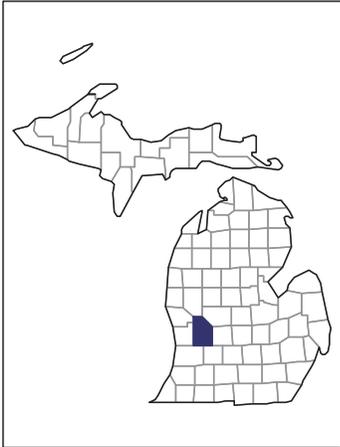


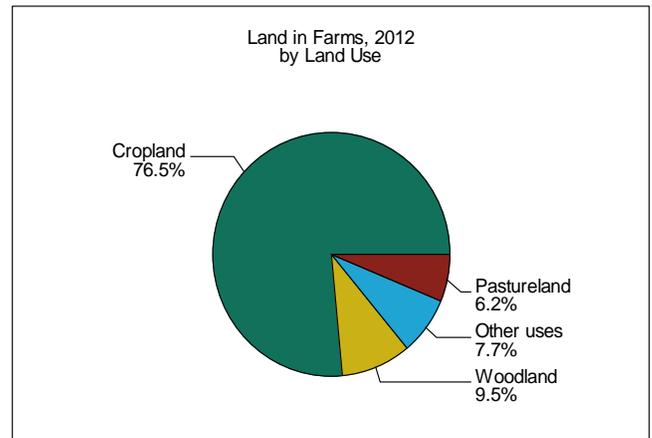
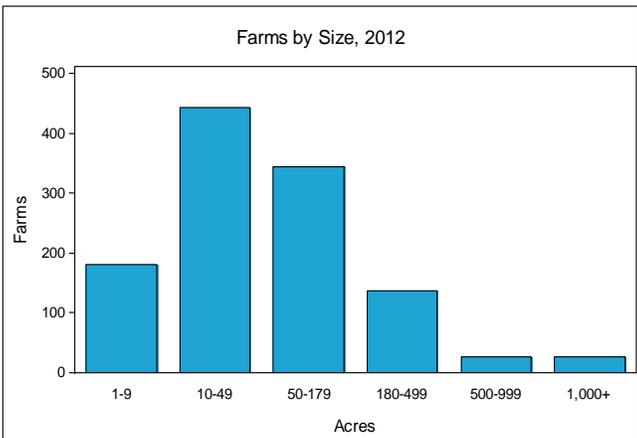
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Kent County Michigan

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,159	1,193	- 3
Land in Farms	157,493 acres	170,117 acres	- 7
Average Size of Farm	136 acres	143 acres	- 5
Market Value of Products Sold	\$231,861,000	\$194,729,000	+ 19
Crop Sales \$180,389,000 (78 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$51,472,000 (22 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$200,053	\$163,226	+ 23
Government Payments	\$2,417,000	\$1,405,000	+ 72
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,189	\$4,404	+ 109





Kent 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	231,861	12	83	436	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	180,389	10	82	274	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	51,472	15	83	886	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	56,098	27	82	768	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	7,936	17	82	255	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	27,747	3	79	81	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	85,408	3	81	34	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	206	16	78	151	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,994	24	82	977	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	10	82	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	10,561	17	82	1,270	3,056
Milk from cows	31,609	13	73	238	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	87	38	79	1,465	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	2,080	2	81	87	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	16	37	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	679	10	82	345	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	39,383	27	80	702	2,638
Soybeans for beans	22,454	32	71	884	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	19,812	18	82	982	3,057
Apples	11,592	1	80	7	2,167
Corn for silage	7,967	12	78	234	2,237
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	(D)	5	76	225	2,416
Cattle and calves	23,685	14	83	1,189	3,063
Hogs and pigs	(D)	17	81	(D)	2,889
Colonies of bees	5,371	3	80	146	2,761
Layers	3,096	28	82	1,022	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	341	Farming	559
\$1,000 to \$2,499	111	Other	600
\$2,500 to \$4,999	102		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	111	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	88	Male	971
\$20,000 to \$24,999	34	Female	188
\$25,000 to \$39,999	60		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	36	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	84		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	78	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	38	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$500,000 or more	76	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	209,122	Black or African American	6
Average per farm (\$)	180,433	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,716
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	37,895	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	32,697	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	21

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.