



# Iron County Michigan

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

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	133	+14
Land in farms (acres)	23,450	+2
Average size of farm (acres)	176	-10
<b>Total</b> (\$)		
Market value of products sold	3,665,000	(Z)
Government payments	38,000	+50
Farm-related income	164,000	+26
Total farm production expenses	4,113,000	+16
Net cash farm income	-246,000	-191
<b>Per farm average</b> (\$)		
Market value of products sold	27,560	-12
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	3,766	+215
Farm-related income	7,812	+80
Total farm production expenses	30,926	+2
Net cash farm income	-1,849	-180

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	89
Livestock, poultry, and products	11

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

Cropland	45
Pastureland	8
Woodland	42
Other	4

Acres irrigated: 525

2% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	3
Reduced till	8
Intensive till	29
Cover crop	8

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	72	54
\$2,500 to \$4,999	11	8
\$5,000 to \$9,999	14	11
\$10,000 to \$24,999	15	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	16	12
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1	1
\$100,000 or more	4	3

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	7	5
10 to 49 acres	36	27
50 to 179 acres	56	42
180 to 499 acres	24	18
500 to 999 acres	7	5
1,000 + acres	3	2

**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>3,665</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2,901</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>3,248</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2,538</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	235	72	81	2,367	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	2,493	34	82	501	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	14	65	81	1,783	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	79	80	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	58	76	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	484	70	82	2,341	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2,923</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	(D)	69	82	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	347	73	82	2,588	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	72	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	20	64	82	1,372	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	18	64	81	2,219	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	15	63	78	2,236	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	30	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	72	81	(D)	2,878

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

**202**

**Sex**

Male 132  
Female 70

**Age**

<35 6  
35 – 64 126  
65 and older 70

**Race**

American Indian/Alaska Native -  
Asian 6  
Black or African American -  
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander -  
White 196  
More than one race -

**Other characteristics**

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin -  
With military service 28  
New and beginning farmers 44

**Percent of farms that:**

Have internet access **74**

Farm organically **-**

Sell directly to consumers **10**

Hire farm labor **12**

Are family farms **98**

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

Forage (hay/haylage), all 6,414  
Oats for grain 521  
Vegetables harvested, all 497  
Potatoes 494  
Rye for grain 214

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

Broilers and other meat-type chickens 57  
Cattle and calves 957  
Goats 88  
Hogs and pigs 59  
Horses and ponies 94  
Layers 1,174  
Pullets 48  
Sheep and lambs 367  
Turkeys (D)

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.