

Table 1. County Summary Highlights: 1997

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

Item	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
Farms	2 460	767	327	1 366
Land in farms	579 545	194 554	77 302	307 689
Average size of farm	236	254	236	225
Median size of farm	56	76	58	43
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :				
Average per farm	609 974	646 978	908 126	518 069
Average per acre	2 660	2 556	3 708	2 441
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :				
Average per farm	76 183	74 379	83 899	75 354
Farms by size:				
1 to 9 acres	399	89	36	274
10 to 49 acres	772	220	117	435
50 to 179 acres	638	247	74	317
180 to 499 acres	359	119	57	183
500 to 999 acres	155	47	23	85
1,000 acres or more	137	45	20	72
Total cropland	1 981	677	307	997
Harvested cropland	486 981	167 846	66 506	252 629
Irrigated land	1 810	624	279	907
Market value of agricultural products sold	690 794	153 691	36 943	500 160
Average per farm	280 811	200 379	112 976	366 149
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	174 845	62 597	26 343	85 905
Livestock, poultry, and their products	515 949	91 094	10 601	414 255
Farms by value of sales:				
Less than \$2,500	375	142	98	135
\$2,500 to \$4,999	173	68	35	70
\$5,000 to \$9,999	195	63	24	108
\$10,000 to \$24,999	262	103	47	112
\$25,000 to \$49,999	200	70	31	99
\$50,000 to \$99,999	177	92	24	61
\$100,000 or more	1 078	229	68	781
Total farm production expenses ¹	620 297	133 779	29 852	456 666
Average per farm	252 358	174 646	91 569	334 309
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text)	2 458	766	326	1 366
Average per farm	68 563	17 798	6 876	43 889
Operators by principal occupation:				
Farming	1 497	459	169	869
Other	963	308	158	497
Operators by days worked off farm:				
Any	1 097	349	156	592
200 days or more	744	227	115	402
Livestock and poultry:				
Cattle and calves inventory	434	227	68	139
Beef cows	27 968	16 887	2 698	8 383
Milk cows	224	97	39	88
Cattle and calves sold	3 685	1 736	(D)	(D)
Hogs and pigs inventory	132	103	10	19
Hogs and pigs sold	9 241	5 659	(D)	(D)
Sheep and lambs inventory	370	201	63	106
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	18 179	13 135	1 483	3 561
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	132	52	11	69
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	33 355	4 514	51	28 790
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	115	40	4	71
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	60 245	13 275	26	46 944
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	50	19	14	17
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	1 167	613	222	332
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	87	57	12	18
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	(D)	85 498	(D)	(D)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	805	133	3	669
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	223 298 115	(D)	(D)	188 781 568
Selected crops harvested:				
Corn for grain or seed	985	302	123	560
Wheat for grain	157 011	42 629	24 481	89 901
Barley for grain	15 670 883	3 833 911	1 922 873	9 914 099
Soybeans for beans	652	234	90	328
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	75 265	26 162	12 755	36 348
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	4 987 739	1 747 383	874 211	2 366 145
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	242	114	17	111
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	32 311	16 714	1 208	14 389
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	2 700 574	1 420 004	94 962	1 185 608
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	1 125	379	117	629
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	222 785	79 915	27 320	115 550
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	6 560 094	2 555 454	754 445	3 250 195
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	467	231	85	151
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	15 918	6 972	3 915	5 031
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	37 696	20 135	7 283	10 278
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	270	73	42	155
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	45 491	16 582	982	27 927

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.