

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Chester, Pennsylvania

Number of farms

1,918 farms in 2002, 1,983 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

Land in farms

168,165 acres in 2002, 194,927 acres in 1997, down 14 percent.

Average size of farm

88 acres in 2002, 98 acres in 1997, down 10 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$376,771,000 in 2002, \$384,675,000 in 1997, down 2 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$288,093,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$88,678,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

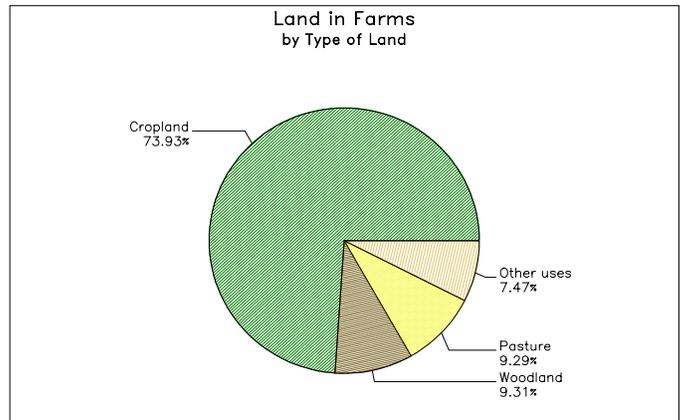
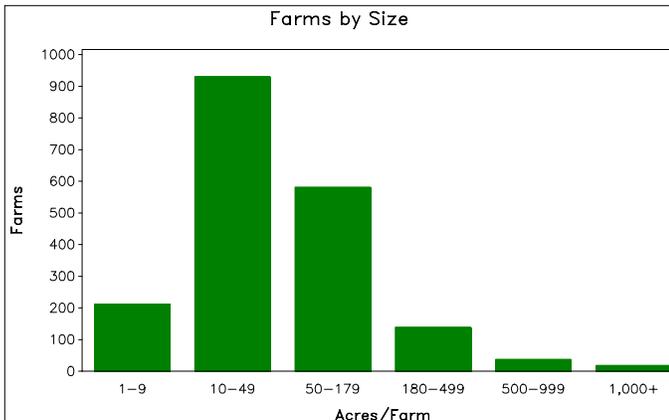
\$196,440 in 2002, \$193,987 in 1997, up 1 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,191,000 in 2002, \$883,000 in 1997, up 148 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,981 in 2002, \$4,327 in 1997, up 108 percent.



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Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

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	376,771	2	67	47	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	288,093	1	67	31	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	88,678	7	66	255	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	8,138	6	65	1,064	2,871
Tobacco	1,363	2	19	232	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,724	16	67	456	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,621	11	66	265	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	269,136	1	66	5	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	509	19	66	107	1,774
Other crops and hay	4,602	2	66	264	3,046
Poultry and eggs	12,213	14	66	404	2,918
Cattle and calves	9,262	12	66	1,043	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	47,367	7	65	81	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2,408	20	66	669	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	142	16	66	607	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	16,838	1	65	7	3,014
Aquaculture	299	14	60	360	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	150	29	66	711	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	552,808	11	67	155	2,983
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	108,024	17	64	524	2,599
Cattle and calves	41,878	9	66	727	3,059
Turkeys	36,129	17	61	246	2,328
Ducks	(D)	7	65	(D)	2,630
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	43,275	11	66	420	3,059
Corn for grain	24,591	9	66	736	2,592
Corn for silage	13,701	11	65	95	2,307
Soybeans	13,206	9	58	961	2,076
All Wheat for grain	4,753	12	60	943	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	715	Farming	1,099
\$1,000 to \$2,499	164	Other	819
\$2,500 to \$4,999	143	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	127	Male	1,477
\$10,000 to \$19,999	125	Female	441
\$20,000 to \$24,999	51	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	59	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	23	White	2,866
\$50,000 to \$99,999	76	Black or African American	7
\$100,000 to \$249,999	271	American Indian or Alaska Native	9
\$250,000 to \$499,999	59	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	105	Asian	11
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	309,346	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	161,117	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	36
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	84,194		
Average per farm (\$)	43,851		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

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.