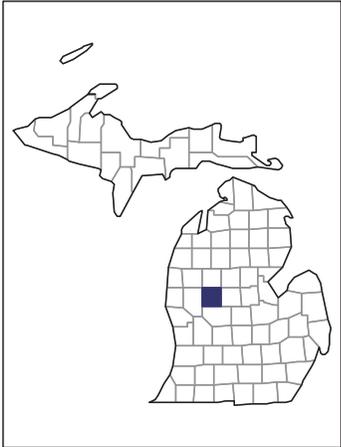


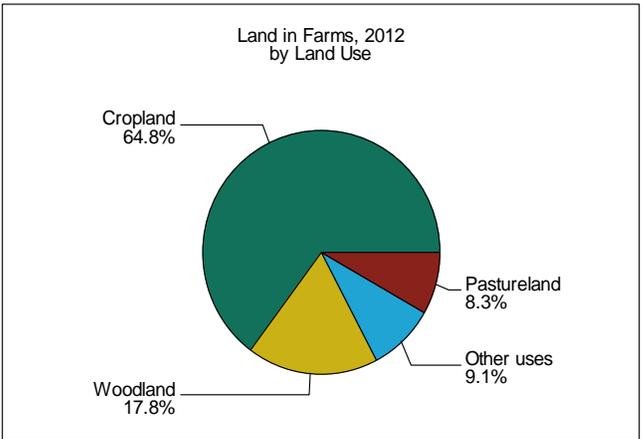
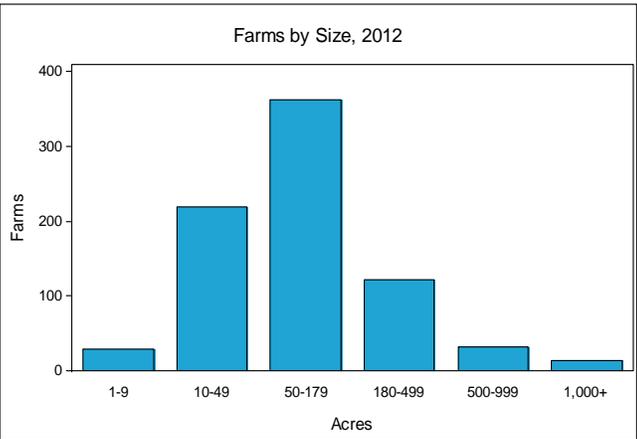
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Mecosta County Michigan

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	779	845	- 8
<b>Land in Farms</b>	123,005 acres	114,715 acres	+ 7
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	158 acres	136 acres	+ 16
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$113,257,000	\$72,652,000	+ 56
Crop Sales \$45,979,000 (41 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$67,278,000 (59 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$145,388	\$85,979	+ 69
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$904,000	\$653,000	+ 38
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$3,184	\$2,066	+ 54





## Mecosta 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	113,257	31	83	1,047	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	45,979	37	82	1,220	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	67,278	11	83	716	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	23,482	38	82	1,166	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	7	82	133	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	171	64	81	1,822	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	78	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	951	13	82	1,009	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	15,435	28	73	389	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	3	80	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	268	13	79	625	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,137	6	81	214	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	18	37	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	26,473	5	82	716	3,057
Corn for grain	26,314	33	80	865	2,638
Vegetables harvested, all	6,395	9	82	134	2,801
Potatoes	(D)	3	81	(D)	2,354
Soybeans for beans	3,554	46	71	1,380	2,162
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	75,590	4	81	214	2,889
Cattle and calves	15,944	21	83	1,535	3,063
Layers	4,888	11	82	820	3,040
Sheep and lambs	2,876	4	79	305	2,897
Horses and ponies	1,733	21	83	594	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	212	Farming	375
\$1,000 to \$2,499	76	Other	404
\$2,500 to \$4,999	65	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	64	Male	677
\$10,000 to \$19,999	113	Female	102
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	47	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	22	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	64	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	52	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	22	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	27	White	1,176
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	97,829	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	125,583	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	12
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	18,578		
Average per farm (\$)	23,849		

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.