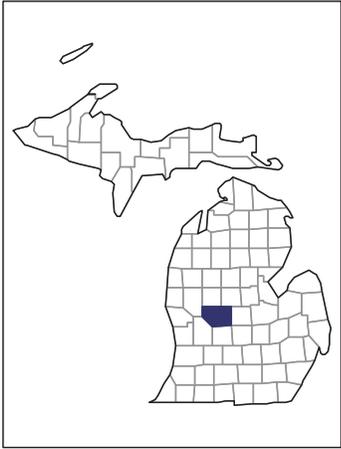


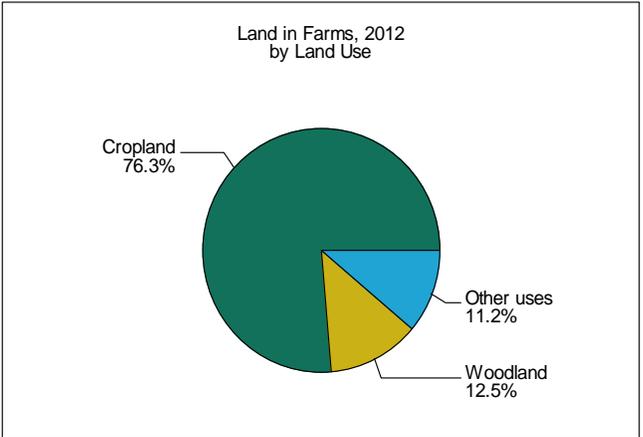
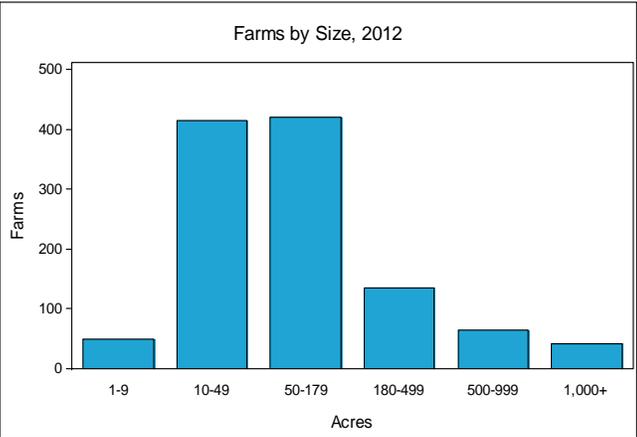
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Montcalm County Michigan

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,127	1,227	- 8
Land in Farms	237,252 acres	242,804 acres	- 2
Average Size of Farm	211 acres	198 acres	+ 7
Market Value of Products Sold	\$213,940,000	\$139,384,000	+ 53
Crop Sales \$154,177,000 (72 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$59,763,000 (28 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$189,831	\$113,597	+ 67
Government Payments	\$2,577,000	\$2,473,000	+ 4
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,639	\$4,094	+ 38





Montcalm 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	213,940	13	83	488	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	154,177	14	82	368	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	59,763	14	83	792	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	84,633	20	82	571	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	58,213	1	82	58	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	276	28	79	930	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	4,154	23	81	498	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	1,864	3	78	25	1,530
Other crops and hay	5,037	13	82	582	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	24	82	1,322	3,013
Cattle and calves	11,537	15	82	1,213	3,056
Milk from cows	42,120	11	73	187	2,038
Hogs and pigs	4,626	17	80	579	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	246	18	79	690	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	349	24	81	804	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	30	37	1,164	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	753	9	82	319	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	62,334	17	80	520	2,638
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	23,428	10	82	821	3,057
Soybeans for beans	23,049	31	71	876	2,162
Vegetables harvested, all	20,524	1	82	39	2,801
Potatoes	16,665	1	81	19	2,354
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	26,535	12	83	1,078	3,063
Hogs and pigs	13,196	16	81	568	2,889
Layers	8,686	8	82	709	3,040
Colonies of bees	4,242	8	80	179	2,761
Pullets for laying flock replacement	2,047	9	77	486	2,637

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	330	Farming	612
\$1,000 to \$2,499	127	Other	515
\$2,500 to \$4,999	92		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	115	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	103	Male	1,014
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23	Female	113
\$25,000 to \$39,999	52		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	21	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	62		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	69	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	54	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$500,000 or more	79	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	150,208	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	133,282	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,692
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	74,903	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	66,462	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	29

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.