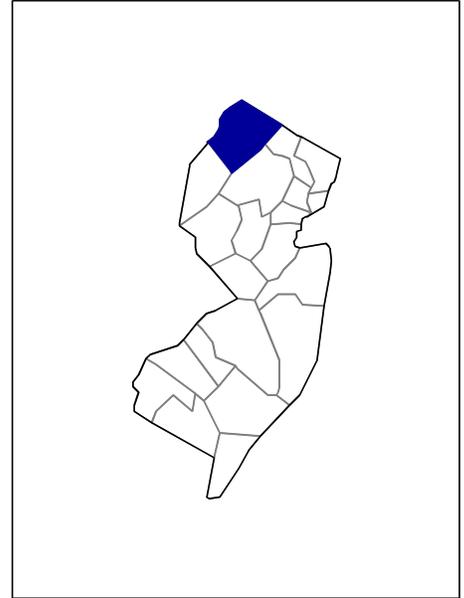


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Sussex, New Jersey



### Number of farms

1,029 farms in 2002, 920 farms in 1997, up 12 percent.

### Land in farms

75,496 acres in 2002, 76,461 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

73 acres in 2002, 83 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$14,756,000 in 2002, \$19,780,000 in 1997, down 25 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$8,077,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$6,679,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

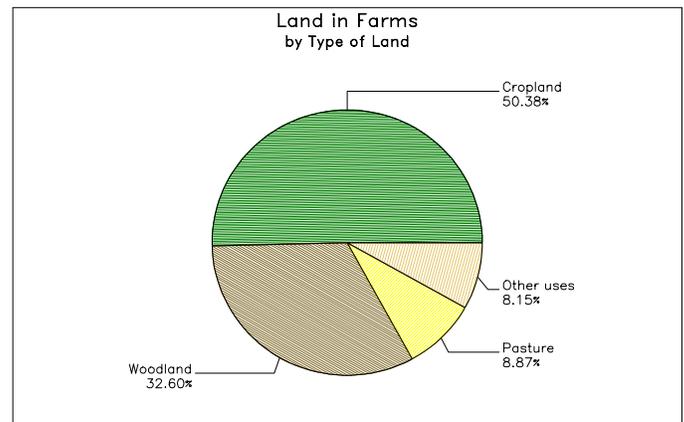
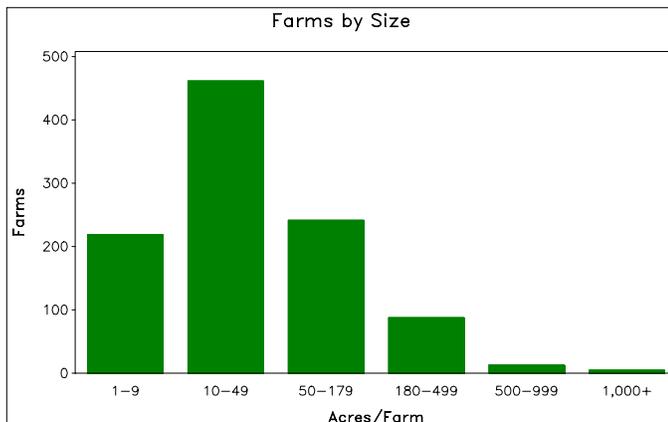
\$14,340 in 2002, \$21,500 in 1997, down 33 percent.

### Government Payments

\$332,000 in 2002, \$150,000 in 1997, up 121 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,306 in 2002, \$6,234 in 1997, up 33 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 21 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	14,756	12	20	2,278	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	8,077	16	20	1,797	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,679	7	20	2,164	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	382	11	16	2,077	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,418	14	20	646	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	723	10	20	428	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,677	19	20	551	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	522	2	18	102	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,356	2	18	971	3,046
Poultry and eggs	274	8	20	1,165	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,018	4	19	2,540	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	4,589	3	11	657	2,493
Hogs and pigs	47	10	18	1,729	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	153	3	18	564	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	525	7	20	360	3,014
Aquaculture	1	10	14	1,231	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	71	8	20	1,007	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Pheasants	13,135	4	14	32	1,541
Layers 20 weeks old and older	6,806	5	19	771	2,983
Cattle and calves	6,069	3	19	2,417	3,059
Horses and ponies	2,737	4	20	261	3,065
Quail	2,000	5	12	274	1,412
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	21,195	2	19	1,049	3,059
Corn for silage	2,579	3	14	640	2,307
Corn for grain	1,480	11	17	1,673	2,592
Cut Christmas trees	1,136	1	19	74	1,877
All Vegetables harvested	870	12	20	479	2,710

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	368
\$1,000 to \$2,499	287
\$2,500 to \$4,999	132
\$5,000 to \$9,999	73
\$10,000 to \$19,999	59
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15
\$25,000 to \$39,999	24
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	21
\$100,000 to \$249,999	31
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14
\$500,000 or more	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	19,482
Average per farm (\$)	18,914
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,107
Average per farm (\$)	-1,075

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	487
Other	542
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	827
Female	202
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.3
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,595
Black or African American	6
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	2
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	31

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.