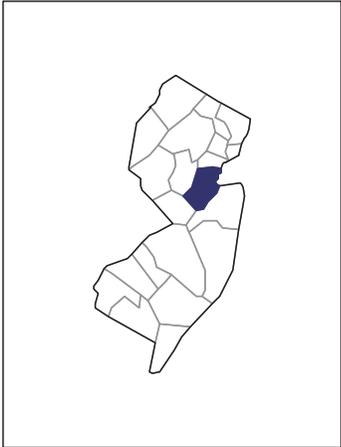


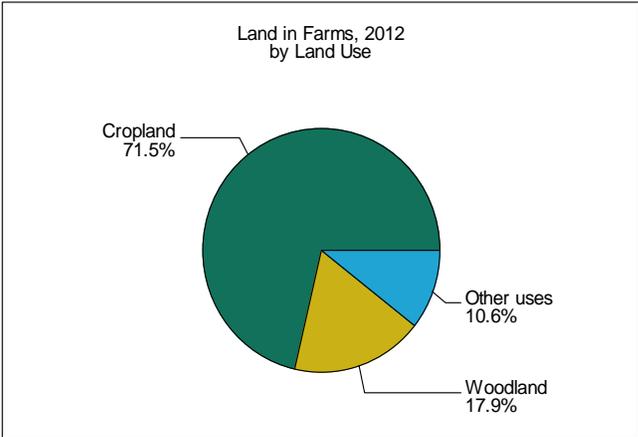
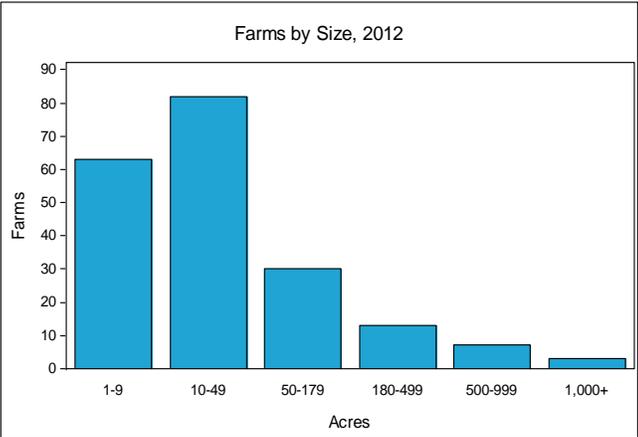
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Middlesex County New Jersey

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	198	236	- 16
<b>Land in Farms</b>	17,261 acres	18,717 acres	- 8
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	87 acres	79 acres	+ 10
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$29,251,000	\$41,854,000	- 30
Crop Sales \$28,851,000 (99 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$400,000 (1 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$147,733	\$177,346	- 17
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$130,000	\$109,000	+ 19
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$4,321	\$6,050	- 29





## Middlesex County – New Jersey

### Ranked items among the 20 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	29,251	9	20	2,164	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	28,851	9	20	1,507	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	400	15	20	2,972	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,058	7	16	1,744	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	6,448	7	20	299	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	481	13	20	721	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	16,449	9	20	182	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	262	2	18	121	1,530
Other crops and hay	154	12	18	2,835	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	16	18	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	50	13	18	3,004	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	10	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	69	7	17	1,348	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	116	8	18	1,239	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	15	19	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	13	15	1,307	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	88	12	20	1,170	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans for beans	4,573	8	16	1,305	2,162
Corn for grain	2,979	8	16	1,590	2,638
Vegetables harvested, all	1,356	9	20	403	2,801
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	933	12	18	2,872	3,057
Nursery stock crops	798	7	20	116	2,077
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	1,345	15	19	1,629	3,040
Colonies of bees	454	6	20	578	2,761
Horses and ponies	440	15	20	2,180	3,072
Goats, all	432	8	19	1,397	2,996
Hogs and pigs	306	8	19	1,440	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	39	Farming	87
\$1,000 to \$2,499	30	Other	111
\$2,500 to \$4,999	22	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	16	Male	174
\$10,000 to \$19,999	13	Female	24
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	8	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12	Asian	4
\$100,000 to \$249,999	17	Black or African American	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	12	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	11	White	297
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	27,693	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	139,865	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,945		
Average per farm (\$)	19,922		

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.

<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.