



Michigan Agriculture Facts & Figures



Michigan grows a wide variety of crops each year and our farmers take pride in growing high-quality products. The state leads the nation in the production of several crops, including asparagus, black and small red beans, marigolds, and squash. Michigan also produces beef, pork, chicken, eggs, milk, and other animal products. Michigan's food and agriculture system contributes \$125.8 billion annually to our state's economy, making Michigan one of the most agriculturally diverse states in the United States. We invite you to learn more about our state's agriculture production and to enjoy what Michigan's agriculture industry has to offer.

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Seasonality

Michigan apples are harvested from August through October, but they are available nearly year-round thanks to controlled-atmosphere storage technology.

Processed apples are available throughout the year in juice, canned, fresh slices, and applesauce forms.

Nutrition

Apples are naturally free from fat, cholesterol, and sodium. They are an excellent source of fiber.

Contact

Michigan Apple Committee
13750 S. Sedona Parkway, Suite 3

Lansing, MI 48906

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Apples

Apples are the largest and most valuable fruit crop grown in Michigan. In 2024, 1.28 billion pounds of apples were harvested in Michigan, ranking second in the nation. About 50 percent of the harvest was used for processing, yielding a farm value of \$108 million. Fresh market apples account for a farm value of \$34 million at 707 million pounds. There are more than 17.6 million apple trees in commercial production, covering 38,000 acres on 850 family-run farms. There are over 18 varieties of apples that are grown in Michigan.

While Michigan is best recognized for its fresh apples in autumn, the state's apples are typically shipped from mid-August all the way through the following June. About 50 percent of all Michigan apples are processed into other products. Michigan apples are harvested from August through October, but they are available nearly year-round thanks to controlled-atmosphere storage technology.

Sources: 2022 USDA NASS, 2022 USDA NASS Michigan Rotational Survey



Asparagus

Michigan ranks first in the nation for asparagus production, producing around 29 million pounds in 2023. Michigan growers harvest approximately 9,000 acres of asparagus annually.

The long green stalks are one of Michigan's first crops to appear in the spring. Much of Michigan's asparagus is grown near the Lake Michigan shoreline where the moderate temperatures and sandy soils provide excellent production conditions. Unlike asparagus from other states, Michigan asparagus is hand-snapped above the ground. This method yields a more tender and flavorful product.

Source: 2023 USDA NASS

Seasonality

The months for fresh asparagus in Michigan are late April through June. Asparagus lovers can enjoy canned or frozen Michigan asparagus throughout the year, as 40 percent of the crop is processed.

Nutrition

Asparagus is the leading supplier among vegetables of folic acid. A 5.3-ounce serving of asparagus provides 60 percent of the recommended daily allowance of folacin, which helps the formation and growth of blood cells and helps prevent liver disease. Asparagus spears contain no fat or cholesterol and provide potassium, fiber, vitamin B₆, and glutathione. It's also the ideal vegetable for low-sodium diets, with only one milligram of sodium per 100 grams of cooked asparagus spears.

Contact

Michigan Asparagus
2163 Jolly Road
Okemos, MI 48864
Phone: [517-669-4250](tel:517-669-4250)
www.michiganasparagus.org

Seasonality

Year-round, Michigan's farmers and ranchers work hard to care for their cattle because raising healthy cattle is the first step in providing delicious, wholesome beef.

Nutrition

When it comes to beef and your health, you can rest easy knowing that along with being tasty, beef contains important nutrients that your body needs. A three-ounce serving of cooked beef contains 10 essential nutrients, including about half the recommended daily allowance of protein.

Contact

Michigan Beef Industry
Commission
2163 Jolly Road
Okemos, MI 48864
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www.mibeef.org

Beef

Cattle and beef production are the largest sectors of the United States' agriculture industry. Michigan's cattle herd totals 1.1 million, of which 101,000 are beef cows and 439,000 are dairy cows. The rest of the herd includes heifers, calves, steers, and bulls. Cattle are raised on more than 10,000 farms and ranches throughout Michigan. In 2023, Michigan cattle and calves cash receipts totaled \$832 million.

The beef community has a long-standing commitment to caring for their animals and providing families with the safest, highest-quality beef possible. Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) is a program that trains farmers and ranchers on best practice cattle management techniques to ensure their animals and the environment are cared for within a standard set of guidelines and regulations across the U.S. beef industry.

