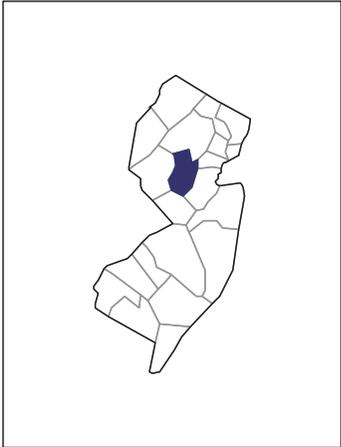


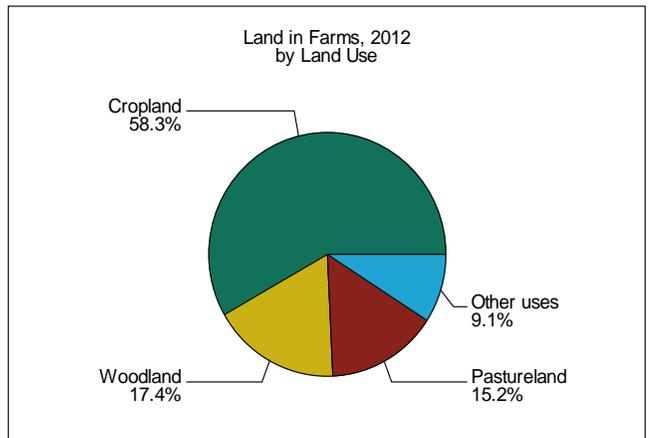
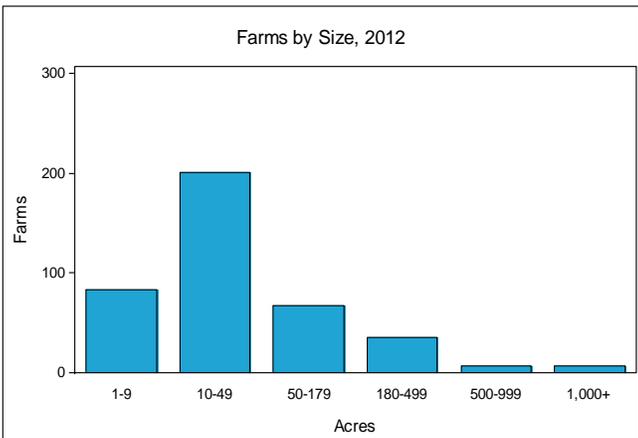
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Somerset County New Jersey

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	400	445	- 10
<b>Land in Farms</b>	34,735 acres	32,721 acres	+ 6
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	87 acres	74 acres	+ 18
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$23,206,000	\$18,911,000	+ 23
Crop Sales \$20,711,000 (89 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$2,495,000 (11 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$58,016	\$42,496	+ 37
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$128,000	\$213,000	- 40
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$4,584	\$8,186	- 44





## Somerset 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	23,206	11	20	2,293	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	20,711	11	20	1,683	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,495	10	20	2,709	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,028	10	16	1,927	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	965	16	20	847	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	249	16	20	973	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	14,577	11	20	203	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	43	12	18	516	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,849	4	18	1,407	3,049
Poultry and eggs	91	10	18	1,432	3,013
Cattle and calves	1,668	2	18	2,415	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	10	10	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	12	17	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	153	7	18	1,012	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	274	10	19	987	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	15	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	162	8	20	858	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,758	5	18	1,645	3,057
Corn for grain	2,657	10	16	1,632	2,638
Soybeans for beans	2,354	10	16	1,479	2,162
Wheat for grain, all	1,169	6	16	1,584	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	1,169	6	16	1,517	2,480
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers	7,758	6	19	724	3,040
Cattle and calves	2,942	5	18	2,617	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	3	18	(D)	2,723
Horses and ponies	1,507	7	20	717	3,072
Sheep and lambs	926	6	19	952	2,897

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	98	Farming	133
\$1,000 to \$2,499	85	Other	267
\$2,500 to \$4,999	40	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	41	Male	309
\$10,000 to \$19,999	36	Female	91
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	34	Asian	11
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	6	White	600
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	28,386	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	70,966	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	9
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,967		
Average per farm (\$)	-4,919		

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.