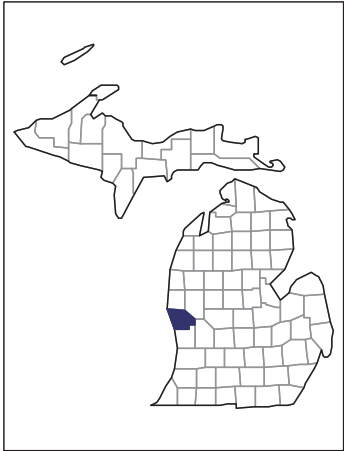


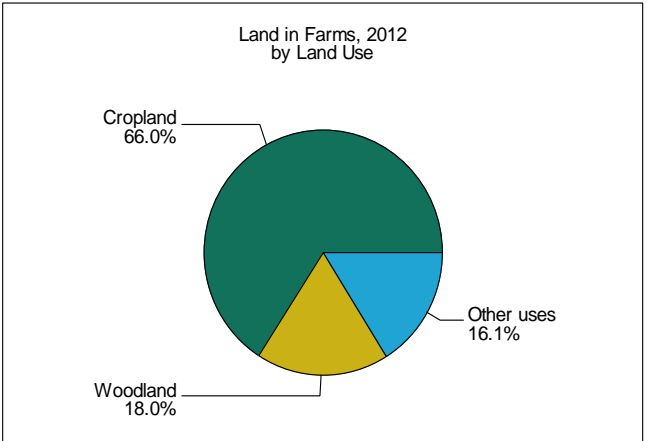
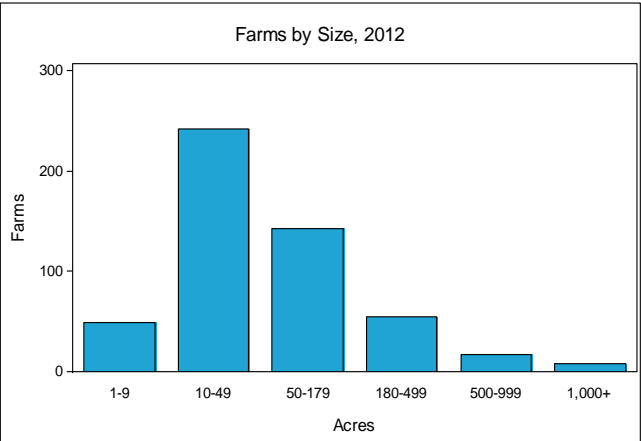
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Muskegon County Michigan

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	514	525	- 2
Land in Farms	74,246 acres	79,663 acres	- 7
Average Size of Farm	144 acres	152 acres	- 5
Market Value of Products Sold	\$76,000,000	\$91,176,000	- 17
Crop Sales \$46,846,000 (62 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$29,154,000 (38 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$147,860	\$173,668	- 15
Government Payments	\$658,000	\$790,000	- 17
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,876	\$6,531	- 10





Muskegon 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	76,000	37	83	1,423	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	46,846	36	82	1,206	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	29,154	30	83	1,320	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	17,903	40	82	1,277	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,749	27	82	435	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	16,107	5	79	120	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	5,686	19	81	396	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	42	44	78	522	1,530
Other crops and hay	3,358	21	82	872	3,049
Poultry and eggs	123	27	82	1,344	3,013
Cattle and calves	8,386	19	82	1,440	3,056
Milk from cows	18,673	26	73	351	2,038
Hogs and pigs	1,404	27	80	816	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	182	43	81	1,325	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	7	37	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	176	27	82	818	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,688	39	82	1,487	3,057
Corn for grain	10,880	41	80	1,162	2,638
Soybeans for beans	7,701	38	71	1,176	2,162
Corn for silage	5,960	17	78	318	2,237
Wheat for grain, all	2,914	36	78	1,197	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	10,750	32	83	1,872	3,063
Layers	4,395	17	82	855	3,040
Hogs and pigs	3,481	29	81	828	2,889
Horses and ponies	922	41	83	1,298	3,072
Deer	711	4	61	80	1,034

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	161	Farming	249
\$1,000 to \$2,499	63	Other	265
\$2,500 to \$4,999	28		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	62	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	50	Male	439
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Female	75
\$25,000 to \$39,999	17		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	37		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	35	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	21	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$500,000 or more	24	Asian	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	62,796	Black or African American	2
Average per farm (\$)	122,171	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	780
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	18,514	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	36,019	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.