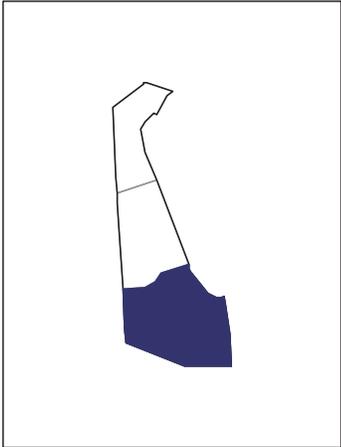


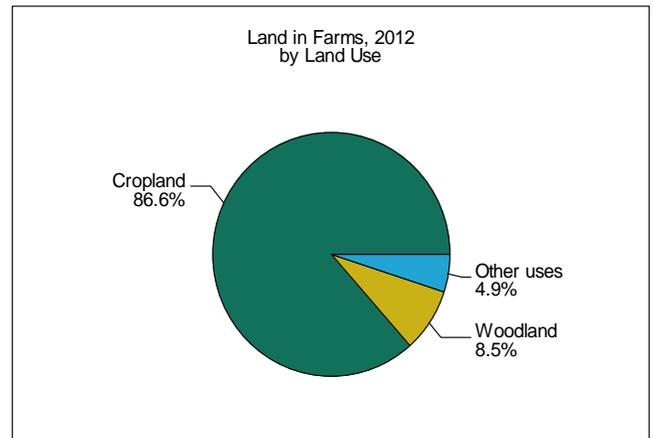
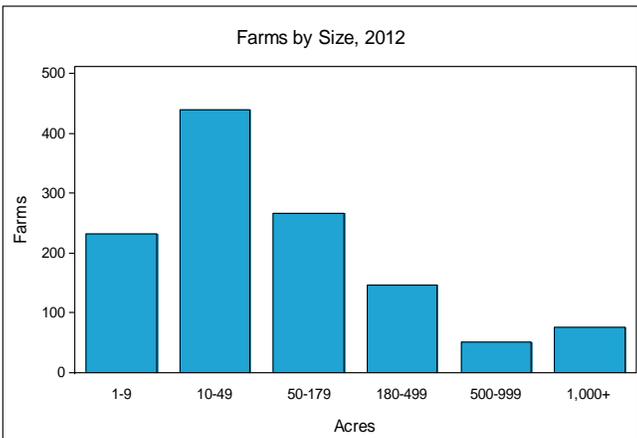
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Sussex County Delaware

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,214	1,374	- 12
Land in Farms	272,232 acres	269,464 acres	+ 1
Average Size of Farm	224 acres	196 acres	+ 14
Market Value of Products Sold	\$921,129,000	\$848,942,000	+ 9
Crop Sales \$249,492,000 (27 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$671,637,000 (73 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$758,756	\$617,862	+ 23
Government Payments	\$5,325,000	\$4,565,000	+ 17
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$11,095	\$8,712	+ 27





Sussex County – Delaware

Ranked items among the 3 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	921,129	1	3	39	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	249,492	1	3	143	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	671,637	1	3	27	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	202,189	1	3	136	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	35,103	1	3	82	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	1	3	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	1	3	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	29	3	3	628	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,351	1	3	1,659	3,049
Poultry and eggs	657,482	1	3	1	3,013
Cattle and calves	(D)	2	3	(D)	3,056
Milk from cows	7,381	2	3	594	2,038
Hogs and pigs	912	1	3	880	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	125	1	3	1,177	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	2	3	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	2	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	193	2	3	776	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	105,307	1	3	267	2,638
Soybeans for beans	85,434	1	3	324	2,162
Wheat for grain, all	41,243	1	3	294	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	41,243	1	3	212	2,480
Vegetables harvested, all	22,954	1	3	37	2,801
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	35,497,689	1	2	1	2,723
Layers	(D)	2	3	(D)	3,040
Cattle and calves	7,219	2	3	2,178	3,063
Roosters	(D)	1	2	(D)	2,120
Hogs and pigs	(D)	1	3	(D)	2,889

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	157	Farming	859
\$1,000 to \$2,499	37	Other	355
\$2,500 to \$4,999	35		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	54	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	84	Male	1,011
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Female	203
\$25,000 to \$39,999	39		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	21	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	78		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	62	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	68	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
\$500,000 or more	564	Asian	35
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	711,918	Black or African American	11
Average per farm (\$)	586,423	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,841
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	223,369	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	183,994	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	9

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.