Sources: 2023 USDA NASS, 2022 US Census of Ag

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Blueberries

Michigan is a top-five state in growing sweet, juicy, high-quality blueberries. In an average year, our state's blueberry farmers produce more than 80 million pounds of more than 30 mouthwatering varieties of highbush blueberries. More than 50 percent of all Michigan blueberries are shipped to the fresh market; the remaining pounds are frozen, pureed, concentrated, or canned to be used in a myriad of value-added products.

Modern-day blueberry farming began in Michigan in the early 1900s and today this perennial crop is harvested from more than 14,000 acres. Michigan blueberries are grown, harvested, packed, and processed by 500 family farms annually, contributing more than \$130 million to the state's economy.

Sources: 2023 USDA NASS, 2018 USDA NASS Michigan Rotational Survey

Seasonality

Fresh Michigan blueberries are available from July through October. Frozen, dried, and juiced blueberries can be enjoyed throughout the year in a variety of forms and products.

Nutrition

At just 80 calories per cup, blueberries are a healthy, stress-free food. You get fiber, vitamin C, vitamin K, manganese, and potassium in every handful of blueberries. They are also low in sodium and have virtually no fat.

Contact

Michigan Blueberry Commission
P.O. Box 338

Grand Junction, MI 49056

Phone: [517-679-4767](tel:517-679-4767)

www.michiganblueberrycommission.com

Seasonality

Fresh Michigan cabbage is available to consumers from June through December.

Nutrition

Cabbage is low in saturated fat and cholesterol while being high in dietary fiber, vitamins C and K, folate, potassium, manganese, iron, and magnesium.

Contact

Michigan Vegetable Council
6835 S. Krepps Road
St. Johns, MI 48879

Phone/Fax: [517-663-6725](tel:517-663-6725)
www.michiganvegetablecouncil.org

Cabbage

Michigan produces several varieties of cabbage in staggered harvests, creating a longer season in which consumers may find fresh cabbage. In 2023, Michigan farmers harvested 4,500 acres of cabbage and sent 119 million pounds of cabbage worth \$25 million to fresh market. The processing market received 35,000 pounds of Michigan cabbage, generating \$7 million of economic activity.

Source: 2023 USDA NASS



Carrots

On average, Michigan produces 125.8 million pounds of carrots annually. This made Michigan the fourth-highest carrot producing state in the country.

Michigan farmers grew more than 2,400 acres of carrots in 2022. Approximately 25 percent of Michigan carrots are grown for fresh consumption and the remaining 75 percent are grown for processing. Michigan carrots that are processed are primarily grown in Oceana, Newaygo, and Mason counties, while most fresh carrots are grown in Lapeer County.

Sources: Michigan Carrot Commission, US Census of Ag

Seasonality

Carrots are grown in Michigan for processing and fresh market use. Fresh market carrots are harvested from early August through December. Carrots for processing are harvested from early October through late November, and are available throughout the year.

Nutrition

One 2.8-ounce carrot has 40 calories and provides more than twice the recommended daily allowance of vitamin A for a healthy adult. High in fiber, potassium, and vitamin C, this crisp-textured root breaks down into calcium and is easily absorbed by the body when eaten.

Contact

Michigan Carrot Committee
12800 Escanaba Drive, Suite A
DeWitt, MI 48820
Phone: [517-669-4250](tel:517-669-4250)

Seasonality

Fresh celery is available from July through October, and available throughout the year in processed forms.

Nutrition

Celery is a great source for vitamin C, potassium, and dietary fiber while being very low in calories and cholesterol.

Contact

Michigan Celery Promotion
Cooperative, Inc.
P.O. Box 306
Hudsonville, MI 49426
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Fax: 616-669-2890
www.michigancelery.com

Celery

Michigan's celery production began in Kalamazoo County. Today, the majority of Michigan's celery is still grown in the southwest counties of the state. In 2022, the majority of the acres grown in Michigan were for fresh celery.

In 2023, 1,100 acres of celery generated \$14.2 million from 77 million pounds grown in Michigan, ranking Michigan second in the nation for celery production.

Source: Michigan Celery Promotion Cooperative, Inc.

