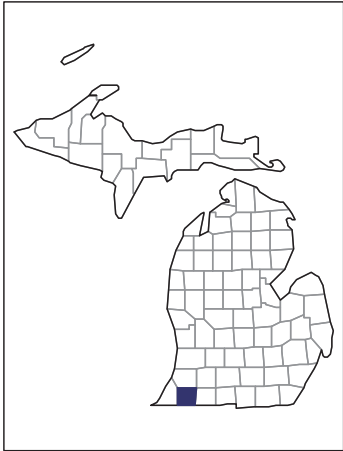


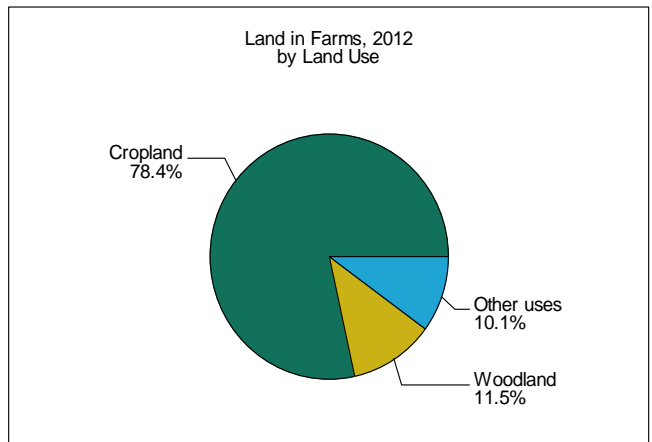
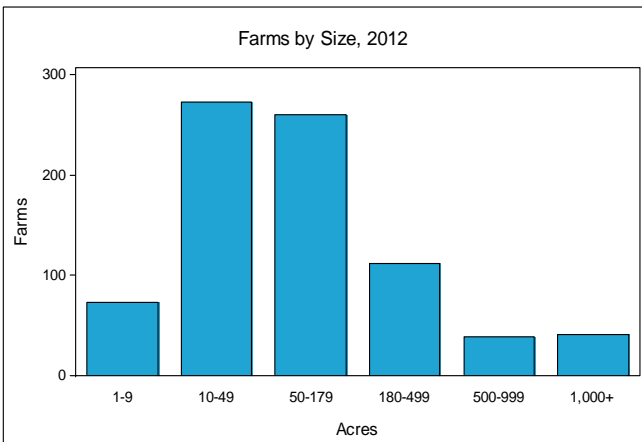
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Cass County Michigan

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	798	811	- 2
Land in Farms	188,690 acres	190,330 acres	- 1
Average Size of Farm	236 acres	235 acres	0
Market Value of Products Sold	\$187,159,000	\$101,549,000	+ 84
Crop Sales \$125,673,000 (67 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$61,485,000 (33 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$234,534	\$125,214	+ 87
Government Payments	\$2,666,000	\$2,807,000	- 5
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,980	\$6,573	+ 6





Cass 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	187,159	16	83	600	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	125,673	18	82	501	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	61,485	12	83	771	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	112,964	9	82	407	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	7,580	18	82	266	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	20	79	449	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,692	29	81	649	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	43	78	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,222	49	82	1,743	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	2,189	46	82	2,276	3,056
Milk from cows	1,295	62	73	1,168	2,038
Hogs and pigs	57,132	2	80	103	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	304	31	81	902	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	35	37	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	310	19	82	574	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	85,695	10	80	361	2,638
Soybeans for beans	36,714	26	71	718	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,035	54	82	1,837	3,057
Vegetables harvested, all	3,949	12	82	196	2,801
Beans, snap	1,996	2	79	30	2,341
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	153,386	2	81	118	2,889
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	5	81	653	2,723
Cattle and calves	4,359	51	83	2,462	3,063
Pheasants	(D)	9	51	(D)	963
Colonies of bees	(D)	11	80	(D)	2,761

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	271	Farming	391
\$1,000 to \$2,499	61	Other	407
\$2,500 to \$4,999	70		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	52	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	52	Male	679
\$20,000 to \$24,999	28	Female	119
\$25,000 to \$39,999	31		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	57		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	68	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	27	American Indian or Alaska Native	12
\$500,000 or more	64	Asian	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	139,970	Black or African American	19
Average per farm (\$)	175,401	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,166
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	56,028	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	70,210	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	7

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.