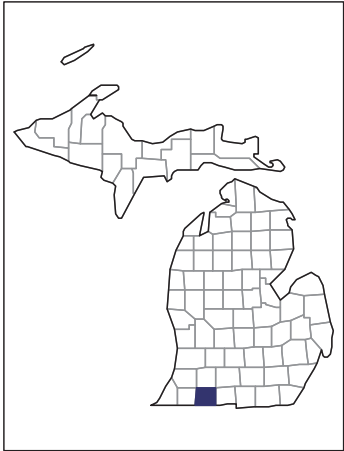


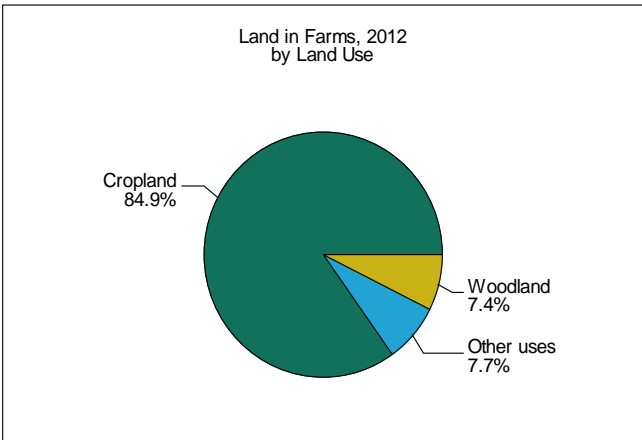
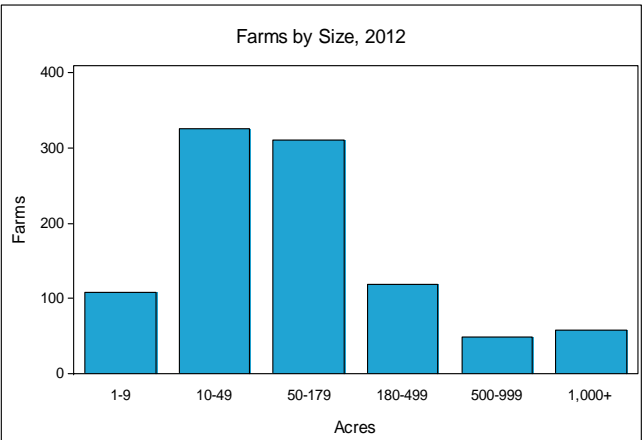
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



St. Joseph County Michigan

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	967	1,033	- 6
Land in Farms	221,745 acres	215,425 acres	+ 3
Average Size of Farm	229 acres	209 acres	+ 10
Market Value of Products Sold	\$238,053,000	\$136,033,000	+ 75
Crop Sales \$190,933,000 (80 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$47,120,000 (20 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$246,177	\$131,688	+ 87
Government Payments	\$4,196,000	\$3,322,000	+ 26
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,263	\$6,865	+ 35





St. Joseph 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	238,053	11	83	420	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	190,933	9	82	240	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	47,120	19	83	937	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	151,096	6	82	262	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	34,461	3	82	83	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	33	79	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,762	28	81	638	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	78	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	2,349	28	82	1,200	3,049
Poultry and eggs	4,319	7	82	778	3,013
Cattle and calves	6,692	25	82	1,598	3,056
Milk from cows	21,815	22	73	320	2,038
Hogs and pigs	12,846	11	80	366	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	79	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	669	13	81	407	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	37	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	12	82	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	98,336	4	80	297	2,638
Soybeans for beans	52,453	17	71	578	2,162
Vegetables harvested, all	10,842	3	82	83	2,801
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,256	47	82	1,603	3,057
Potatoes	6,139	2	81	47	2,354
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	296,696	2	81	447	2,723
Hogs and pigs	28,376	12	81	413	2,889
Cattle and calves	14,514	26	83	1,627	3,063
Layers	6,660	9	82	745	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	5,077	7	77	449	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	257	Farming	404
\$1,000 to \$2,499	93	Other	563
\$2,500 to \$4,999	86	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	63	Male	855
\$10,000 to \$19,999	61	Female	112
\$20,000 to \$24,999	28	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	59	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	23	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	55	Asian	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	101	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	52	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	89	White	1,417
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	192,982	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	199,568	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	10
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	62,892		
Average per farm (\$)	65,039		

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.