

2002 Census of Agriculture State Profile

New Jersey

Number of farms

9,924 farms in 2002, 10,045 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

Land in farms

805,682 acres in 2002, 856,909 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Average size of farm

81 acres in 2002, 85 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$749,872,000 in 2002, \$707,161,000 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$657,494,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$92,378,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

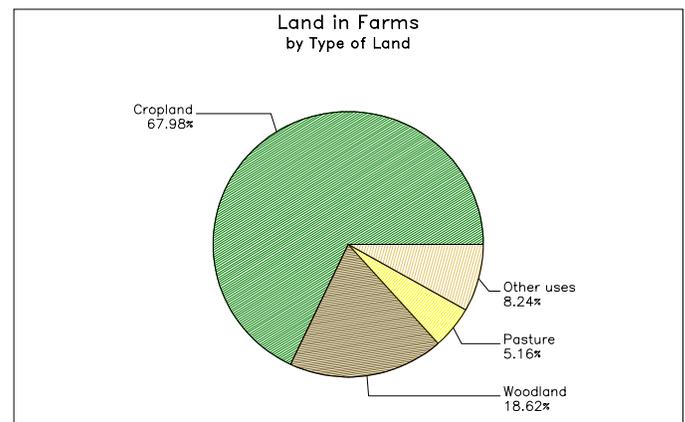
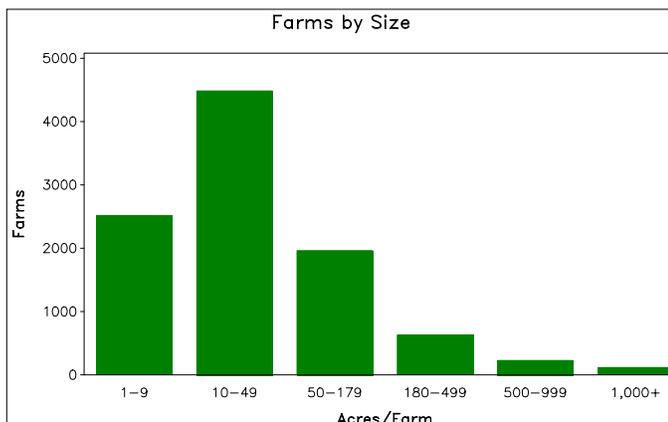
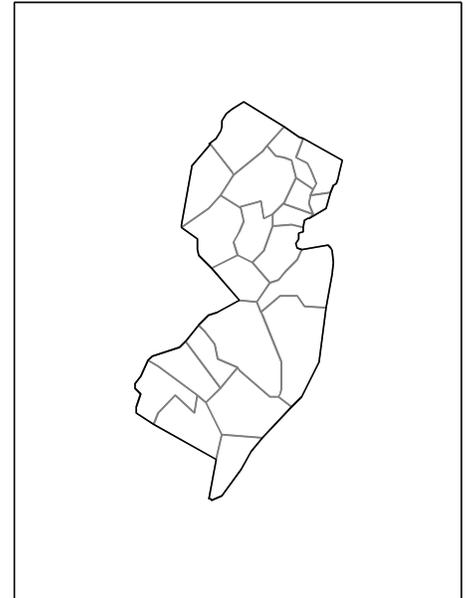
\$75,561 in 2002, \$70,399 in 1997, up 7 percent.

Government Payments

\$4,441,000 in 2002, \$3,001,000 in 1997, up 48 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,630 in 2002, \$4,631 in 1997, up 65 percent.



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Ranked items within U.S., 2002

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	749,872	39	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	657,494	33	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	92,378	46	50
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	29,885	39	50
Tobacco	-	-	23
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	167,956	15	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	87,148	13	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	356,863	11	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	3,852	15	50
Other crops and hay	11,791	44	50
Poultry and eggs	26,041	37	50
Cattle and calves	7,094	45	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	29,154	45	50
Hogs and pigs	2,313	40	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	1,482	37	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	18,314	16	50
Aquaculture	2,223	38	50
Other animals and other animal products	5,758	32	50
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,065,685	33	50
Pheasants	155,168	4	50
Quail	44,798	19	50
Cattle and calves	41,747	46	50
Ducks	30,149	7	50
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	119,052	43	50
Soybeans	96,032	29	41
Corn for grain	66,128	32	49
All Vegetables harvested	59,024	14	50
All Wheat for grain	30,460	38	48

Other State Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	2,927
\$1,000 to \$2,499	2,306
\$2,500 to \$4,999	991
\$5,000 to \$9,999	820
\$10,000 to \$19,999	692
\$20,000 to \$24,999	259
\$25,000 to \$39,999	347
\$40,000 to \$49,999	142
\$50,000 to \$99,999	381
\$100,000 to \$249,999	463
\$250,000 to \$499,999	256
\$500,000 or more	340
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	647,202
Average per farm (\$)	65,242
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	149,535
Average per farm (\$)	15,074

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	5,193
Other	4,731
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	8,002
Female	1,922
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.1
All operators ² by race:	
White	14,715
Black or African American	107
American Indian or Alaska Native	33
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
Asian	100
More than one race	55
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	239

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.