



St. Joseph County Michigan

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	896	-7
Land in farms (acres)	244,952	+10
Average size of farm (acres)	273	+19
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	230,675,000	-3
Government payments	5,839,000	+39
Farm-related income	15,037,000	+10
Total farm production expenses	200,239,000	+4
Net cash farm income	51,312,000	-18
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	257,450	+5
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	16,402	+77
Farm-related income	37,037	+14
Total farm production expenses	223,481	+12
Net cash farm income	57,268	-12

3 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	69
Livestock, poultry, and products	31

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	87
Pastureland	2
Woodland	7
Other	5

Acres irrigated: 123,099

50% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	21
Reduced till	19
Intensive till	31
Cover crop	20

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	331	37
\$2,500 to \$4,999	66	7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	58	6
\$10,000 to \$24,999	104	12
\$25,000 to \$49,999	54	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	69	8
\$100,000 or more	214	24

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	97	11
10 to 49 acres	311	35
50 to 179 acres	254	28
180 to 499 acres	122	14
500 to 999 acres	38	4
1,000 + acres	74	8

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	230,675	11	83	409	3,077
Crops	158,610	11	83	261	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	98,994	6	81	390	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	52,736	2	82	60	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	31	81	811	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	3,651	25	80	446	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	53	76	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	2,900	23	82	874	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	72,065	14	82	710	3,073
Poultry and eggs	16,846	4	82	457	3,007
Cattle and calves	4,751	27	82	1,716	3,055
Milk from cows	20,930	25	72	314	1,892
Hogs and pigs	28,598	6	82	208	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	18	81	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	579	9	78	371	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	30	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	40	81	680	2,878

Total Producers ^c	1,531	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Corn for grain 100,831
Male	1,009	65	Soybeans for beans 63,509
Female	522		Vegetables harvested, all 14,571
Age		Farm organically	Potatoes 11,752
<35	185	2	Forage (hay/haylage), all 11,563
35 – 64	1,011		
65 and older	335		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	10	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 972,127
Asian	4		Cattle and calves 12,106
Black or African American	-	Hire farm labor	Goats 301
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	27	Hogs and pigs 61,848
White	1,525		Horses and ponies 1,886
More than one race	2		Layers 6,595
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets 731
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	7	96	Sheep and lambs 1,002
With military service	121		Turkeys 167
New and beginning farmers	376		

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.