Cherries

Michigan grows 74 percent of the U.S. tart cherry supply. In 2023, Michigan produced 133 million pounds of tart cherries with a value of \$22.5 million.

Michigan grows tart cherries on more than 26,000 acres.

The northwest counties of Michigan are so well known for cherries that Traverse City hosts the annual National Cherry Festival. Michigan is the world's top producer of Montmorency tart cherries. This unique variety is known as "America's Superfruit."

Source: 2023 USDA NASS

Seasonality

Fresh sweet cherries are available from late June through August; however, processed tart and sweet cherries are available throughout the year in canned, frozen, dried, or juice forms.

Nutrition

Montmorency tart cherries grown in the United States have among the highest levels of disease-fighting antioxidants when compared to other fruits. They also contain other important nutrients such as beta carotene, vitamin C, potassium, magnesium, iron, and fiber.

Contact

Cherry Marketing Institute, Inc.
2900 W. Road, Suite 102
East Lansing, MI 48823
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www.usacherries.com

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Seasonality

Michigan chestnuts are available in their fresh form from October through December, while peeled frozen and peeled dehydrated chestnuts are found throughout the year.

Nutrition

Chestnuts are an excellent source of iron and, unlike other nuts, chestnuts are low in fat. They are also a good source of thiamin, potassium, riboflavin, and phosphorous.

Contact

CGI: Chestnut Growers, Inc.

Toll-Free: [800-667-6704](tel:800-667-6704)

Fax: 810-797-3299

www.chestnutgrowersinc.com

Chestnuts

In 2022, chestnuts were grown on 1,322 farms. One hundred fifty-three of those farms had 856 acres of chestnut trees of bearing age. This is a 42 percent increase in acres of bearing age compared to the 2017 census. Michigan ranks first in the nation for production of chestnuts.

Michigan chestnuts are sold fresh, peeled, frozen, sliced, or as flour. Chestnuts can be used in a wide variety of dishes, from soups, stews, and stuffing to fancy desserts. Chestnut flour is a gluten-free alternative to wheat flour. The natural sweetness of chestnut flour enhances the delicate flavors of many baked goods. Chestnut slices are a great additive to breads or salads, and have a shelf life of two years.

Source: 2022 US Census of Ag

Christmas Trees

Michigan ranks third in the nation in the number of Christmas trees harvested, supplying approximately 1.8 million fresh Christmas trees to the national market each year. Michigan also produces and sells more than 10 major Christmas tree species on a wholesale level, which is more species than any other state. Our state has approximately 33,000 acres in commercial Christmas tree production, with an annual farm gate value of more than \$45 million.

The industry receives an additional \$5 million in sales of wreaths, cut boughs, garland, and other cut greens. For every Christmas tree harvested, Michigan Christmas tree farmers plant three new trees for future harvests.

Sources: 2022 US Census of Ag, Michigan Christmas Tree Association

Contact

Michigan Christmas
Tree Association
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Phone: [517-545-9971](tel:517-545-9971)
Toll-Free: [800-589-TREE](tel:800-589-TREE) (8733)
Fax: 517-545-4501
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Seasonality

Corn is planted in the spring and harvested in the fall. Silage corn is chopped earlier in the fall before grain harvest begins.

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Corn Marketing
Program of Michigan
13750 S. Sedona Parkway, Suite 5
Lansing, MI 48906
Phone: [517-668-CORN](tel:517-668-CORN) (2676)
Toll-Free: [888-323-6601](tel:888-323-6601)
Fax: 517-668-2670
www.micorn.org

Corn

Michigan farmers grow corn on more than 2.4 million acres, making it the state's most prevalent field crop. In 2024, Michigan produced 345 million bushels of corn grain worth \$1.45 billion.

While corn often brings to mind images of corn on the cob, sweet corn for human consumption is less than one percent of the corn grown in the United States. The majority of corn grown in Michigan is field corn, which has a broad range of uses including animal feed, fuel, industrial uses, and biodegradable plastics. The top three uses for Michigan corn are livestock feed, ethanol production, and exports to other states.

Corn production is concentrated in the Lower Peninsula with Lenawee, Sanilac, and Saginaw as Michigan's largest-producing counties.

