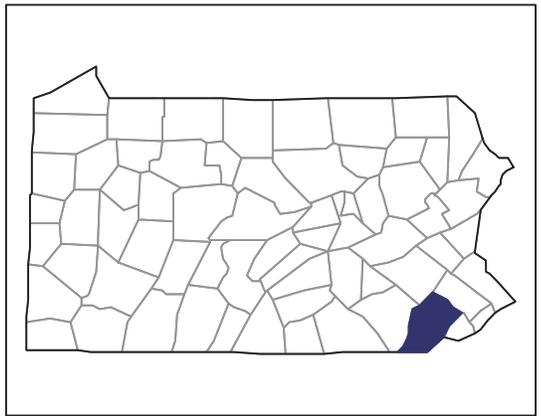


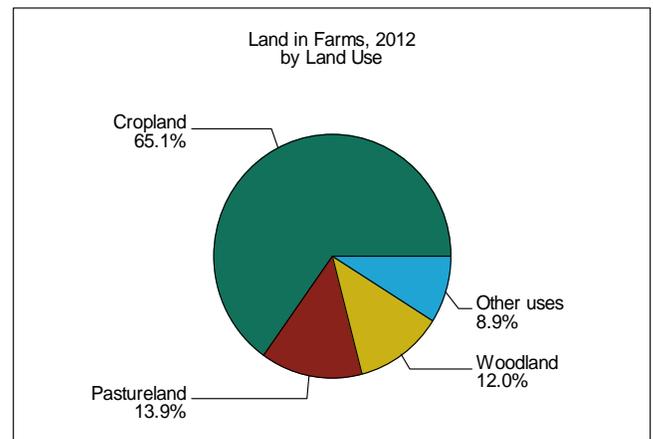
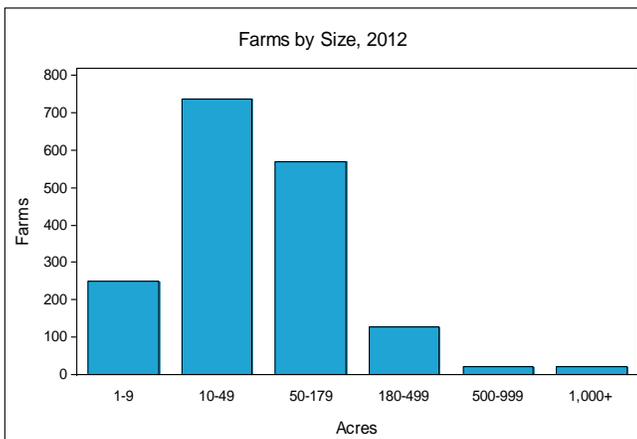
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Chester County Pennsylvania

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	1,730	1,733	0
Land in Farms	164,495 acres	166,891 acres	- 1
Average Size of Farm	95 acres	96 acres	- 1
Market Value of Products Sold	\$660,744,000	\$553,290,000	+ 19
Crop Sales \$535,206,000 (81 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$125,537,000 (19 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$381,933	\$319,267	+ 20
Government Payments	\$1,631,000	\$2,068,000	- 21
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,952	\$6,804	- 13





Chester County – Pennsylvania

Ranked items among the 67 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	660,744	2	67	54	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	535,206	1	67	28	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	125,537	7	67	349	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	39,723	5	66	951	2,926
Tobacco	4,143	2	22	90	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	4,771	8	66	385	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,883	10	66	333	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	475,480	1	66	1	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	534	9	64	61	1,530
Other crops and hay	8,672	7	66	341	3,049
Poultry and eggs	16,775	17	67	497	3,013
Cattle and calves	17,712	11	67	887	3,056
Milk from cows	73,185	6	64	112	2,038
Hogs and pigs	10,973	12	65	402	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	412	11	66	404	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	5,249	2	67	22	3,011
Aquaculture	393	15	54	389	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	839	11	67	294	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	38,384	11	67	394	3,057
Corn for grain	28,293	9	66	831	2,638
Soybeans for beans	14,990	12	66	1,014	2,162
Corn for silage	10,396	12	64	166	2,237
Wheat for grain, all	5,433	8	62	948	2,537
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	272,026	15	66	456	2,723
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	14	63	(D)	2,637
Layers	59,447	20	66	460	3,040
Turkeys	52,213	14	65	200	2,416
Cattle and calves	39,441	10	67	700	3,063

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	467	Farming	1,050
\$1,000 to \$2,499	122	Other	680
\$2,500 to \$4,999	125	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	106	Male	1,252
\$10,000 to \$19,999	126	Female	478
\$20,000 to \$24,999	58	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	92	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	62	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	92	Asian	15
\$100,000 to \$249,999	237	Black or African American	8
\$250,000 to \$499,999	111	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	132	White	2,814
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	550,692	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	318,319	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	77
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	142,835		
Average per farm (\$)	82,564		

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.