



Mecosta County Michigan

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	694	-11
Land in farms (acres)	115,118	-6
Average size of farm (acres)	166	+5
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	180,065,000	+59
Government payments	909,000	+1
Farm-related income	3,273,000	+46
Total farm production expenses	171,138,000	+75
Net cash farm income	13,108,000	-29
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	259,459	+78
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	4,810	+51
Farm-related income	11,564	+27
Total farm production expenses	246,597	+96
Net cash farm income	18,888	-21

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	22
Livestock, poultry, and products	78

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	71
Pastureland	7
Woodland	16
Other	7

Acres irrigated: 17,642

15% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	10
Reduced till	10
Intensive till	34
Cover crop	17

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	240	35
\$2,500 to \$4,999	80	12
\$5,000 to \$9,999	95	14
\$10,000 to \$24,999	95	14
\$25,000 to \$49,999	64	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	55	8
\$100,000 or more	65	9

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	25	4
10 to 49 acres	195	28
50 to 179 acres	329	47
180 to 499 acres	113	16
500 to 999 acres	17	2
1,000 + acres	15	2

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	180,065	15	83	606	3,077
Crops	38,799	38	83	1,255	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	14,701	38	81	1,252	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	20,652	9	82	131	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	218	38	81	976	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	352	60	80	1,149	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	14	51	76	512	1,384
Other crops and hay	2,862	24	82	889	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	141,265	8	82	335	3,073
Poultry and eggs	569	15	82	779	3,007
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	3,055
Milk from cows	14,148	31	72	375	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	2	82	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	359	12	81	477	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	301	20	78	727	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	30	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	646	11	81	245	2,878

Total Producers ^c

1,177

Sex

Male	744
Female	433

Age

<35	136
35 – 64	692
65 and older	349

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native	1
Asian	2
Black or African American	2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,164
More than one race	8

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	17
With military service	119
New and beginning farmers	297

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **64**

Farm organically **1**

Sell directly to consumers **14**

Hire farm labor **18**

Are family farms **96**

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Forage (hay/haylage), all	24,492
Corn for grain	19,406
Soybeans for beans	7,227
Vegetables harvested, all	6,784
Potatoes	(D)

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	7,314
Cattle and calves	14,435
Goats	302
Hogs and pigs	99,041
Horses and ponies	1,393
Layers	7,804
Pullets	8,935
Sheep and lambs	4,858
Turkeys	704

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.