

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Arenac, Michigan

Number of farms

381 farms in 2002, 365 farms in 1997, up 4 percent.

Land in farms

83,724 acres in 2002, 90,924 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Average size of farm

220 acres in 2002, 249 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$22,531,000 in 2002, \$24,173,000 in 1997, down 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$16,367,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$6,164,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

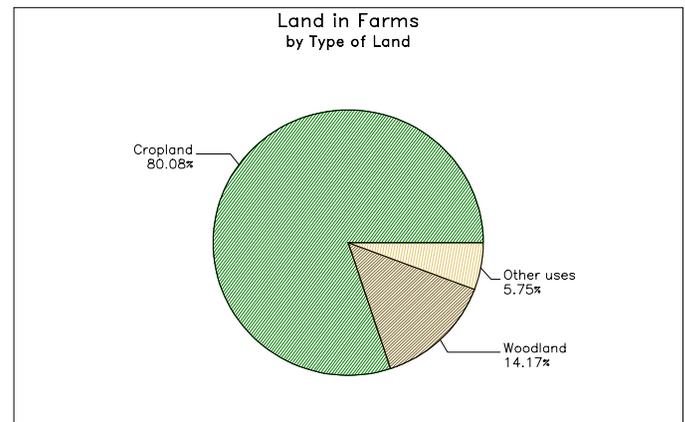
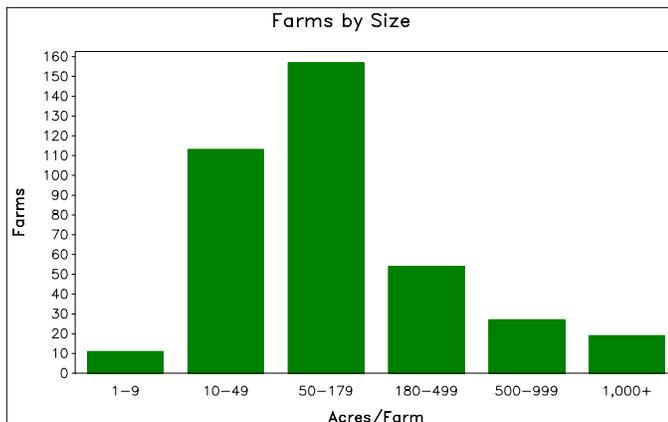
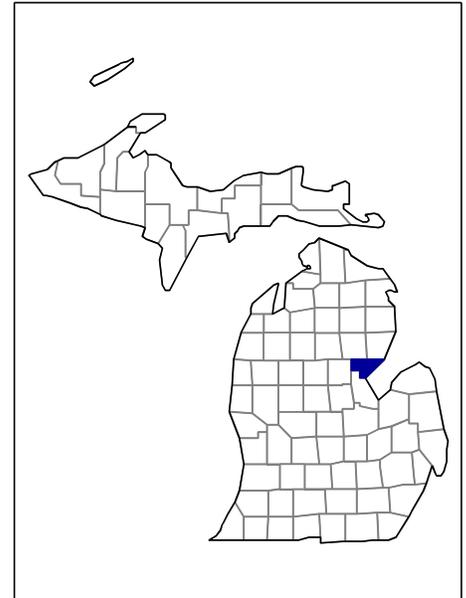
\$59,137 in 2002, \$66,228 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,240,000 in 2002, \$1,143,000 in 1997, up 8 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,613 in 2002, \$4,187 in 1997, up 34 percent.



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Ranked items among the 83 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	22,531	44	83	1,981	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	16,367	41	83	1,318	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,164	45	83	2,213	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	8,109	34	80	1,065	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	4,095	26	81	349	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	7	73	82	2,289	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	81	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	83	41	80	485	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2	76	80	2,555	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,036	53	82	2,533	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	4,937	37	76	634	2,493
Hogs and pigs	112	43	79	1,422	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	9	61	81	2,375	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	34	67	82	2,555	3,014
Aquaculture	1	31	38	1,281	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	34	62	79	1,296	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	5,818	47	83	2,442	3,059
Hogs and pigs	963	44	78	1,355	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	431	68	81	2,012	2,983
Deer	355	18	63	182	1,080
Horses and ponies	271	71	83	2,684	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	12,505	36	61	978	2,076
Corn for grain	11,113	37	80	1,014	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,442	59	83	2,020	3,059
Dry edible beans, excluding limas	7,414	8	48	51	571
All Wheat for grain	5,491	25	73	878	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	162
\$1,000 to \$2,499	38
\$2,500 to \$4,999	26
\$5,000 to \$9,999	33
\$10,000 to \$19,999	17
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11
\$25,000 to \$39,999	12
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	19
\$100,000 to \$249,999	28
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14
\$500,000 or more	13
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	16,477
Average per farm (\$)	43,589
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,300
Average per farm (\$)	19,312

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	197
Other	184
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	341
Female	40
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.8
All operators ² by race:	
White	540
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	5
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.