

Table 12. Farms With Sales of \$10,000 or More: 1997 and 1992

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Item	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex	
FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS					
Land in farms					
farms, 1997..	1 717	494	170	1 053	
1992..	1 776	462	169	1 145	
acres, 1997..	547 398	181 728	71 160	294 510	
1992..	548 485	182 390	80 190	285 905	
Average size of farm					
acres, 1997..	319	368	419	280	
1992..	309	395	474	250	
Total cropland					
farms, 1997..	1 310	432	163	715	
1992..	1 369	409	162	798	
acres, 1997..	469 032	160 424	63 245	245 363	
1992..	473 063	157 511	70 047	245 505	
Harvested cropland					
farms, 1997..	1 211	406	157	648	
1992..	1 257	391	154	712	
acres, 1997..	453 984	153 146	60 744	240 094	
1992..	453 687	150 125	65 929	237 633	
Irrigated land					
farms, 1997..	354	87	36	231	
1992..	309	85	30	194	
acres, 1997..	72 246	20 954	2 820	48 472	
1992..	61 564	20 193	2 009	39 362	
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD					
Total sales (see text)	\$1,000, 1997..	688 368	152 815	36 559	498 993
1992..	556 866	110 731	39 764	406 371	
Average per farm	dollars, 1997..	400 913	309 343	215 053	473 878
1992..	313 551	239 678	235 292	354 909	
1997 sales by commodity or commodity group:					
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	farms..	1 151	368	152	631
\$1,000..	172 928	61 932	26 082	84 914	
Grains	farms..	1 018	324	117	577
\$1,000..	105 566	34 909	13 607	57 050	
Corn for grain	farms..	742	204	93	445
\$1,000..	40 555	10 116	5 531	24 907	
Wheat	farms..	583	197	82	304
\$1,000..	15 015	5 398	2 670	6 947	
Soybeans	farms..	909	295	99	515
\$1,000..	44 078	17 063	5 194	21 821	
Sorghum for grain	farms..	73	18	-	55
\$1,000..	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	
Barley	farms..	206	94	16	96
\$1,000..	4 600	(D)	(D)	(D)	
Oats	farms..	5	1	2	2
\$1,000..	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	
Other grains	farms..	30	7	-	23
\$1,000..	544	10	-	534	
Cotton and cottonseed	farms..	-	-	-	-
\$1,000..	-	-	-	-	
Tobacco	farms..	-	-	-	-
\$1,000..	-	-	-	-	
Hay, silage, and field seeds	farms..	124	51	24	49
\$1,000..	1 160	424	428	308	
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	farms..	207	51	22	134
\$1,000..	38 430	16 625	836	20 968	
Fruits, nuts, and berries	farms..	34	13	6	15
\$1,000..	(D)	76	27	(D)	
Nursery and greenhouse crops	farms..	101	34	31	36
\$1,000..	16 649	3 427	8 634	4 588	
Other crops	farms..	26	11	10	5
\$1,000..	(D)	6 470	2 550	(D)	
Livestock, poultry, and their products	farms..	1 093	293	48	752
\$1,000..	515 440	90 884	10 477	414 080	
Poultry and poultry products	farms..	850	156	9	685
\$1,000..	478 916	70 631	7 346	400 939	
Dairy products	farms..	112	84	11	17
\$1,000..	19 259	11 732	1 904	5 622	
Cattle and calves	farms..	246	146	30	70
\$1,000..	9 214	7 088	429	1 697	
Hogs and pigs	farms..	87	29	1	57
\$1,000..	6 508	1 067	(D)	(D)	
Sheep, lambs, and wool	farms..	28	7	7	14
\$1,000..	46	17	(D)	(D)	
Other livestock and livestock products (see text)	farms..	81	46	15	20
\$1,000..	1 497	349	783	365	
FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES¹					
Total farm production expenses	farms, 1997..	1 717	493	171	1 053
1992..	1 768	458	167	1 143	
\$1,000, 1997..	615 929	132 453	29 111	454 365	
1992..	441 772	91 366	34 563	315 842	
1997 farm production expenses:					
Livestock and poultry purchased	farms..	1 005	238	18	749
\$1,000..	63 839	10 206	1 137	52 496	
Feed for livestock and poultry	farms..	1 116	296	50	770
\$1,000..	362 993	59 136	4 515	299 342	
Commercially mixed formula feeds	farms..	1 053	263	40	750
\$1,000..	359 122	57 294	4 296	297 532	
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees	farms..	1 083	368	148	567
\$1,000..	11 357	3 847	1 925	5 585	
Commercial fertilizer	farms..	1 028	344	154	530
\$1,000..	20 193	7 383	3 238	9 572	
Agricultural chemicals	farms..	1 109	372	135	602
\$1,000..	16 019	5 760	2 022	8 237	

