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Facts about animals in Michigan

Michigan veterinarians provide high-quality, professional care to companion animals and to food animals throughout the state. Their work has an impact on families and on businesses. How big an impact? Consider these facts about animals in Michigan:

Livestock:

- There are more than 15 million farm animals in Michigan, including:
 - 13.7 million chickens
 - 5.2 million turkeys
 - 1.11 million cattle
 - 1.09 million hogs/pigs
 - 86,500 lamb/sheep
- The food animal and agriculture industry in Michigan contributes \$101.2 billion to the state's economy each year.
- Michigan had 52,000 farms in 2012 covering more than 9.9 million acres.

Companion animals:

- 55.4% of Michigan households have at least one pet.
- 34.6% of Michigan households have at least one dog. The total pet dog population is 2,036,000.
- 31.3% of Michigan households have at least one cat. The total pet cat population is 2,420,000.
- More than \$15 billion was spent in 2015 in the United States on veterinary care; more than \$14 billion on medicines and supplies.
- Americans owning dogs paid \$235 on routine visits to the veterinarian in 2015-16; those owning cats paid \$196.

Source information:

— Livestock information compiled from the United States Department of Agriculture's Census of Agriculture http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/Publications/2012/Full_Report/Volume_1,_Chapter_1_State_Level/Michigan/

— Companion animal information compiled from AVMA's 2012 U.S. Pet Ownership & Demographics Sourcebook; and from the American Pet Product Manufacturers Association's industry statistics and trends page found at http://americanpetproducts.org/press_industrytrends.asp.