



Mason County Michigan

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

| | 2017 | % change since 2012 |
|---|------------|---------------------|
| Number of farms | 472 | +7 |
| Land in farms (acres) | 85,429 | +8 |
| Average size of farm (acres) | 181 | +1 |
| Total (\$) | | |
| Market value of products sold | 56,686,000 | +7 |
| Government payments | 943,000 | +14 |
| Farm-related income | 2,055,000 | -1 |
| Total farm production expenses | 46,285,000 | +11 |
| Net cash farm income | 13,399,000 | -5 |
| Per farm average (\$) | | |
| Market value of products sold | 120,098 | (Z) |
| Government payments (average per farm receiving) | 7,729 | +11 |
| Farm-related income | 9,737 | -22 |
| Total farm production expenses | 98,061 | +4 |
| Net cash farm income | 28,387 | -12 |

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Crops | 58 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 42 |

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

| | |
|-------------|----|
| Cropland | 74 |
| Pastureland | 3 |
| Woodland | 15 |
| Other | 8 |

Acres irrigated: 4,186

5% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

| | |
|----------------|----|
| No till | 22 |
| Reduced till | 15 |
| Intensive till | 25 |
| Cover crop | 25 |

Farms by Value of Sales

| | Number | Percent of Total ^a |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$2,500 | 173 | 37 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 68 | 14 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 44 | 9 |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 52 | 11 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 29 | 6 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 34 | 7 |
| \$100,000 or more | 72 | 15 |

Farms by Size

| | Number | Percent of Total ^a |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1 to 9 acres | 44 | 9 |
| 10 to 49 acres | 152 | 32 |
| 50 to 179 acres | 158 | 33 |
| 180 to 499 acres | 75 | 16 |
| 500 to 999 acres | 30 | 6 |
| 1,000 + acres | 13 | 3 |

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 | 56,686 | 39 | 83 | 1,659 | 3,077 |
| Crops | 32,939 | 39 | 83 | 1,364 | 3,073 |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas | 12,893 | 40 | 81 | 1,312 | 2,916 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 323 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | - | - | 647 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes | 5,749 | 22 | 82 | 310 | 2,821 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, berries | 7,651 | 12 | 81 | 166 | 2,748 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod | 4,819 | 21 | 80 | 392 | 2,601 |
| Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops | 267 | 21 | 76 | 148 | 1,384 |
| Other crops and hay | 1,560 | 41 | 82 | 1,466 | 3,040 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 23,747 | 32 | 82 | 1,508 | 3,073 |
| Poultry and eggs | 90 | 35 | 82 | 1,083 | 3,007 |
| Cattle and calves | 3,853 | 33 | 82 | 1,850 | 3,055 |
| Milk from cows | 14,518 | 30 | 72 | 368 | 1,892 |
| Hogs and pigs | 4,942 | 20 | 82 | 477 | 2,856 |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk | 59 | 47 | 81 | 1,638 | 2,984 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys | 43 | 51 | 78 | 1,872 | 2,970 |
| Aquaculture | - | - | 30 | - | 1,251 |
| Other animals and animal products | 243 | 28 | 81 | 470 | 2,878 |

Total Producers ^c

Percent of farms that:

Top Crops in Acres ^d

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Sex | |
| Male | 493 |
| Female | 230 |
| Age | |
| <35 | 65 |
| 35 – 64 | 436 |
| 65 and older | 222 |
| Race | |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 2 |
| Asian | 1 |
| Black or African American | - |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | - |
| White | 711 |
| More than one race | 9 |
| Other characteristics | |
| Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin | 10 |
| With military service | 77 |
| New and beginning farmers | 219 |

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Have internet access | 76 |
| Farm organically | 4 |
| Sell directly to consumers | 13 |
| Hire farm labor | 26 |
| Are family farms | 97 |

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Forage (hay/haylage), all | 14,523 |
| Corn for grain | 14,223 |
| Soybeans for beans | 7,474 |
| Wheat for grain, all | 4,663 |
| Vegetables harvested, all | 3,184 |

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

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|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | 610 |
| Cattle and calves | 11,203 |
| Goats | 191 |
| Hogs and pigs | (D) |
| Horses and ponies | 530 |
| Layers | 3,374 |
| Pullets | 170 |
| Sheep and lambs | 473 |
| Turkeys | 468 |

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.