Source: 2024 USDA NASS



Cucumbers

Michigan ranks first nationally in the production of cucumbers for pickling. In 2023, Michigan produced nearly 192,000 tons of pickling cucumbers with a value of \$43.7 million. In addition, the state produced 37.6 million pounds of cucumbers for the fresh market worth nearly \$15 million.

Source: 2023 USDA NASS

Seasonality

Fresh cucumbers are available in July, August, and September, while pickles are available throughout the year.

Nutrition

The fresh cucumber is a very good source of vitamins A and C and the mineral molybdenum. Cucumbers are also rich in potassium, manganese, folate, dietary fiber, and magnesium.

Contact

Michigan Vegetable Council
6835 S. Krepps Road
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Phone/Fax: [517-663-6725](tel:517-663-6725)
www.michiganvegetablecouncil.org

Seasonality

Milk and other Michigan dairy foods can be enjoyed year-round.

Nutrition

Dairy products such as milk, cheese, and yogurt are good sources of calcium, potassium, vitamin D, and protein.

Contact

United Dairy Industry
of Michigan
2163 Jolly Road
Okemos, MI 48864
Phone: [517-349-8923](tel:517-349-8923)
Fax: 517-349-6218
www.milkmeansmore.org

Dairy

Michigan is home to more than 430,000 dairy cows on about 843 dairy farms located throughout the state. With each cow producing on average 22,900 pounds of milk per year, Michigan is first in the United States for production of milk per cow.

Michigan also ranked sixth in the nation for total production. In 2023, 12 billion pounds of milk were produced at a value of \$2.41 billion. Dairy farms contribute \$15.7 billion to the state's economy each year.

Sources: 2023 USDA NASS, 2022 US Census of Ag, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Dry Edible Beans

Michigan producers grow several classes of dry edible beans, including black beans; cranberry beans; great northern beans; dark red, light red, and white kidney beans; navy beans; pinto beans; and small red beans.

Michigan is first in the nation for black and small red beans and is the second-largest producer of total dry edible beans. In 2022, Michigan produced roughly 500 million pounds of dry edible beans with a value of \$234 million.

Source: 2023 USDA NASS

Seasonality

Dry edible beans are ready for harvest in late August through October and are available throughout the year in canned and packaged forms.

Nutrition

With the exception of meat products, dry beans are the highest source of protein available. Beans also have more fiber than any other unprocessed food. They are low in sodium and fat and high in calcium, phosphorus, potassium, thiamin, and niacin. They help reduce blood cholesterol levels, and their low amounts of sodium and fat help protect against heart disease.

Contact

Michigan Bean Commission
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Frankenmuth, MI 48734
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www.michiganbean.com



Seasonality

Eggs can be enjoyed year-round.

Nutrition

One egg contains only 70 calories, yet is home to all nine essential amino acids and six grams of high-quality protein. Eggs are helpful during pregnancy, contribute to the growth and development of children, assist in the function of aging adults, and aid in muscle building.

Contact

Michigan Allied
Poultry Industries
P.O. Box 1211
East Lansing, MI 48826
Phone: 517-372-5250
www.mipoultry.com

Eggs

The Michigan poultry industry raises laying hens for egg production. Michigan ranks seventh in production of eggs with more than 16.8 million laying hens that produce 4.9 billion eggs per year. There are seven egg farm families with 17 farms spread throughout Michigan. Egg production contributes \$833 million to the Michigan economy annually.

In recent years, all birds in Michigan have been moved to cage free.

Sources: 2023 USDA NASS, 2022 US Census of Ag

Floriculture

In 2022, the wholesale value of Michigan's floriculture industry totaled \$711 million, behind only California and Florida. Michigan's floriculture industry is incredibly diverse.

There were more than 650 floriculture producers in 2023. Michigan leads the nation in seven floriculture crops: begonias, geraniums, impatiens, impatiens (other), marigolds, New Guinea impatiens, and petunias.

Sources: 2023 USDA NASS, 2022 USDA NASS

Seasonality

Michigan produces a variety of floriculture products available seasonally through the year ranging from flats, annual and perennial pots, hanging baskets, and fall mums to poinsettias.

