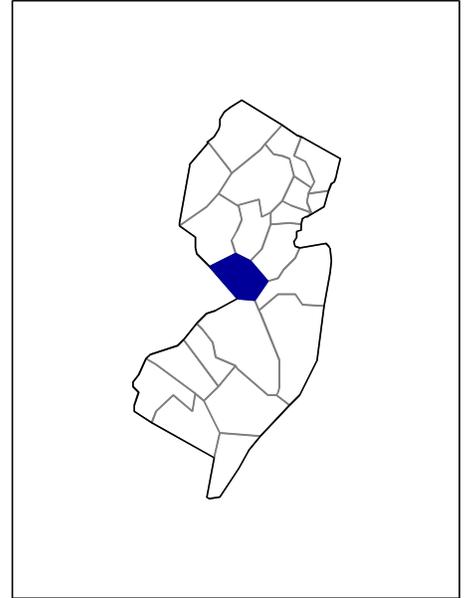


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Number of farms

304 farms in 2002, 309 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

Land in farms

25,070 acres in 2002, 28,395 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

Average size of farm

82 acres in 2002, 92 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$12,247,000 in 2002, \$13,292,000 in 1997, down 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$10,904,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,343,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

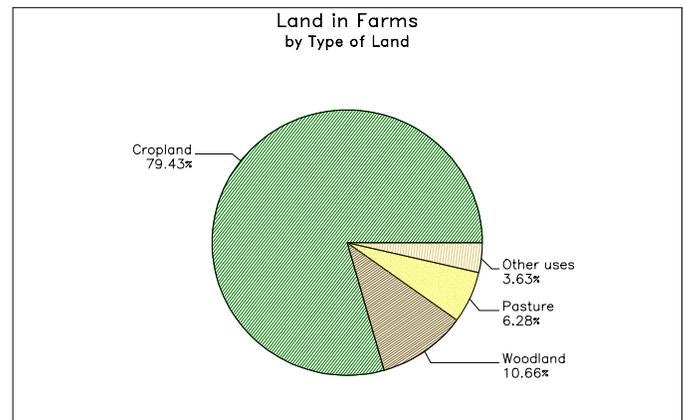
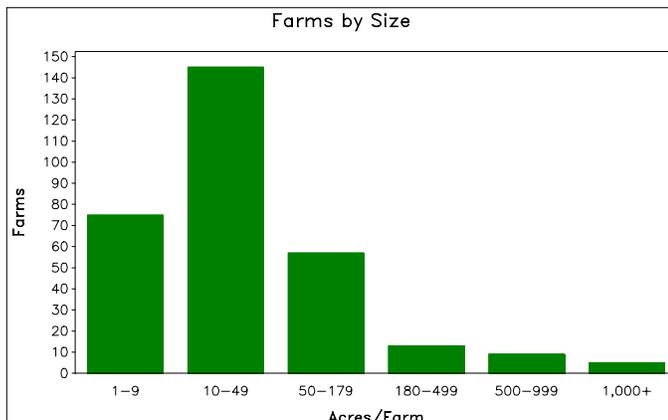
\$40,286 in 2002, \$43,016 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Government Payments

\$140,000 in 2002, \$185,000 in 1997, down 24 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,815 in 2002, \$4,207 in 1997, up 14 percent.



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Ranked items among the 21 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	12,247	14	20	2,398	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	10,904	12	20	1,590	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,343	12	20	2,813	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,918	6	16	1,580	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,014	11	20	531	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	561	12	20	494	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	6,125	14	20	401	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	44	16	18	677	1,774
Other crops and hay	242	11	18	2,430	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	78	12	19	2,981	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	11	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	4	16	18	2,589	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	28	11	18	1,683	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	453	8	20	441	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	34	11	20	1,298	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	(D)	1	18	(D)	2,328
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,220	14	19	1,244	2,983
Horses and ponies	818	10	20	1,542	3,065
Sheep and lambs	764	9	18	1,162	2,867
Cattle and calves	536	10	19	2,975	3,059
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	8,244	4	16	1,077	2,076
Corn for grain	3,159	7	17	1,433	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,012	11	19	2,739	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	722	14	20	529	2,710
All Wheat for grain	646	10	16	1,704	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	90
\$1,000 to \$2,499	73
\$2,500 to \$4,999	24
\$5,000 to \$9,999	22
\$10,000 to \$19,999	18
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14
\$25,000 to \$39,999	12
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17
\$100,000 to \$249,999	16
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8
\$500,000 or more	6
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	15,284
Average per farm (\$)	50,113
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	729
Average per farm (\$)	2,390

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	141
Other	163
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	247
Female	57
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.8
All operators ² by race:	
White	444
Black or African American	2
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	5
More than one race	2
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	14

(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.