



Branch County Michigan

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	789	-25
Land in farms (acres)	239,418	-2
Average size of farm (acres)	303	+31
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	162,296,000	-7
Government payments	5,703,000	+32
Farm-related income	7,169,000	+38
Total farm production expenses	140,272,000	+2
Net cash farm income	34,895,000	-26
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	205,698	+24
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	15,885	+110
Farm-related income	20,308	+62
Total farm production expenses	177,785	+36
Net cash farm income	44,227	-1

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	66
Livestock, poultry, and products	34

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	85
Pastureland	2
Woodland	9
Other	4

Acres irrigated: 55,701

23% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	21
Reduced till	26
Intensive till	24
Cover crop	10

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	261	33
\$2,500 to \$4,999	58	7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	88	11
\$10,000 to \$24,999	77	10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	46	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	64	8
\$100,000 or more	195	25

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	70	9
10 to 49 acres	235	30
50 to 179 acres	254	32
180 to 499 acres	102	13
500 to 999 acres	69	9
1,000 + acres	59	7

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	162,296	20	83	692	3,077
Crops	106,933	16	83	509	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	87,295	8	81	454	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	9,395	17	82	229	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	80	54	81	1,375	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	8,814	15	80	269	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	20	49	76	485	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,329	50	82	1,613	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	55,362	18	82	883	3,073
Poultry and eggs (D)	(D)	11	82	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves (D)	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	3,055
Milk from cows	13,380	32	72	393	1,892
Hogs and pigs	30,570	5	82	194	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	312	15	81	533	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	121	39	78	1,319	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	30	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	245	27	81	467	2,878

Total Producers ^c

1,268

Sex

Male	861
Female	407

Age

<35	112
35 – 64	794
65 and older	362

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	5
Asian	2
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,256
More than one race	5

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	6
With military service	100
New and beginning farmers	282

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **74**

Farm organically **1**

Sell directly to consumers **8**

Hire farm labor **23**

Are family farms **96**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Corn for grain	92,925
Soybeans for beans	81,501
Forage (hay/haylage), all	8,630
Corn for silage or greenchop	3,439
Wheat for grain, all	2,783

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D)	(D)
Cattle and calves	13,742
Goats	520
Hogs and pigs	61,989
Horses and ponies	1,036
Layers	3,282
Pullets	1,164
Sheep and lambs	2,916
Turkeys	166

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.