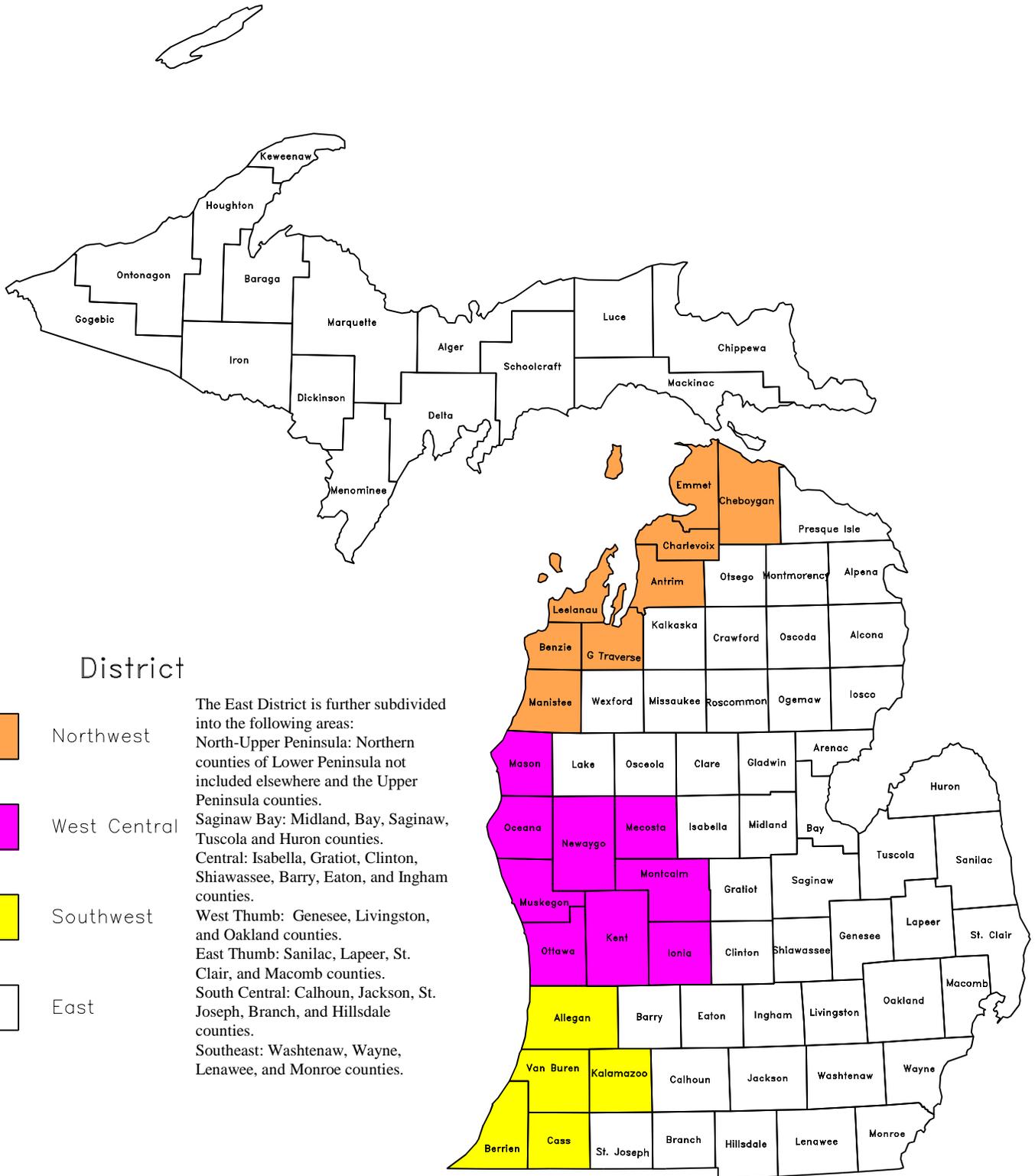


Michigan Fruit Districts



All Fruit

There were 127,920 acres of fruit on commercial operations at the end of 2000. That compares with 140,735 acres at the end of 1997. The 1997 figure does not include cranberries, which were added to the fruit rotational survey in 2000; the 2000 number excludes apricots. Most of the decline in acres from 1997 to 2000 was in apples. There was also less land in most of the other fruit species. The exceptions were blueberries and grapes, which had acreage increases of 500 and 1,000, respectively.

