

# 2017 Census of Agriculture Data Release by Marlo D. Johnson 

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## Agenda

- Census Data Collection
- Farms and Ranches
- Economics
- Demographics
- Future Census Products


## History of the Census of Agriculture

- The first Census of Agriculture was conducted in 1840 in 26 states and the District of Columbia
- 175 years later:
- The 2017 Census of Agriculture is the $29^{\text {th }}$ in the series, and the $5^{\text {th }}$ conducted by NASS
- In 1997 the Census was transferred from the Census Bureau to NASS
- The Census encompasses 50 states, Puerto Rico, and outlying areas
- Data are available for:
- National, state, and county levels
- Congressional districts, watersheds, and zip codes


## Census Data Collection

## Response Rate by County, 2017

U.S. = 71.8\%

Percent Less than 65.0 65.0-67.4 $67.5-69.9$
$70.0-72.4$ Michigan $=74.8 \%$
U.S. Return Rate by Mode, 2012 and 2017 (percent of returns)


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| $+\quad 75$ |
| $\square$ | $72.5-74.9$

75.0 or more


## Farms and Land in Farms

Since 1974, the Census of Agriculture has defined a farm as
"any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year."

## Number of Farms and Land in Farms, 1997-2017



| 2012 | 2017 | $\%$ <br> change |
| :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Number of Farms |  |  |
| 52,194 | 47,641 | -8.7 |
| Land in farms (million acres) |  |  |
| 9.9 |  | -1.9 |
| Average farm size (acres) |  |  |
| 191 | 205 | +7.3 |

## Number of Farms, 2017

By County



| Top 10 Counties | 2017 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Lenawee | 1,361 |
| Sanilac | 1,315 |
| Saginaw | 1,250 |
| Washtenaw | 1,245 |
| Tuscola | 1,241 |
| Hillsdale | 1,205 |
| Allegan | 1,172 |
| Huron | 1,153 |
| Ottawa | 1,130 |
| Monroe | 1,085 |

## Land in Farms, 2017

## As a Percent of Total, by County



| Type of Use | Acres <br> (millions) |
| :--- | :---: |


| Total | 9.8 |
| :--- | :--- |

Permanent Pasture 0.3
Cropland 7.9

| Harvested Cropland | 7.2 |
| ---: | ---: |
| Woodland | 1.0 |

Other 0.5

## Number of Farms, by Size Category, 2012 and 2017 (thousands)



## Number of Farms and Land in Farms, by Size Category, 2017

Number of Farms (thousands)


Land in Farms (million acres)


## Economics

- Total Value of Agricultural Production
- Crop and Livestock Sales
- Farm Income


## Number of Farms, by Sales Category, 2012 and 2017 (thousands)



## Farms and Value of Production, by Sales Category, 2017

Number of Farms (thousands)

\$9,999

Michigan Farms $=47.6$
Value of Production (\$ billions)


## Total Value of Agricultural Production by Location, 2017

## TVP by County



| Top 10 Counties | TVP <br> (\$ millions) |
| :--- | ---: |
| Huron | 611 |
| Allegan | 584 |
| Ottawa | 507 |
| Ionia | 383 |
| Sanilac | 358 |
| Gratiot | 281 |
| Kent | 263 |
| Lenawee | 260 |
| Kalamazoo | 237 |
| Tuscola | 231 |

## Value of Production, Crops and Livestock, 1997-2017 (\$ billions)



## Ranking of Market Value of Ag Products Sold, 2017

| Item | Farms | Sales (\$1,000) | Rank by Sales | Percent of Total Sales |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total sales | 47,641 | 8,220,935 | (X) | 100.0 |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 16,493 | 2,611,695 | 1 | 31.8 |
| Milk from cows | 1,652 | 1,786,057 | 2 | 21.7 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 1,939 | 739,749 | 3 | 9.0 |
| Cattle and calves | 9,539 | 628,397 | 4 | 7.6 |
| Hogs and pigs | 2,441 | 608,555 | 5 | 7.4 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 3,089 | 535,068 | 6 | 6.5 |
| Poultry and eggs | 5,300 | 480,253 | 7 | 5.8 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | 2,876 | 440,718 | 8 | 5.4 |
| Other crops and hay | 14,059 | 288,290 | 9 | 3.5 |
| Other animals and other animal products | 1,626 | 32,700 | 10 | 0.4 |

