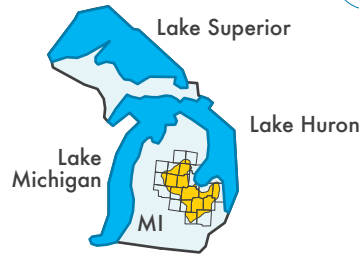


GLRI FA3 Priority Watershed Profile

Saginaw Watershed

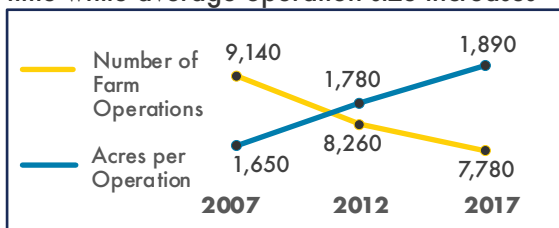
Watershed size	3,988,800 acres
Drains to	Lake Huron
No. of counties	22
Acres agricultural land	1,496,800
% Agricultural land	38



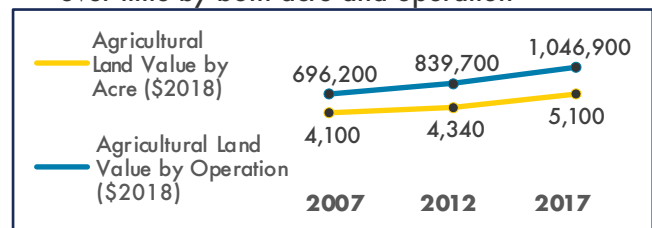
Total producers	12,900
Average age	58
Average yrs farming	26
% Female	34

Highlights

*Number of farm operations decreasing over time while average operation size increases



*Agricultural land value has been increasing over time by both acre and operation



*The majority of acres in agriculture are operated by part-owners, who farm on land they both own and rent, a trend that has increased over time, while acres operated by full owners, who farm their own land, and tenants, who farm only rented land, have decreased and remained relatively static, respectively

	Tenure by Acre (%)	
	2017	Change since 2007
Full owners	23	-4
Part owners	72	5
Tenant	5	-1

	Share of Sales by Type	
	Millions (\$)	%
Crops	668	63
Livestock	396	37

Fertilizer Use by Acres 2007-2017:
↓ 6%

*Land use practices, aligned with soil conservation and best management practices for mitigating negative impacts on water quality - identified as Conservation Practices by REAP - have increased over time

	Land Use Practices (% of Cropland)	
	2017	Change since 2012
Conservation Practices	Cover crops	7 3
	Conservation till	47 7
	Conservation easements	1 1
Traditional Practices	Intensive till	38 -6

Top Crops in Acres	
Soybeans	576,000
Corn	435,100
Grass/pasture	300,200
Alfalfa	150,900
Winter wheat	111,800

Farms That (%):	
Have internet access	77
Are family farms	91

Estimates on this fact sheet are based on normalized Census of Agriculture county-level data to accurately represent the footprint of the watershed

*For more information, please visit: glc.org/work/REAP/products

