Van Buren County
Michigan

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

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<th>2017</th>
<th>% change since 2012</th>
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<tr>
<td>Number of farms</td>
<td>953</td>
<td>-14</td>
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<tr>
<td>Land in farms (acres)</td>
<td>151,784</td>
<td>-13</td>
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<tr>
<td>Average size of farm (acres)</td>
<td>159</td>
<td>+1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total ($)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Market value of products sold</td>
<td>205,549,000</td>
<td>+6</td>
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<td>Government payments</td>
<td>1,602,000</td>
<td>-34</td>
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<tr>
<td>Farm-related income</td>
<td>8,441,000</td>
<td>-34</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total farm production expenses</td>
<td>177,947,000</td>
<td>+10</td>
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<td>Net cash farm income</td>
<td>37,644,000</td>
<td>-21</td>
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<td>Per farm average ($)</td>
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<td>Market value of products sold</td>
<td>215,686</td>
<td>+23</td>
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<td>Government payments</td>
<td>11,694</td>
<td>+15</td>
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<td>Farm-related income</td>
<td>22,271</td>
<td>-20</td>
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<td>Total farm production expenses</td>
<td>186,723</td>
<td>+28</td>
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<td>Net cash farm income</td>
<td>39,501</td>
<td>-8</td>
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3 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (\%)

- Crops 81
- Livestock, poultry, and products 19

Land in Farms by Use (\%) a

- Cropland 78
- Pastureland 2
- Woodland 12
- Other 8

Acres irrigated: 35,599
23% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (\% of farms)

- No till 13
- Reduced till 10
- Intensive till 12
- Cover crop 12

Farms by Value of Sales

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<tr>
<th>Value of Sales</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Percent of Total a</th>
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<tr>
<td>Less than $2,500</td>
<td>359</td>
<td>38</td>
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<td>$2,500 to $4,999</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>9</td>
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<td>$5,000 to $9,999</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>$10,000 to $24,999</td>
<td>105</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td>$25,000 to $49,999</td>
<td>71</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>$50,000 to $99,999</td>
<td>66</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>$100,000 or more</td>
<td>190</td>
<td>20</td>
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Farms by Size

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<th>Size</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Percent of Total a</th>
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<tr>
<td>1 to 9 acres</td>
<td>109</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td>10 to 49 acres</td>
<td>388</td>
<td>41</td>
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<tr>
<td>50 to 179 acres</td>
<td>327</td>
<td>34</td>
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<tr>
<td>180 to 499 acres</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>9</td>
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<tr>
<td>500 to 999 acres</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>3</td>
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<tr>
<td>1,000 + acres</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>2</td>
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## Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

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<tr>
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<th>Sales ($1,000)</th>
<th>Rank in State</th>
<th>Counties Producing Item</th>
<th>Rank in U.S.</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>205,549</strong></td>
<td><strong>13</strong></td>
<td><strong>83</strong></td>
<td><strong>498</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,077</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Crops</strong></td>
<td><strong>167,450</strong></td>
<td><strong>9</strong></td>
<td><strong>83</strong></td>
<td><strong>232</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,073</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas</td>
<td>37,020</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>81</td>
<td>900</td>
<td>2,916</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tobacco</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>323</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cotton and cottonseed</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>647</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes</td>
<td>30,909</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>99</td>
<td>2,821</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fruits, tree nuts, berries</td>
<td>87,120</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>81</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>2,748</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod</td>
<td>(D) 14</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>(D) 1,384</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops</td>
<td>(D) 4</td>
<td>76</td>
<td>(D) 1,384</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other crops and hay</td>
<td>1,720</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>1,361</td>
<td>3,040</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Livestock, poultry, and products</strong></td>
<td><strong>38,099</strong></td>
<td><strong>25</strong></td>
<td><strong>82</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,149</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,073</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Poultry and eggs</td>
<td>148</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>950</td>
<td>3,007</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cattle and calves</td>
<td>2,378</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>2,085</td>
<td>3,055</td>
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<tr>
<td>Milk from cows</td>
<td>25,213</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>281</td>
<td>1,892</td>
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<td>Hogs and pigs</td>
<td>7,453</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>421</td>
<td>2,856</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk</td>
<td>(D) 97</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>78</td>
<td>1,460</td>
<td>2,970</td>
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<tr>
<td>Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys</td>
<td>(D) 2</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>(D) 1,251</td>
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<td>Aquaculture</td>
<td>(D) 97</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>78</td>
<td>1,460</td>
<td>2,970</td>
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<td>Other animals and animal products</td>
<td>(D) 97</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>78</td>
<td>1,460</td>
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### Total Producers c

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#### Percent of farms that:

- Have internet access: 75%
- Farm organically: 1%
- Sell directly to consumers: 15%
- Hire farm labor: 36%
- Are family farms: 96%

### Top Crops in Acres d

- Com for grain: 40,307
- Soybeans for beans: 28,063
- Land in berries: 9,939
- Blueberries, all: 9,769
- Forage (hay/haylage), all: 9,249

### Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

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<td>Broilers and other meat-type chickens</td>
<td>1,150</td>
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<td>Cattle and calves</td>
<td>11,325</td>
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<td>Goats</td>
<td>863</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hogs and pigs</td>
<td>10,509</td>
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<td>Horses and ponies</td>
<td>830</td>
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<tr>
<td>Layers</td>
<td>7,105</td>
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<td>Pullets</td>
<td>2,229</td>
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<td>Sheep and lambs</td>
<td>964</td>
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<td>Turkeys</td>
<td>208</td>
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See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

* May not add to 100% due to rounding.  
* Among counties whose rank can be displayed.  
* Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.  
* Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf.  
* Position below the line does not indicate rank.  
* Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.