Contact

Michigan Greenhouse
Growers Council
120 N. Washington Square
Suite 900
Lansing, MI 48933
Phone: [517-367-2033](tel:517-367-2033)
Fax: 517-372-1501
www.mifgc.org

Seasonality

Harvest for early hybrid varieties of wine grapes begins at the end of August in the southwest and may extend into November for late-ripening vinifera varieties in the northwest.

Nutrition

Grapes for juice are an excellent source of vitamin C, and have antioxidants that help to protect against free radicals that can damage healthy cells and may weaken the immune system.

Contact

Michigan Craft Beverage Council
(wine grapes)
P.O. Box 30017
Lansing, MI 48909-7517
Phone: 517-930-0696
www.michigancraftbeverage.com

National Grape Cooperative
(juice grapes)
400 Walker Street
Lawton, MI 49065
Phone: 269-624-2821
www.welchs.com



Grapes

In 2022, there were 13,258 acres of grapes grown in Michigan. About 3,375 of those acres are devoted to wine grapes on 257 farms, ranking Michigan eighth in the nation for wine grape production.

Michigan's wine industry contributes \$892.6 million in tourism expenditures. Michigan wineries make many varieties of wine, including red, white, and specialty wines such as ice wine, sparkling, fortified, and brandies. Concord and Niagara grapes are grown primarily in the southwest part of the state and are used for juice production.

Sources: 2022 US Census of Ag, 2020 USDA NASS Michigan Rotational Survey, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) Wine Statistics

Honey

Michigan producers gathered a total of 3.85 million pounds of honey worth \$10.9 million in 2023, ranking the state ninth in the nation for honey production. There are 70,000 honey producers in Michigan.

The color of honey is a good indicator of how it will taste; the lighter the honey, the milder the flavor, and the darker the honey, the stronger the flavor. Raw or unfiltered honey has more enzymes and nutrients than heated, filtered honey. Local honey has pollens of local flowers that sometimes help allergy sufferers.

Source: 2023 USDA NASS

Seasonality

Beekeepers usually harvest in summer or early fall, but some continue throughout the year, making Michigan honey available for consumers year-round.

Nutrition

Vitamin B₆, thiamin, niacin, riboflavin, pantothenic acid, and certain amino acids are all present in honey.

Contact

Michigan Beekeepers
Association
Phone: [248-921-6601](tel:248-921-6601)
www.michiganbees.org

Seasonality

Hops are a perennial crop that are harvested once each year between early August and late September. More than 20 different varieties of hops are grown commercially in the state.

Contact

Hop Growers of Michigan
P.O. Box 17
Goodrich, MI 48438
Phone: [248-795-8940](tel:248-795-8940)
www.hopgrowersofmichigan.com

Hops

Since its commercial resurgence circa 2007, hops have become a fast-growing agricultural commodity in the state of Michigan. Hops production in Michigan has grown from a handful of acres 20 years ago to more than 1,200 acres in 2022.

Geographically, Michigan's latitude is ideal for optimum growing conditions and allows for top quality hop production, leading to Michigan hops being sold and used in beer making all over the United States, and throughout many regions of the world.

Sources: 2022 US Census of Ag, 2020 USDA NASS Michigan Rotational Survey

Maple Syrup

Maple syrup is produced on the commercial level in Michigan along with being boiled at numerous maple syrup shacks around the state. Forty gallons of maple sap are required to make one gallon of syrup, and maple syrup production in 2024 for Michigan was 200,000 gallons. This equates to \$8.7 million in farm value. Michigan is the fifth-largest maple syrup producing state.

Source: 2024 USDA NASS

Seasonality

Maple syrup is the first farm crop to be harvested in Michigan each year. The maple syrup season in Michigan starts in February in the southern counties and extends into April in the Upper Peninsula.

Nutrition

Pure Michigan maple syrup has 50 calories per tablespoon and is fat-free. It has no additives, no added coloring, and no preservatives. Maple syrup has many minerals per tablespoon: 20 milligrams of calcium, 2 milligrams of phosphorus, 0.2 milligrams of iron, 2 milligrams of sodium, and 5 milligrams of potassium.

Contact

Michigan Maple Syrup Association
www.michiganmaple.org

Contact

Michigan Nursery and
Landscape Association
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Okemos, MI 48864
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Fax: [517-381-0638](tel:517-381-0638)
www.mnla.org
www.plantmichiangreen.com



Nursery & Landscape

On average, more than 1,092 Michigan nursery producers generated \$695.4 million in sales.

