



# Berrien County Michigan

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	872	-18
Land in farms (acres)	144,583	-8
Average size of farm (acres)	166	+13
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	171,350,000	+6
Government payments	2,594,000	-21
Farm-related income	6,819,000	-38
Total farm production expenses	144,640,000	+2
Net cash farm income	36,123,000	+8
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	196,502	+29
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	14,411	+37
Farm-related income	16,159	-27
Total farm production expenses	165,871	+24
Net cash farm income	41,425	+32

**2** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	91
Livestock, poultry, and products	9

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	85
Pastureland	1
Woodland	7
Other	6

**Acres irrigated: 20,048**

14% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	24
Reduced till	15
Intensive till	20
Cover crop	14

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	256	29
\$2,500 to \$4,999	68	8
\$5,000 to \$9,999	65	7
\$10,000 to \$24,999	121	14
\$25,000 to \$49,999	87	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	70	8
\$100,000 or more	205	24

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	135	15
10 to 49 acres	369	42
50 to 179 acres	204	23
180 to 499 acres	92	11
500 to 999 acres	43	5
1,000 + acres	29	3

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>171,350</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>156,686</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	44,569	26	81	812	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	41,347	3	82	80	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	37,018	4	81	71	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	30,221	7	80	96	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	188	24	76	189	1,384
Other crops and hay	3,344	16	82	765	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>14,663</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>1,868</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	58	43	82	1,187	3,007
Cattle and calves	1,514	54	82	2,280	3,055
Milk from cows	4,193	50	72	661	1,892
Hogs and pigs	8,576	15	82	403	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	67	44	81	1,545	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	148	36	78	1,187	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	30	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	108	42	81	730	2,878

**Total Producers <sup>c</sup>**

**1,451**

**Sex**

Male	944
Female	507

**Age**

<35	79
35 – 64	862
65 and older	510

**Race**

American Indian/Alaska Native	4
Asian	4
Black or African American	22
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,414
More than one race	7

**Other characteristics**

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	43
With military service	139
New and beginning farmers	323

**Percent of farms that:**

Have internet access **76**

Farm organically **1**

Sell directly to consumers **19**

Hire farm labor **32**

Are family farms **95**

**Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>**

Corn for grain	44,928
Soybeans for beans	43,163
Vegetables harvested, all	6,482
Grapes	5,638
Forage (hay/haylage), all	3,767

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)**

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	401
Cattle and calves	3,804
Goats	857
Hogs and pigs	18,511
Horses and ponies	821
Layers	2,450
Pullets	310
Sheep and lambs	366
Turkeys	62

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.