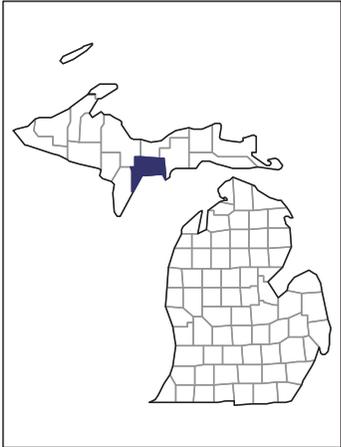


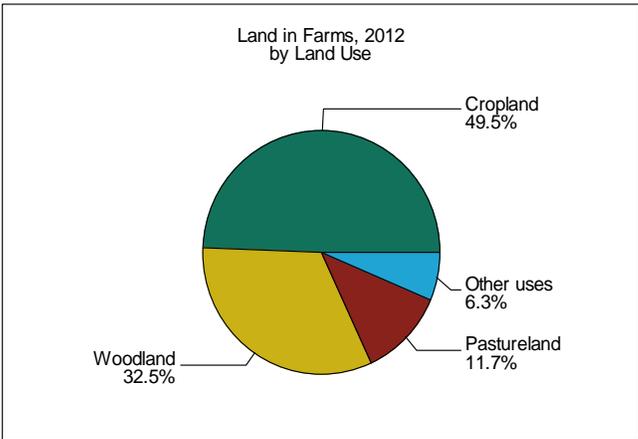
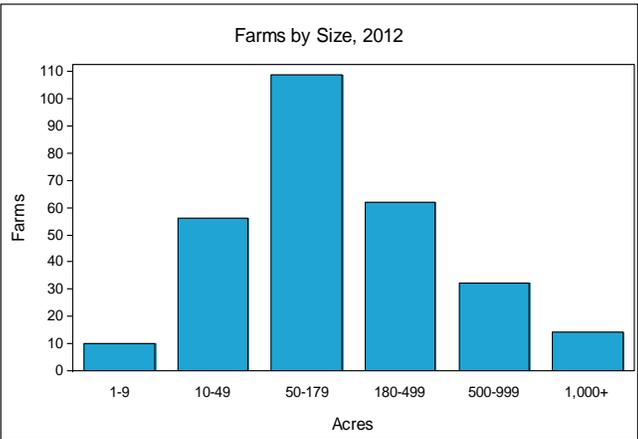
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Delta County Michigan

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	283	290	- 2
Land in Farms	70,832 acres	77,762 acres	- 9
Average Size of Farm	250 acres	268 acres	- 7
Market Value of Products Sold	\$14,966,000	\$11,619,000	+ 29
Crop Sales \$7,632,000 (51 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$7,334,000 (49 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$52,883	\$40,065	+ 32
Government Payments	\$588,000	\$299,000	+ 97
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,818	\$3,649	+ 59





Delta 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	14,966	56	83	2,511	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	7,632	55	82	2,228	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,334	49	83	2,289	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,084	56	82	1,921	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,411	33	82	555	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	12	61	78	903	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,754	38	82	1,452	3,049
Poultry and eggs	15	68	82	2,198	3,013
Cattle and calves	2,511	43	82	2,183	3,056
Milk from cows	4,756	45	73	731	2,038
Hogs and pigs	32	51	80	1,597	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	4	80	81	2,936	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	37	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	79	82	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	19,733	19	82	986	3,057
Corn for grain	2,765	59	80	1,617	2,638
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	1,228	14	44	152	510
Barley for grain	1,202	2	65	253	1,158
Oats for grain	1,043	8	80	282	1,825
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	6,917	42	83	2,212	3,063
Layers	1,023	67	82	1,851	3,040
Horses and ponies	418	60	83	2,235	3,072
Hogs and pigs	276	46	81	1,490	2,889
Sheep and lambs	132	66	79	2,277	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	97	Farming	165
\$1,000 to \$2,499	28	Other	118
\$2,500 to \$4,999	25	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	24	Male	250
\$10,000 to \$19,999	27	Female	33
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	9	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	22	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	8	White	423
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	12,185	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	43,058	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,012		
Average per farm (\$)	14,177		

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.