



Eaton County Michigan

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	962	-17
Land in farms (acres)	210,120	-6
Average size of farm (acres)	218	+14
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	83,305,000	-30
Government payments	4,192,000	+39
Farm-related income	4,765,000	-15
Total farm production expenses	71,275,000	-21
Net cash farm income	20,986,000	-44
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	86,595	-15
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	11,580	+109
Farm-related income	9,784	-4
Total farm production expenses	74,091	-5
Net cash farm income	21,815	-32

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	89
Livestock, poultry, and products	11

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	84
Pastureland	3
Woodland	8
Other	5

Acres irrigated: 726

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	27
Reduced till	19
Intensive till	25
Cover crop	9

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	298	31
\$2,500 to \$4,999	96	10
\$5,000 to \$9,999	107	11
\$10,000 to \$24,999	118	12
\$25,000 to \$49,999	67	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	88	9
\$100,000 or more	188	20

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	68	7
10 to 49 acres	332	35
50 to 179 acres	310	32
180 to 499 acres	134	14
500 to 999 acres	70	7
1,000 + acres	48	5

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	Counties Producing Item
Total	83,305	33	83	1,320	3,077
Crops	74,393	22	83	787	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	70,295	14	81	578	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	891	48	82	778	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	147	44	81	1,148	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,023	42	80	851	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	282	19	76	137	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,756	36	82	1,342	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	8,911	48	82	2,177	3,073
Poultry and eggs	72	41	82	1,135	3,007
Cattle and calves	3,326	35	82	1,926	3,055
Milk from cows	5,034	42	72	599	1,892
Hogs and pigs	108	34	82	886	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	165	30	81	928	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	176	31	78	1,064	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	30	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	29	60	81	1,189	2,878

Total Producers ^c

1,542

Sex

Male	995
Female	547

Age

<35	119
35 – 64	896
65 and older	527

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	4
Asian	2
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,524
More than one race	12

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	18
With military service	132
New and beginning farmers	293

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **74**

Farm organically **2**

Sell directly to consumers **9**

Hire farm labor **21**

Are family farms **97**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Soybeans for beans	89,937
Corn for grain	53,048
Wheat for grain, all	12,043
Forage (hay/haylage), all	10,506
Dry edible beans	1,166

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,929
Cattle and calves	8,041
Goats	321
Hogs and pigs	376
Horses and ponies	1,125
Layers	5,737
Pullets	918
Sheep and lambs	1,439
Turkeys	186

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

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

^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e 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.