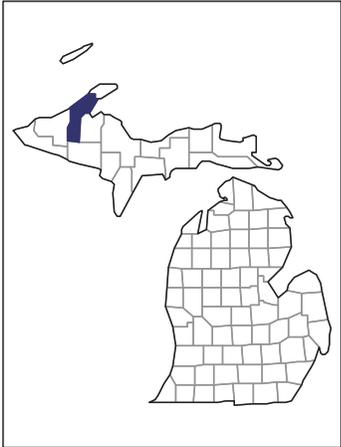


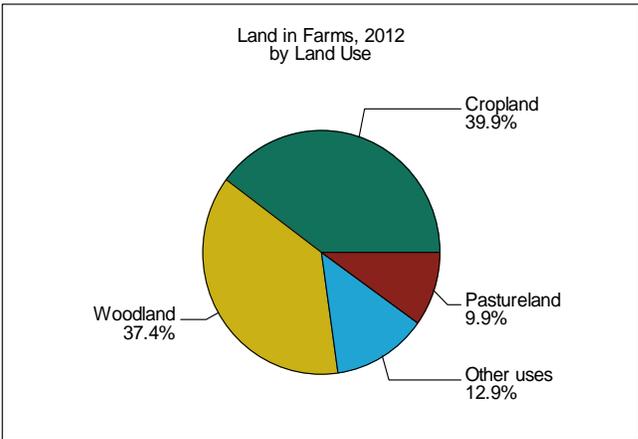
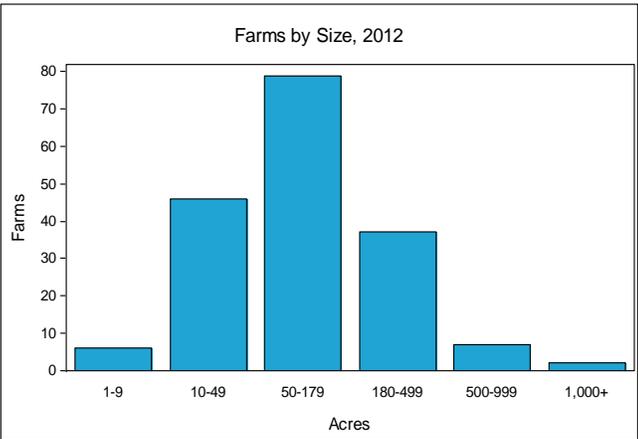
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Houghton County Michigan

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	177	155	+ 14
Land in Farms	27,194 acres	23,643 acres	+ 15
Average Size of Farm	154 acres	153 acres	+ 1
Market Value of Products Sold	\$4,014,000	\$2,709,000	+ 48
Crop Sales \$2,126,000 (53 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$1,888,000 (47 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$22,675	\$17,476	+ 30
Government Payments	\$101,000	\$46,000	+ 120
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,160	\$1,517	+ 108





Houghton 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	4,014	72	83	2,888	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,126	72	82	2,701	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,888	68	83	2,773	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	351	72	82	2,481	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	136	67	82	1,701	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	242	31	79	996	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	524	50	81	1,329	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	3	70	78	1,198	1,530
Other crops and hay	870	60	82	2,034	3,049
Poultry and eggs	19	63	82	2,088	3,013
Cattle and calves	332	77	82	2,855	3,056
Milk from cows	1,464	61	73	1,126	2,038
Hogs and pigs	10	70	80	2,085	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	10	73	79	2,679	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	33	64	81	2,474	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	37	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	19	66	82	1,932	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,794	59	82	1,977	3,057
Oats for grain	433	28	80	579	1,825
Corn for grain	342	71	80	2,168	2,638
Barley for grain	268	8	65	472	1,158
Corn for silage	102	73	78	1,890	2,237
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	1,593	68	83	2,789	3,063
Layers	1,226	62	82	1,705	3,040
Sheep and lambs	257	55	79	1,919	2,897
Horses and ponies	235	67	83	2,683	3,072
Goats, all	109	59	80	2,511	2,996

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	60	Farming	66
\$1,000 to \$2,499	19	Other	111
\$2,500 to \$4,999	28	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	21	Male	135
\$10,000 to \$19,999	13	Female	42
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	9	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	1	White	279
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,134	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	17,707	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,147		
Average per farm (\$)	6,482		

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.