Michigan is the top producer of geraniums, begonias, impatiens, marigolds, petunias, hardy chrysanthemums, and New Guinea impatiens.

Michigan ranks second in production of hostas, Easter lilies, and pansies.

The economic impact of nursery, perennial plant, Christmas tree, and sod producers is \$1.2 billion with distribution to 35 states, Mexico, and Canada, making them the largest specialty crop in Michigan and the fourth-largest nursery industry in the nation. The landscape services and retail sectors in Michigan have an economic impact of \$4.5 billion.

Sources: 2019 Census of Horticultural Specialties, Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association

Onions

A majority of Michigan onion production occurs on muck soils in south central and southern Michigan in the counties of Allegan, Barry, Eaton, Ionia, Kent, Newaygo, Ottawa, and Van Buren. There is also some onion production in Lapeer County on the east side of the state.

Michigan produced 85 million pounds of onions on more than 2,600 acres in 2022. These onions yielded a total value of \$18.7 million.

Sources: Michigan Onion Committee, 2022 US Census of Ag

Seasonality

In a normal year, early-maturing onions (90-100 days) that are seeded in April are ready for harvest by late August. Late-maturing onions (110-120 days) mature in mid- to late-September.

Nutrition

Onions are rich in vitamin C, vitamin B₆, and potassium.

Contact

Michigan Onion Committee
6835 S. Krepps Road
St. Johns, MI 48879
Phone: [517-663-6725](tel:517-663-6725)
www.michiganonion.com

Seasonality

Fresh peaches are available from early July through mid-September, but processed peaches are available throughout the year.

Nutrition

Peaches are a tasty treat with modest calories, a good source of potassium as well as vitamin A and vitamin C, low in sodium, and contain no saturated fat. Peaches are a healthy snack and a smart, low-calorie way to end a meal.

Contact

Michigan Peach Sponsors
P.O. Box 1035
Coloma, MI 49038
mipeach.org

Peaches

Most Michigan peaches are grown in the west central to southwest corner, close to Lake Michigan, with additional production in the east along Lake St. Clair and in the northwest Grand Rapids area. In 2023, Michigan produced more than 24 million pounds of peaches valued at more than \$19 million.

Michigan's Red Haven peaches are famous throughout the country, with recent new Michigan varieties including the southwest Michigan Flamin' Fury and Stellar peach series gaining popularity.

Source: 2023 USDA NASS

Pork

The Michigan pork industry contributes more than \$500 million to the state's economy each year. In 2023, more than 2,000 Michigan farms housed more than 1.2 million hogs worth \$608 million.

Of the 1.2 million hogs, about 1.1 million of them are market hogs and about 115,000 are breeding stock. In 2023, there were 11 piglets in the average litter.

Sources: 2023 USDA NASS, 2022 US Census of Ag

Seasonality

Michigan's pig farmers work hard year-round to care for their pigs because raising healthy animals is the first step in providing safe, wholesome pork.

Nutrition

Pork is an excellent source of thiamin, niacin, riboflavin, vitamin B₆, phosphorus, protein, zinc, and potassium. The healthiest cuts of pork are loin roast, tenderloin, chop, and Canadian-style bacon.

Contact

Michigan Pork Producers
Association
3515 W. Road, Suite B
East Lansing, MI 48823
Phone: [517-853-3782](tel:517-853-3782)
www.mipork.org



Seasonality

The Michigan potato harvest begins in July and ends in October. Potatoes from storage facilities extend the availability of Michigan potatoes almost year-round.

Nutrition

Potatoes are naturally fat- and cholesterol-free and a good source of potassium, fiber, and plant-based protein. Also, this vegetable contains one-third of the recommended daily value of vitamin C.

Contact

Michigan Potato
Industry Commission
3515 W. Road, Suite A
East Lansing, MI 48823
Phone: [517-253-7370](tel:517-253-7370)
Fax: 517-253-7373
www.mipotato.com

Potatoes

Michigan ranks among the top eight states for potato production, generating about 1.9 billion pounds of potatoes each year with an economic impact of \$2.5 billion. Michigan farmers plant 46,000-49,000 acres of potatoes every year.

