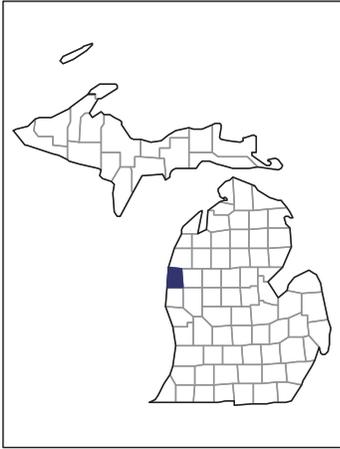


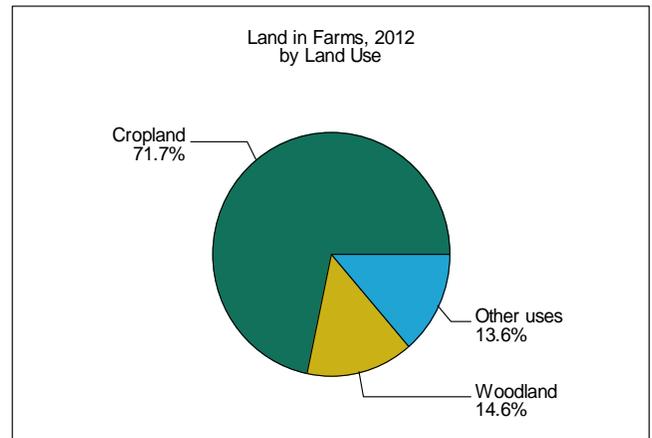
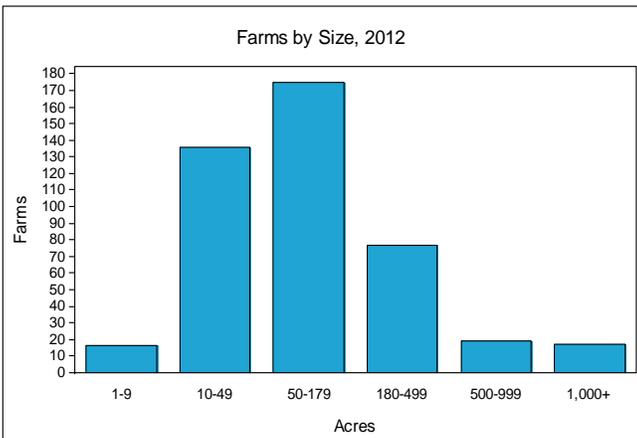
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Mason County Michigan

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	440	450	- 2
<b>Land in Farms</b>	79,048 acres	76,446 acres	+ 3
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	180 acres	170 acres	+ 6
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$52,881,000	\$34,468,000	+ 53
Crop Sales \$31,689,000 (60 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$21,191,000 (40 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$120,183	\$76,596	+ 57
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$828,000	\$574,000	+ 44
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$6,962	\$4,415	+ 58





## Mason County – Michigan

### Ranked items among the 83 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	52,881	40	83	1,733	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	31,689	41	82	1,439	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	21,191	34	83	1,571	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	15,368	41	82	1,337	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	6,027	21	82	315	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	6,000	10	79	180	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,233	32	81	725	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	309	11	78	109	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,753	39	82	1,453	3,049
Poultry and eggs	56	42	82	1,588	3,013
Cattle and calves	6,652	26	82	1,602	3,056
Milk from cows	10,970	34	73	475	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	21	80	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	44	60	81	2,350	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	29	37	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	13,684	39	80	1,097	2,638
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,332	34	82	1,368	3,057
Soybeans for beans	5,537	42	71	1,263	2,162
Wheat for grain, all	4,700	28	78	1,004	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	4,700	28	78	929	2,480
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	10,883	31	83	1,866	3,063
Hogs and pigs	(D)	19	81	(D)	2,889
Layers	1,575	51	82	1,494	3,040
Sheep and lambs	806	32	79	1,059	2,897
Colonies of bees	747	24	80	470	2,761

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	133	Farming	199
\$1,000 to \$2,499	31	Other	241
\$2,500 to \$4,999	42	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	45	Male	374
\$10,000 to \$19,999	48	Female	66
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	28	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	28	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	28	Black or African American	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	12	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	26	White	660
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	41,626	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	94,606	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	11
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	14,154		
Average per farm (\$)	32,168		

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.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.