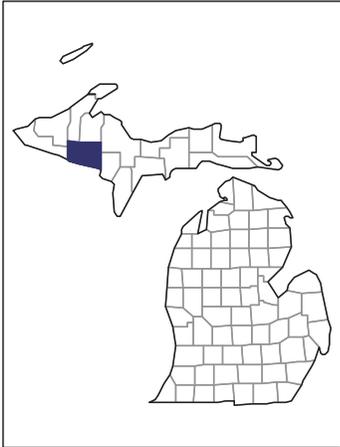


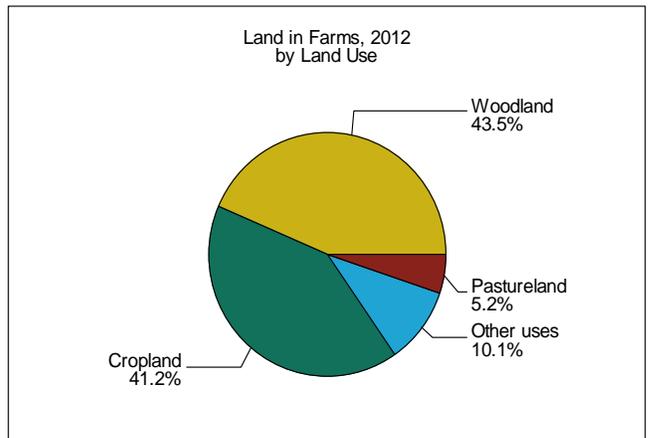
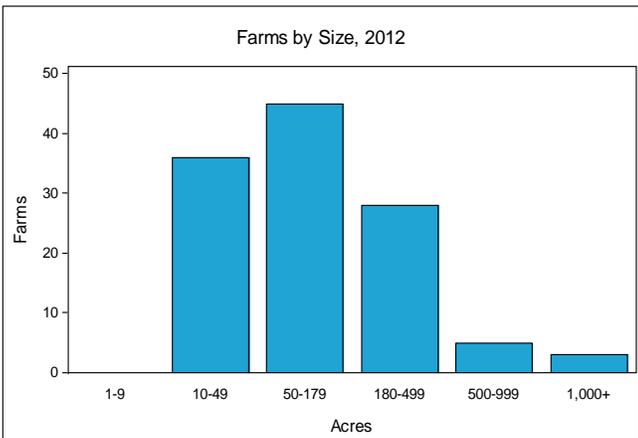
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Iron County Michigan

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	117	111	+ 5
Land in Farms	22,939 acres	27,731 acres	- 17
Average Size of Farm	196 acres	250 acres	- 22
Market Value of Products Sold	\$3,653,000	\$1,949,000	+ 87
Crop Sales \$3,188,000 (87 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$465,000 (13 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$31,222	\$17,560	+ 78
Government Payments	\$25,000	\$44,000	- 43
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$1,194	\$2,073	- 42





Iron 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	3,653	73	83	2,901	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,188	68	82	2,574	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	465	79	83	2,964	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,441	31	82	549	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	72	79	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	80	81	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(Z)	78	78	1,448	1,530
Other crops and hay	479	70	82	2,445	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	390	75	82	2,832	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	73	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	11	69	80	2,078	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	40	62	81	2,398	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	37	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	80	82	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,990	65	82	2,096	3,057
Vegetables harvested, all	584	37	82	642	2,801
Potatoes	582	13	81	178	2,354
Oats for grain	453	27	80	566	1,825
Wheat for grain, all	152	68	78	2,162	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	1,156	72	83	2,852	3,063
Layers	592	75	82	2,256	3,040
Ducks	168	27	76	510	2,480
Sheep and lambs	111	67	79	2,358	2,897
Horses and ponies	79	79	83	2,980	3,072

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	31	Farming	58
\$1,000 to \$2,499	17	Other	59
\$2,500 to \$4,999	22		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	17	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	9	Male	101
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Female	16
\$25,000 to \$39,999	3		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	5	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	3	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,539	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	30,248	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	186
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	269	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	2,303	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	3

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. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.