Potatoes are harvested in nearly half of Michigan's 83 counties, all the way from the southern border to the western Upper Peninsula.

Michigan is the nation's leading producer of potatoes for potato chip processing. One out of every four bags of chips made in the United States is filled with Michigan-grown potatoes.

Sources: 2022 US Census of Ag, 2022 USDA NASS, 2017 US Census of Ag, Knudson, W. & Miller, S. (2023). The Economic Contribution of the Michigan Potato Sector. Michigan State University Product Center.



Poultry

The Michigan poultry industry raises chickens and turkeys for their meat. Michigan produces 12.6 million chicken broilers and 5.2 million turkeys per year. Michigan has both breeder and broiler barns in the state. There are nearly 7,700 farms with layers, more than 1,500 farms of broilers, and nearly 900 turkey farms in Michigan.

There are several other types of poultry grown in Michigan. Ducks, emus, geese, peacocks, pheasants, and quail are some of them.

Sources: 2023 USDA NASS, 2022 US Census of Ag

Nutrition

Chicken and turkey are lean, low-fat foods packed with protein. Chicken is a good source of iron and is low in sodium. Turkey is noted as being “the perfect protein” since it has the highest protein level of any meat and is also typically the lowest in fat per serving.

Contact

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Poultry Industries
P.O. Box 1211
East Lansing, MI 48826
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www.mipoultry.com

Seasonality

Pumpkins are typically harvested in Michigan in September and October. Fresh squash season is June through October, but squash can be found throughout the year in processed forms.

Nutrition

Pumpkin is full of the antioxidant beta-carotene, one of the plant carotenoids converted to vitamin A in the body. In the conversion to vitamin A, beta-carotene performs many important functions in overall health. Squash is very low in saturated fat, cholesterol, and sodium. It is also a good source of vitamins A, B₆, C, and E, thiamin, niacin, folate, calcium, magnesium, potassium, beta-carotene, and manganese.

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www.michiganvegetablecouncil.org

Pumpkins & Squash

In 2023, Michigan generated \$13.9 million from the production of 78.8 million pounds of pumpkins grown on about 4,500 acres. Michigan pumpkins are used for processing and jack-o-lanterns.

In 2023, Michigan produced nearly 150 million pounds of squash for fresh or processed use, totaling about \$40 million. Michigan leads the nation in the production of squash.

Source: 2023 USDA NASS

Snap Beans

Michigan snap beans are grown in green, purple, and yellow varieties from July through September. Michigan produces fresh and processed snap beans.

In 2023, 9,500 acres were planted, with 9,400 harvested, amounting to a total value of nearly \$20 million; 14.5 million pounds of fresh beans totaling \$10.4 million were sold; and 39,423 tons were processed for a total value of \$9.6 million.

Snap beans are one of Michigan's largest crops and are shipped all around the Midwest.

Source: 2022 USDA NASS

Seasonality

Snap beans are a warm temperature crop. This type of bean is planted and harvested between June and October.

Nutrition

Snap beans are typically harvested while still in their pods, but can be eaten out of the pods. Snap beans are rich in vitamins A, C, and K. Snap beans are a great source of micronutrients such as iron and potassium and contain trace amounts of protein.

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www.michiganvegetablecouncil.org

Seasonality

Soybeans are planted in spring and are harvested in late fall.

Processed soyfoods can be consumed year-round.

Nutrition

Soybeans are an excellent source of protein and are packed with vitamins and nutrients such as folate and potassium. Soyfoods can be used as a protein source in vegetarian diets.

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Soybeans

Michigan produced 106 million bushels of soybeans worth \$1.13 billion in 2024. Michigan exported \$392 million of soybeans in 2024, making this crop the state's top agricultural export.

Popular soybean products include soy milk, soy flour, soy protein, and tofu. Soybeans are processed for animal feed, human consumption, and industrial products.

Sources: 2024 USDA NASS, 2024 US Census Bureau

Sugarbeets

Each year, the 865 grower-owners of Michigan Sugar Company plant, grow, and harvest roughly 4.6 million tons of sugarbeets on 140,000 acres of land. The sugarbeets are processed at factories in Bay City, Caro, Croswell, and Sebawaing, and turned into 1.3 billion pounds of sugar. The company has a direct economic impact of more than \$700 million for the state of Michigan and an indirect impact of about \$2 billion.

