

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Ocean, New Jersey

Number of farms

217 farms in 2002, 268 farms in 1997, down 19 percent.

Land in farms

12,239 acres in 2002, 12,061 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Average size of farm

56 acres in 2002, 45 acres in 1997, up 24 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$10,727,000 in 2002, \$8,353,000 in 1997, up 28 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$8,967,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,760,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

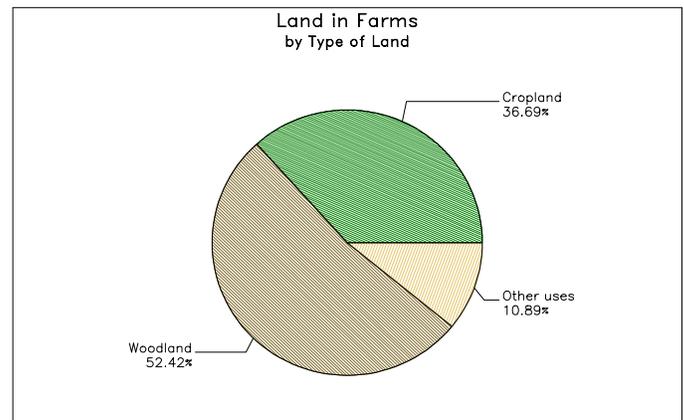
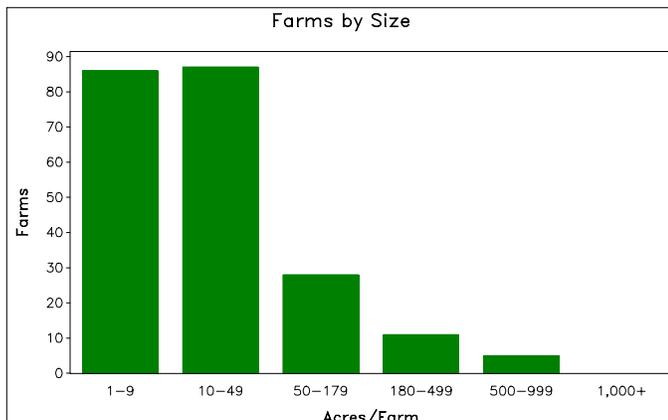
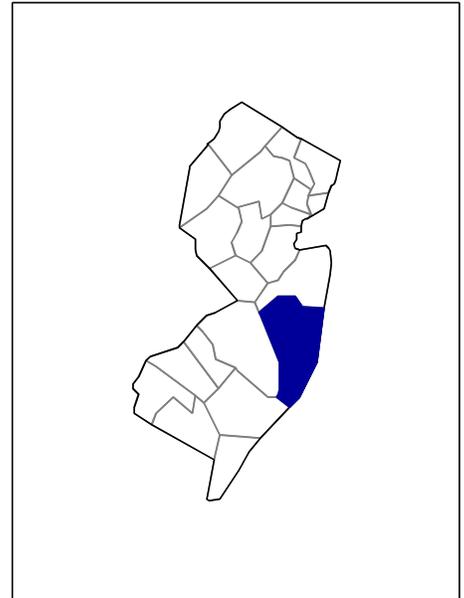
\$49,434 in 2002, \$31,167 in 1997, up 59 percent.

Government Payments

(D) in 2002, \$21,000 in 1997.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

(D) in 2002, \$2,639 in 1997.



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United States Department of Agriculture, New Jersey Agricultural Statistics Service**

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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	10,727	16	20	2,472	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	8,967	14	20	1,728	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,760	10	20	2,753	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	78	15	16	2,436	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	495	13	20	529	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	5,904	16	20	417	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	18	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	18	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	128	11	20	1,263	2,918
Cattle and calves	66	13	19	2,986	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	11	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	18	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	17	13	18	2,028	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	419	10	20	502	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	21	14	20	1,513	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Quail	12,720	1	12	69	1,412
Pheasants	(D)	10	14	(D)	1,541
Ducks	(D)	3	19	(D)	2,630
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,238	13	19	1,235	2,983
Horses and ponies	750	12	20	1,653	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Vegetables harvested	875	11	20	476	2,710
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	654	16	19	2,933	3,059
Corn for grain	378	14	17	2,053	2,592
Cut Christmas trees	272	10	19	315	1,877
Chinese cabbage ³	(D)	(D)	13	(D)	181

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	62	Farming	112
\$1,000 to \$2,499	51	Other	105
\$2,500 to \$4,999	17	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	23	Male	148
\$10,000 to \$19,999	19	Female	69
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	9	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	White	317
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4	Black or African American	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	10	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	8	Asian	5
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	9,129	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	42,461	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,548		
Average per farm (\$)	7,200		

(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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.