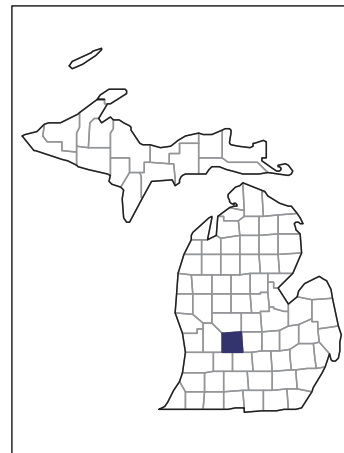


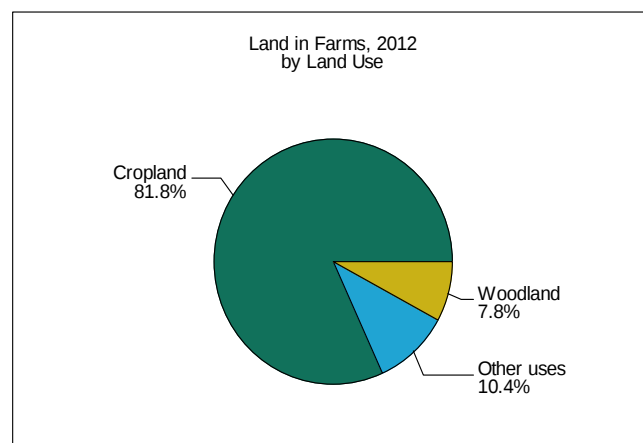
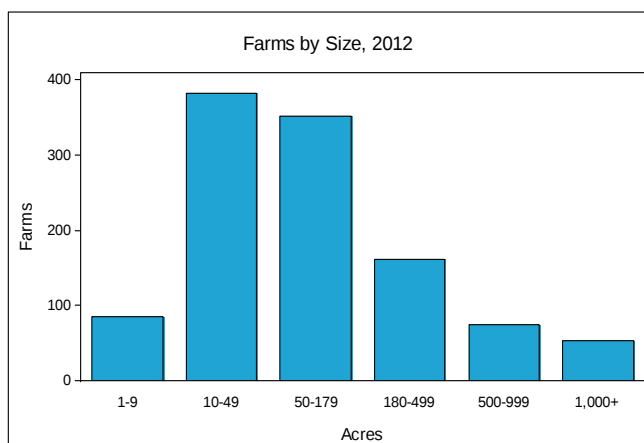
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE

Ionia County Michigan



	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,109	1,183	- 6
Land in Farms	248,418 acres	238,435 acres	+ 4
Average Size of Farm	224 acres	202 acres	+ 11
Market Value of Products Sold	\$406,147,000	\$201,226,000	+ 102
Crop Sales \$128,514,000 (32 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$277,633,000 (68 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$366,228	\$170,098	+ 115
Government Payments	\$4,662,000	\$3,349,000	+ 39
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,094	\$5,184	+ 56





Ionia County – Michigan

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

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	406,147	5	83	166	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	128,514	17	82	488	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	277,633	3	83	102	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	115,394	8	82	398	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,555	28	82	450	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,576	16	79	388	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,561	30	81	671	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	74	36	78	368	1,530
Other crops and hay	5,355	11	82	551	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	82	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	3	82	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	7	73	97	2,038
Hogs and pigs	26,322	5	80	216	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	150	26	79	1,029	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	318	27	81	867	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	37	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	32	59	82	1,665	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	76,667	11	80	406	2,638
Soybeans for beans	58,891	14	71	526	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	24,652	7	82	779	3,057
Corn for silage	14,654	7	78	97	2,237
Wheat for grain, all	12,937	15	78	597	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	(D)	2	82	(D)	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	2	77	(D)	2,637
Hogs and pigs	76,293	3	81	212	2,889
Cattle and calves	47,631	6	83	540	3,063
Horses and ponies	1,528	25	83	702	3,072

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	307	Farming	532
\$1,000 to \$2,499	92	Other	577
\$2,500 to \$4,999	59		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	87	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	81	Male	965
\$20,000 to \$24,999	31	Female	144
\$25,000 to \$39,999	55		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	38	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	77		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	89	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	69	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
\$500,000 or more	124	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	305,500	Black or African American	-
Average per farm (\$)	275,473	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,674
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	113,065	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	101,952	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	8

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.

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.