At the processing facilities, a series of separations extract the naturally occurring sugar from the beets. The extraction process involves washing, slicing, diffusing, filtering, crystallizing, drying, and cooling. The resulting sugar is packaged into bags of various weights and shipped to customers.

Michigan Sugar Company is the third largest of seven sugarbeet processing companies in the United States, and Michigan is one of 11 states where sugarbeets are grown.

Source: 2022 USDA NASS

Seasonality

Sugarbeet seeds are planted in the early spring and reach maturity in about six months. Michigan Sugar Company has growers in approximately 20 Michigan counties as well as Ontario, Canada.

Nutrition

The sugar extracted from sugarbeets has 15 calories per teaspoon with zero grams of fat. Sugar is used to make everything from baked goods and beer to cosmetics and vaccines.

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Seasonality

Fresh Michigan sweet corn is available from July through September.

Nutrition

Sweet corn is rich in vitamin C, iron, thiamin, riboflavin, and fiber.

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Sweet Corn

Michigan sweet corn is enjoyed throughout the state in several varieties. On average, Michigan produces 86 million pounds of sweet corn for the fresh market worth \$21.8 million. In 2022, there were more than 6,200 acres of sweet corn grown in Michigan.

Many people enjoy sweet corn fresh off the cob when it is in season. Sweet corn is also frequently frozen and canned to be enjoyed out of season.

Source: 2022 US Census of Ag

Tomatoes

Michigan grows tomatoes for both fresh and processed uses. On average, Michigan produces 240.2 million pounds of tomatoes for processing and 74 million pounds of tomatoes for the fresh market. The total value is \$48.4 million. In 2022, there were over 4,000 acres of tomatoes grown in Michigan.

Source: 2022 US Census of Ag

Seasonality

Fresh tomatoes are available in August and September. Processed tomatoes can be purchased throughout the year.

Nutrition

Tomatoes are an excellent source of vitamins A and C as well as high in the antioxidant lycopene. They are low in sodium, saturated fat, and cholesterol. Tomatoes are also a good source of vitamin E (alpha tocopherol), thiamin, niacin, vitamin B₆, folate, magnesium, phosphorus, copper, dietary fiber, vitamin K, potassium, and manganese.

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Seasonality

Michigan farmers grow winter wheat. Both red and white wheat are planted in the fall and harvested the next summer. Michigan has six large commercial mills that process wheat into a variety of products.

Nutrition

Wheat grains, both enriched and whole, are great sources of folic acid, fiber, iron, magnesium, vitamin E, B vitamins, antioxidants, thiamin, riboflavin, and other vitamins and minerals. The complex carbohydrates found in grains (such as wheat) supply energy and are low in fat, cholesterol, and sodium. The *2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans* recommends consumption of 6 ounces of grain a day, with at least half of those in the form of whole grains.

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Wheat

Michigan farmers produced 35 million bushels of wheat in 2025. Wheat was grown on 540,000 acres in 2025. Wheat is grown in 75 of Michigan's 83 counties. Huron, Sanilac, Tuscola, and Gratiot are Michigan's top wheat producing counties. The top average yield in Michigan is 89 bushels per acre with some growers hitting over 120 bushels per acre on the 490,000 acres harvested.

Great Lakes wheat farmers grow the eighth-largest crop in the United States. Michigan farmers grow both red and white varieties of wheat.

Wheat is used for baked goods, cookies, crackers, and pastries. Wheat is also a thickening ingredient for foods like licorice, gravies, soup, and sauces.

Source: 2025 USDA NASS

Wood

Michigan boasts the nation's fifth-largest timberland and a rich history of forestry. With 20 million acres of sustainably managed forests, Michigan grows nearly twice the number of trees that it harvests.

Michigan's four million acres of state-owned forests are sustainably managed with dual certification to the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) and Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) standards.

Forests in Michigan are managed for timber production, wildlife habitat, watershed protection, biodiversity conservation, and recreation.

In 2022, Michigan's growing forest product sector contributed \$26.5 billion to Michigan's economy annually and supported 88,275 total jobs. In 2024, Michigan exported nearly \$278 million of wood and paper products to the rest of the world.

Sources: www.michigan.gov/dnr, tse.export.gov

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