## Farm Production Expenses, 2017

| Farm Expenses |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Feed | $1,269,333$ |
| Livestock and poultry purchased | 390,358 |
| Hired labor | 952,388 |
| Fertilizer, lime, and soil | 592,379 |
| Cash rents | 486,995 |
| Seeds, plants, vines, and trees | 604,053 |
| Supplies and repairs | 524,438 |
| Chemicals | 360,374 |
| Fuels | 313,479 |
| Interest | 297,871 |
| Other livestock and poultry | 302,587 |

## Farm Income and Expenses, 2012 and 2017 (\$ millions)

|  | 2012 | 2017 | \% change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Value of ag products sold | 8,678 | 8,221 | -5 |
| Government payments | 156 | 167 | +7 |
| Farm-related income | 339 | 317 | -7 |
| Production expenses | 6,942 | 7,208 | +4 |
| Net income | 2,231 | 1,497 | -33 |
| Per farm average net income (dollars) | \$42,738 | \$31,415 | -26 |

## Farms with Internet Access

As a Percent of Total, by County, 2017


By Type, 2012 and 2017 (percent)


## Demographics of Farm Producers

- Average Age of Producers
- Young Producers
- New and Beginning Producers
- Producers with Military Service
- Farm and Producer Characteristics by Sex/Race/Ethnicity


## Average Age of Producers

All Producers, by County, 2017


All Producers, 2007-2017

| 2007 | 54.1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2012 | 55.5 |
| 2017 | 56.6 |

## Young Producers (Age 35 years or less), 2017

## As a Percent of All, by County



Producers

|  | Young | All |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Number | 8,012 | 79,404 |
| Average age | 29 | 56.6 |
| Farms |  |  |
| Number | 6,023 | 47,641 |
| Average farm <br> size (acres) | 252 | 205 |
| Average TVP | $\$ 282,893$ | $\$ 172,560$ |

## New and Beginning Producers (10 years or less on any farm), 2017

## As a Percent of All, by County



Producers

|  | New and <br> Beginning | All |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |


| Number | 20,248 | 79,404 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Average age | 44.3 | 56.6 |
| Farms |  |  |
| Number | 13,314 | 47,641 |
| Average farm <br> size (acres) | 147 | 205 |
| Average TVP | $\$ 137,989$ | $\$ 172,560$ |

## Producers with Military Service, 2017

## As a Percent of All, by County



Producers

|  | With Military <br> Service | All |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Number | 7,416 | 79,404 |
| Average age | 67.8 | 56.6 |
| Farms |  |  |
| Number | 7,163 | 47,641 |
| Average farm <br> size (acres) | 153 | 205 |
| Average TVP | $\$ 115,267$ | $\$ 172,560$ |

## Farm Structure, 2012 and 2017

Farms by Number of Producers (thousands)

## Producers by Sex



## Operators and Partners by Sex, 2017

## Female Operators as a Percent of Total



Producers

|  | Female | Male |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Number | 27,955 | 51,449 |
| Average age | 55.9 | 57 |

## Characteristics by Ethnicity and Race, 2017

| Producers |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Hispanic | American Indian or Alaska Native | Asian | Black | Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | White |
| Number | 1,024 | 777 | 186 | 466 | 50 | 78,527 |
| Average age | 52.7 | 52.8 | 50.7 | 58.1 | 48.9 | 56.6 |
| Farms |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number | 848 | 634 | 156 | 330 | 48 | 47,334 |
| Average farm size (acres) | 121 | 140 | 73 | 92 | 80 | 206 |
| Average TVP | \$166,999 | \$57,517 | \$169,737 | \$50,691 | \$45,083 | \$173,407 |

## Producer Decision Making, by Sex and Age, 2017 (percent)



## Upcoming Census Releases

| Release Date | Release Title |
| :--- | :--- |
| April 11 | Market Value of Ag Products Sold Rankings |
| May 30 | State \& County Profiles |
| June 26 | Congressional District Profiles |
| June 26 | Congressional District Rankings |
| July 25 | Watersheds |
| August 26 | American Indian Reservations |
| September 18 | Zip Code Tabulations |
| October 1 | Race, Ethnicity \& Gender Profiles |
| November 13 | 2018 Irrigation and Water Management Survey |
| December 5 | Specialty Crops |
| December 19 | 2018 Census of Aquaculture |



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