

**Table 1. County Summary Highlights: 1987**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
Farms..... number..	2 966	857	380	1 729
Land in farms..... acres..	608 245	201 444	93 998	312 803
Average size of farm..... acres..	205	235	247	181
Value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :				
Average per farm..... dollars..	369 751	402 674	670 476	287 359
Average per acre..... dollars..	1 765	1 568	2 769	1 607
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> :				
Average per farm..... dollars..	53 447	57 040	71 585	47 655
Farms by size:				
1 to 9 acres.....	514	73	35	406
10 to 49 acres.....	867	251	114	502
50 to 179 acres.....	788	268	98	422
180 to 499 acres.....	481	162	78	241
500 to 999 acres.....	188	57	30	101
1,000 acres or more.....	128	46	25	57
Total cropland..... farms..	2 397	791	363	1 243
Harvested cropland..... acres..	501 290	170 377	78 162	252 751
Irrigated land..... farms..	2 172	721	324	1 127
..... acres..	441 502	150 674	64 358	226 470
..... farms..	384	113	44	227
..... acres..	60 812	18 521	2 063	40 228
Market value of agricultural products sold..... \$1,000..	443 575	83 607	30 417	329 552
Average per farm..... dollars..	149 553	97 557	80 044	190 602
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops..... \$1,000..	96 118	38 890	21 323	35 906
Livestock, poultry, and their products..... \$1,000..	347 456	44 717	9 094	293 646
Farms by value of sales:				
Less than \$2,500.....	540	199	107	234
\$2,500 to \$4,999.....	270	115	37	118
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	297	111	40	146
\$10,000 to \$24,999.....	280	101	55	124
\$25,000 to \$49,999.....	214	86	36	92
\$50,000 to \$99,999.....	257	59	41	157
\$100,000 or more.....	1 108	186	64	858
Operators by principal occupation:				
Farming.....	1 774	483	211	1 080
Other.....	1 192	374	169	649
Operators by days worked off farm:				
Any.....	1 426	455	188	783
200 days or more.....	955	309	129	517
Average age of operator..... years..	51.5	51.0	52.8	51.4
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ..... \$1,000..	377 102	75 839	26 844	274 418
Average per farm..... dollars..	127 184	88 597	70 642	158 715
Livestock and poultry:				
Cattle and calves inventory..... farms..	461	226	83	152
..... number..	31 191	16 179	4 619	10 393
Beef cows..... farms..	216	82	37	97
..... number..	2 187	788	374	1 025
Milk cows..... farms..	169	113	20	36
..... number..	9 354	5 432	1 750	2 172
Cattle and calves sold..... farms..	376	195	67	114
..... number..	26 934	14 346	2 096	10 492
Hogs and pigs inventory..... farms..	301	97	15	189
..... number..	49 714	5 958	1 079	42 677
Hogs and pigs sold..... farms..	310	96	16	198
..... number..	109 600	15 343	2 671	91 586
Sheep and lambs inventory..... farms..	50	16	12	22
..... number..	1 667	590	507	570
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory..... farms..	175	112	24	39
..... number..	834 287	(D)	(D)	415 843
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold..... farms..	1 001	90	1	910
..... number..	210 492 139	(D)	(D)	192 114 694
Selected crops harvested:				
Corn for grain or seed..... farms..	1 076	332	195	549
..... acres..	130 234	38 846	34 367	57 021
..... bushels..	9 876 539	2 585 645	2 717 813	4 573 081
Wheat for grain..... farms..	630	227	85	318
..... acres..	43 573	15 416	3 726	24 431
..... bushels..	1 827 869	643 694	176 277	1 007 898
Barley for grain..... farms..	360	175	34	151
..... acres..	32 642	18 813	1 734	12 095
..... bushels..	1 897 161	1 101 936	127 069	668 156
Soybeans for beans..... farms..	1 515	469	147	899
..... acres..	219 941	70 261	17 146	132 534
..... bushels..	4 143 975	1 249 800	453 550	2 440 625
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)..... farms..	539	264	122	153
..... acres..	18 341	7 044	5 161	6 136
..... tons, dry..	43 254	13 594	15 459	14 201
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)..... farms..	317	105	36	176
..... acres..	43 036	21 360	1 562	20 114

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.