There were 2,377 commercial fruit farms at the end of 2000. A commercial fruit farm was defined as having at

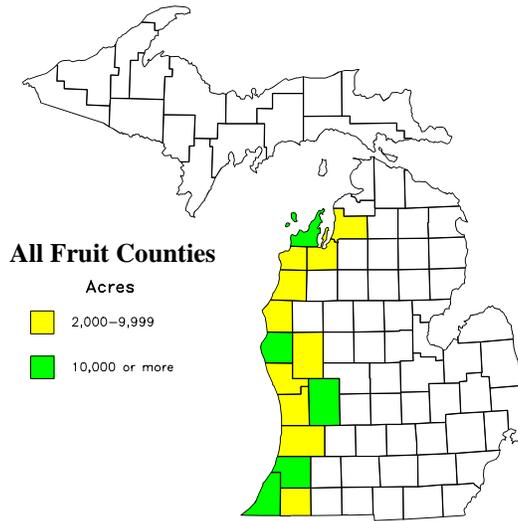
least one acre of any tree fruit or one-third of an acre of any berry.

The geographic concentration of fruit varied substantially. The top five apple counties accounted for 60 percent of the total acres. The comparable figures for tart cherries and blueberries were 78 percent and 95 percent, respectively. The counties with the most acres of fruit, in order, were: Van Buren, Berrien, Leelanau, Oceana, and Kent. They contained 60 percent of the acres of fruit in Michigan.

All fruit: Number of farms and acres, by county and district

County and district	Total farms	Apples	Cherries, tart	Cherries, sweet	Blueberries	Grapes	Peaches	Plums
Antrim	44	660	2,080	810				
Benzie	39	930	1,200	270				
Grand Traverse	124	900	4,100	1,800		255		60
Leelanau	184	2,000	8,100	4,150		275	50	185
Manistee	43	1,150	850	250			95	
Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet	17	60	170					
Northwest ³	451	5,700	16,500	7,300	25	550	210	280
Ionia	20	950						
Kent	115	10,300	280				85	
Mason	36	1,650	1,800	530			330	80
Montcalm, Mecosta	22	950						
Muskegon	44	2,300	170		920		95	
Newaygo	20	1,700	210				85	
Oceana	111	3,550	7,750	480			1,800	155
Ottawa	161	4,000			5,400		110	
West Central ³	529	25,400	10,300	1,100	6,620	37	2,540	300
Allegan	123	850	280		2,650		470	40
Berrien	407	5,300	1,950	160	960	7,000	1,800	150
Cass	25	1,100	120					
Kalamazoo	24	250	140					
Van Buren	362	5,200	1,450	45	7,250	4,850	420	185
Southwest ³	941	12,700	3,940	230	10,900	12,800	2,730	390
North	96	220	16	8	26		15	
Saginaw Bay	59	150	7		125		16	
Central	64	620		5	48		8	
West Thumb	41	610	7	8	93		16	
East Thumb	67	900	13	33	115		95	
South Central	46	400	6		26	81	10	
Southeast	83	800		8	22	8	60	
East ³	456	3,700	60	70	455	113	220	30
Michigan	2,377	47,500	30,800	8,700	18,000	13,500	5,700	1,000

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All fruit: Number of farms and acres, by county and district (continued)

County and district	Pears	Brambles	Cranberries	Nectarines	Strawberries	Other ¹	All fruit	
							2000	1997 ²
Antrim	40					60	3,650	3,860
Benzie	16					54	2,470	2,920
Grand Traverse	45					50	7,210	7,770
Leelanau	26				35	9	14,830	14,800
Manistee					65	30	2,440	3,520
Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet			150			60	440	370
Northwest	150	40	150	3	132		31,040	33,240
Ionia						55	1,005	1,675
Kent					70	145	10,880	12,700
Mason	95					80	4,565	4,560
Montcalm, Mecosta						100	1,050	1,145
Muskegon						20	3,505	3,995
Newaygo						135	2,130	2,585
Oceana	240				20	110	14,105	14,250
Ottawa					25	165	9,700	9,760
West Central	385	40	20	15	183		46,940	50,670
Allegan	62					138	4,490	5,290
Berrien	85	140			80	70	17,695	20,175
Cass					50	550	1,820	2,190
Kalamazoo						430	820	1,075
Van Buren	80					110	19,590	21,465
Southwest	230	170	65	90	170		44,415	50,195
North	6	37			105	17	450	445
Saginaw Bay	10	14			64	9	395	455
Central		33			130	11	855	1,205
West Thumb		25			36	10	805	910
East Thumb	35	44			89	26	1,350	1,595
South Central	7	9			64	7	610	770
Southeast	19	48			77	18	1,060	1,250
East	85	210	15	2	565		5,525	6,630
Michigan	850	460	250	110	1,050		127,920	140,735

¹ Fruits combined to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

² Includes apricots, excludes cranberries.

³ Totals may not add due to combining fruits to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.