



Montcalm County Michigan

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	962	-15
Land in farms (acres)	230,362	-3
Average size of farm (acres)	239	+14
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	180,469,000	-16
Government payments	2,732,000	+6
Farm-related income	6,398,000	-26
Total farm production expenses	155,427,000	+3
Net cash farm income	34,171,000	-54
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	187,598	-1
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	10,349	+84
Farm-related income	15,680	-23
Total farm production expenses	161,567	+21
Net cash farm income	35,521	-47

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	71
Livestock, poultry, and products	29

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	83
Pastureland	2
Woodland	10
Other	5

Acres irrigated: 59,511

26% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	9
Reduced till	20
Intensive till	29
Cover crop	19

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	392	41
\$2,500 to \$4,999	86	9
\$5,000 to \$9,999	98	10
\$10,000 to \$24,999	103	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	68	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	40	4
\$100,000 or more	175	18

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	70	7
10 to 49 acres	365	38
50 to 179 acres	314	33
180 to 499 acres	119	12
500 to 999 acres	50	5
1,000 + acres	44	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	180,469	14	83	605	3,077
Crops	128,519	14	83	384	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	58,419	19	81	678	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	56,215	1	82	55	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	17	81	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	4,831	20	80	391	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	3	76	22	1,384
Other crops and hay	4,159	11	82	607	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	51,950	21	82	918	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	24	82	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	7,627	19	82	1,415	3,055
Milk from cows	36,184	16	72	217	1,892
Hogs and pigs	6,430	17	82	437	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	36	81	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	370	13	78	581	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	27	30	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	1,069	6	81	170	2,878

Total Producers ^c

1,632

Sex

Male	1,068
Female	564

Age

<35	180
35 – 64	1,011
65 and older	441

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	3
Asian	3
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,616
More than one race	10

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	23
With military service	123
New and beginning farmers	458

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **73**

Farm organically **1**

Sell directly to consumers **10**

Hire farm labor **22**

Are family farms **98**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Corn for grain	63,784
Soybeans for beans	33,790
Vegetables harvested, all	19,781
Forage (hay/haylage), all	18,951
Wheat for grain, all	18,124

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	772
Cattle and calves	21,092
Goats	479
Hogs and pigs	18,429
Horses and ponies	1,220
Layers	10,652
Pullets	296
Sheep and lambs	975
Turkeys	233

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.