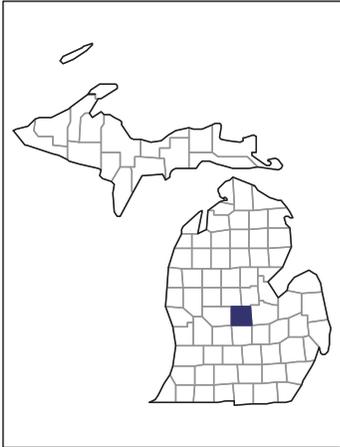


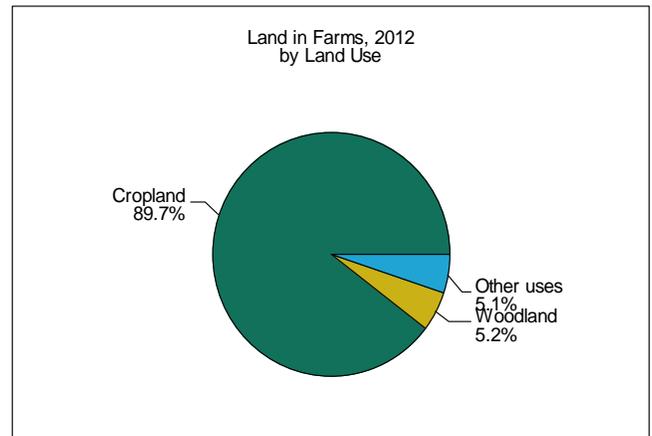
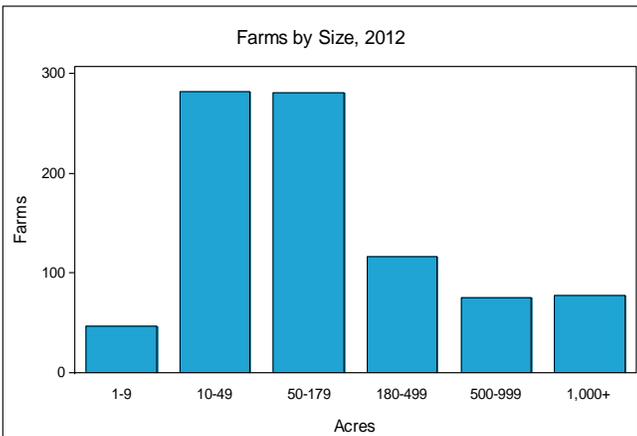
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Gratiot County Michigan

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	878	1,036	- 15
Land in Farms	289,376 acres	286,937 acres	+ 1
Average Size of Farm	330 acres	277 acres	+ 19
Market Value of Products Sold	\$345,033,000	\$189,913,000	+ 82
Crop Sales \$199,091,000 (58 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$145,942,000 (42 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$392,976	\$183,313	+ 114
Government Payments	\$4,522,000	\$4,485,000	+ 1
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,512	\$5,956	+ 26





Gratiot 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	345,033	6	83	226	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	199,091	6	82	215	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	145,942	5	83	283	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	169,391	5	82	213	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,399	23	82	348	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	25	81	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	78	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	6	82	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	16,793	4	82	496	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	80,950	6	73	96	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	6	80	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	64	43	79	1,730	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,504	4	81	148	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	37	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	159	30	82	869	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	91,299	7	80	342	2,638
Soybeans for beans	80,543	5	71	363	2,162
Wheat for grain, all	20,819	7	78	450	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	(D)	7	78	354	2,480
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	17,429	23	82	1,119	3,057
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Pullets for laying flock replacement	316,185	3	77	101	2,637
Turkeys	(D)	3	76	(D)	2,416
Hogs and pigs	69,698	5	81	230	2,889
Cattle and calves	47,996	5	83	534	3,063
Layers	1,056	65	82	1,820	3,040

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	245	Farming	494
\$1,000 to \$2,499	51	Other	384
\$2,500 to \$4,999	33	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	55	Male	823
\$10,000 to \$19,999	61	Female	55
\$20,000 to \$24,999	24	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	41	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	30	American Indian or Alaska Native	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	60	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	77	Black or African American	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	73	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3
\$500,000 or more	128	White	1,241
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	245,236	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	279,312	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	112,148		
Average per farm (\$)	127,731		

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.