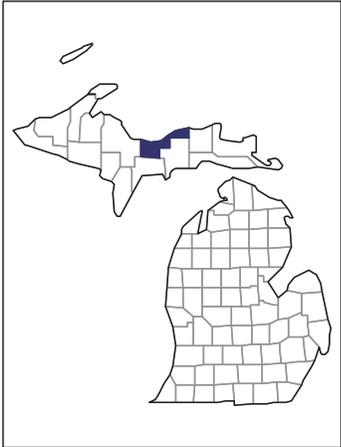


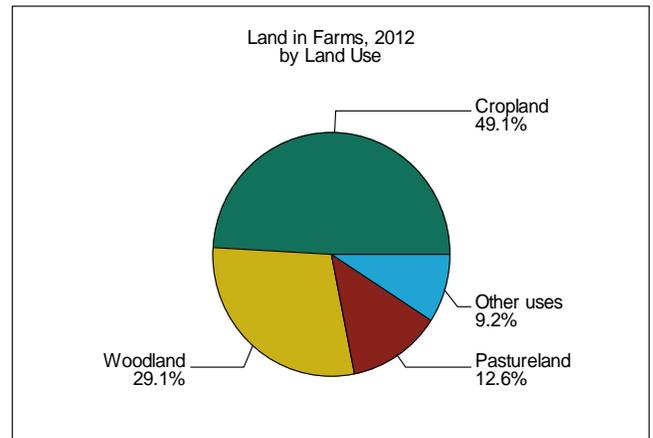
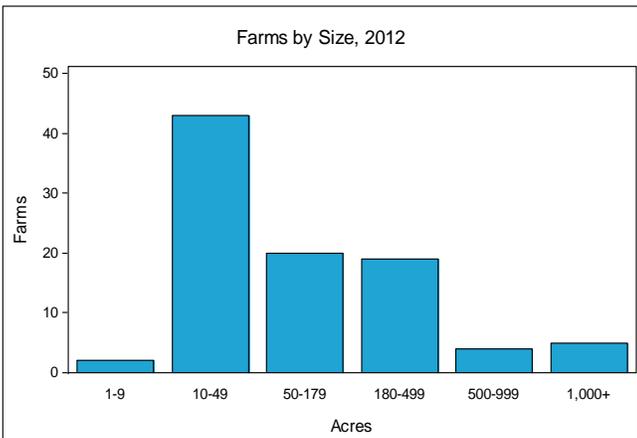
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Alger County Michigan

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	93	86	+ 8
<b>Land in Farms</b>	17,781 acres	18,357 acres	- 3
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	191 acres	213 acres	- 10
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$3,025,000	\$2,772,000	+ 9
Crop Sales \$890,000 (29 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$2,135,000 (71 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$32,528	\$32,231	+ 1
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$119,000	\$64,000	+ 86
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$4,392	\$2,286	+ 92





## Alger County – Michigan

### Ranked items among the 83 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	3,025	75	83	2,933	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	890	77	82	2,900	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,135	67	83	2,744	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	267	73	82	2,534	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	78	72	82	1,960	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	61	79	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	197	62	81	1,769	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	65	78	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	312	75	82	2,616	3,049
Poultry and eggs	24	59	82	1,972	3,013
Cattle and calves	676	67	82	2,715	3,056
Milk from cows	1,264	63	73	1,176	2,038
Hogs and pigs	21	62	80	1,792	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	135	28	79	1,115	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	11	73	81	2,799	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	37	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	4	75	82	2,549	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,401	61	82	2,029	3,057
Corn for grain	(D)	70	80	(D)	2,638
Barley for grain	303	6	65	450	1,158
Oats for grain	285	45	80	753	1,825
Corn for silage	219	68	78	1,673	2,237
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	1,963	66	83	2,740	3,063
Layers	631	73	82	2,209	3,040
Sheep and lambs	537	40	79	1,379	2,897
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	196	63	81	1,712	2,723
Goats, all	132	53	80	2,411	2,996

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	18	Farming	47
\$1,000 to \$2,499	12	Other	46
\$2,500 to \$4,999	10		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	17	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	13	Male	69
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Female	24
\$25,000 to \$39,999	8		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	4	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$500,000 or more	1	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	2,788	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	29,982	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	150
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	482	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	5,187	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	-

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.