Isabella County
Michigan

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	959	+3
Land in farms (acres)	211,752	+12
Average size of farm (acres)	221	+9
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	116,848,000	-2
Government payments	3,450,000	+28
Farm-related income	3,679,000	+64
Total farm production expenses	103,285,000	+16
Net cash farm income	20,691,000	-41
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	121,843	-5
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	8,603	+54
Farm-related income	9,889	+56
Total farm production expenses	107,701	+12
Net cash farm income	21,576	-43

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	53
Livestock, poultry, and products	47

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	82
Pastureland	3
Woodland	11
Other	4

Acres irrigated: 2,861

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	22
Reduced till	17
Intensive till	30
Cover crop	9

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	344	36
$2,500 to $4,999	79	8
$5,000 to $9,999	75	8
$10,000 to $24,999	115	12
$25,000 to $49,999	96	10
$50,000 to $99,999	73	8
$100,000 or more	177	18

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	68	7
10 to 49 acres	286	30
50 to 179 acres	365	38
180 to 499 acres	151	16
500 to 999 acres	54	6
1,000 + acres	35	4

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

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	**116,848**	**26**	**83**	**999**	**3,077**
Crops	**61,718**	**31**	**83**	**947**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	53,076	21	81	734	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	3,369	29	82	425	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	43	81	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	539	51	80	1,025	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	65	76	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	4,585	10	82	541	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**55,130**	**19**	**82**	**887**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	305	20	82	841	3,007
Cattle and calves	14,798	14	82	990	3,055
Milk from cows	37,100	15	72	212	1,892
Hogs and pigs	1,340	26	82	581	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	17	81	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	945	3	78	199	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	30	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	18	81	(D)	2,878

Total Producers [c]	**1,526**
Sex	
Male	1,069
Female	457
Age	
<35	151
35 – 64	909
65 and older	466
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	3
Asian	-
Black or African American	2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,505
More than one race	16
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	5
With military service	150
New and beginning farmers	417

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	**75**
Farm organically	**2**
Sell directly to consumers	**8**
Hire farm labor	**23**
Are family farms	**96**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Soybeans for beans	70,610
Corn for grain	35,146
Forage (hay/haylage), all	26,749
Wheat for grain, all	11,480
Corn for silage or greenchop	8,089

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	576
Cattle and calves	29,123
Goats	521
Hogs and pigs	2,838
Horses and ponies	905
Layers	2,788
Pullets	102
Sheep and lambs	1,232
Turkeys	(D)

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.