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Item	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
FARM PRODUCTION EXPENSES¹—				
Con.				
1997 farm production expenses—Con.				
Petroleum products	farms .. 1 530	484	171	875
.....	\$1,000 .. 12 314	3 941	1 291	7 082
Electricity	farms .. 1 512	422	133	957
.....	\$1,000 .. 7 019	1 660	537	4 822
Hired farm labor	farms .. 818	241	87	490
.....	\$1,000 .. 30 146	11 413	3 789	14 945
Contract labor	farms .. 249	93	29	127
.....	\$1,000 .. 4 069	1 264	(D)	(D)
Repair and maintenance	farms .. 1 582	457	168	957
.....	\$1,000 .. 18 706	6 118	2 106	10 482
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment	farms .. 771	257	59	455
.....	\$1,000 .. 3 279	996	(D)	(D)
Interest	farms .. 1 036	313	98	625
.....	\$1,000 .. 17 063	5 432	1 837	9 794
Cash rent	farms .. 589	185	92	312
.....	\$1,000 .. 12 826	4 719	2 231	5 876
Property taxes	farms .. 1 613	457	143	1 013
.....	\$1,000 .. 3 667	1 268	424	1 975
All other farm production expenses	farms .. 1 717	493	171	1 053
.....	\$1,000 .. 32 439	9 309	2 935	20 194
NET CASH RETURN¹				
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text)				
.....	farms, 1997 .. 1 717	493	171	1 053
.....	1992 .. 70 400	18 262	7 121	45 016
.....	\$1,000, 1997 .. 112 273	19 499	5 714	87 060
.....	1992 .. 41 001	37 043	41 644	42 750
Average per farm	dollars, 1997 .. 63 503	42 573	34 216	46 168
.....	1992 .. 1 320	331	132	857
Farms with net gains ²	number, 1997 .. 1 518	400	112	1 006
.....	1992 .. 88 385	22 327	9 049	57 009
.....	\$1,000, 1997 .. 116 940	20 651	6 692	89 596
.....	1992 .. 66 958	67 454	68 551	66 522
Average per farm	dollars, 1997 .. 77 035	51 629	59 750	89 062
.....	1992 .. 397	162	39	196
Farms with net losses	number, 1997 .. 250	58	55	137
.....	1992 .. 17 986	4 065	1 928	11 993
.....	\$1,000, 1997 .. 4 667	1 153	978	2 536
.....	1992 .. 45 304	25 093	49 427	61 188
Average per farm	dollars, 1997 .. 18 668	19 876	17 780	18 513
.....	1992 ..			
GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS				
Total received				
.....	farms, 1997 .. 602	205	82	315
.....	1992 .. 238	78	53	107
.....	\$1,000, 1997 .. 3 652	1 199	669	1 784
.....	1992 .. 1 909	631	549	729
Average per farm	dollars, 1997 .. 6 066	5 847	8 163	5 662
.....	1992 .. 8 021	8 087	10 358	6 814
Amount from Conservation Reserve and Wetlands Reserve Programs				
.....	farms, 1997 .. 33	17	4	12
.....	1992 .. 22	9	4	9
.....	\$1,000, 1997 .. 59	18	14	27
.....	1992 .. 42	(D)	(D)	14
Average per farm	dollars, 1997 .. 1 803	1 052	3 600	2 268
.....	1992 .. 1 910	(D)	(D)	1 609
FARMS BY SIZE				
1 to 9 acres				
.....	1997 .. 262	36	8	218
.....	1992 .. 305	27	12	266
10 to 49 acres	1997 .. 373	87	23	263
.....	1992 .. 330	69	14	247
50 to 69 acres	1997 .. 71	25	11	35
.....	1992 .. 88	25	11	52
70 to 99 acres	1997 .. 138	43	10	85
.....	1992 .. 129	32	9	88
100 to 139 acres	1997 .. 152	63	10	79
.....	1992 .. 137	51	11	75
140 to 179 acres	1997 .. 91	38	12	41
.....	1992 .. 122	42	20	60
180 to 219 acres	1997 .. 80	33	20	27
.....	1992 .. 82	26	15	41
220 to 259 acres	1997 .. 59	14	8	37
.....	1992 .. 56	22	2	32
260 to 499 acres	1997 .. 201	64	26	111
.....	1992 .. 237	76	31	130
500 to 999 acres	1997 .. 153	46	22	85
.....	1992 .. 159	51	19	89
1,000 to 1,999 acres	1997 .. 91	28	13	50
.....	1992 .. 89	25	16	48
2,000 acres or more	1997 .. 46	17	7	22
.....	1992 .. 42	16	9	17
VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS¹				
Estimated market value of land and buildings:				
Average per farm	dollars, 1997 .. 792 511	910 681	1 484 595	624 796
.....	1992 .. 669 918	765 821	1 372 924	528 776
Average per acre	dollars, 1997 .. 2 545	2 465	3 426	2 363
.....	1992 .. 2 154	2 000	2 822	2 061

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Item	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT¹				
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment				
farms, 1997..	1 717	493	171	1 053
1992..	1 768	458	167	1 143
\$1,000, 1997..	169 257	51 046	23 838	94 373
1992..	159 278	49 497	21 251	88 530
Average per farm				
dollars, 1997..	98 577	103 542	139 406	89 623
1992..	90 089	108 073	127 250	77 454
Motortrucks, including pickups				
farms, 1997..	1 635	433	159	1 043
1992..	1 635	378	155	1 102
number, 1997..	5 547	1 696	652	3 199
1992..	5 014	1 471	559	2 984
Wheel tractors				
farms, 1997..	1 568	463	160	945
1992..	1 593	427	160	1 006
number, 1997..	4 897	1 555	638	2 704
1992..	5 272	1 537	663	3 072
Grain and bean combines				
farms, 1997..	602	181	94	327
1992..	702	214	69	419
number, 1997..	838	259	154	425
1992..	898	286	92	520
TENURE OF OPERATOR				
Full owners				
farms, 1997..	953	252	78	623
1992..	976	229	72	675
acres, 1997..	96 615	33 791	11 472	51 352
1992..	90 004	29 265	13 151	47 588
Part owners				
farms, 1997..	595	182	60	353
1992..	652	188	65	399
acres, 1997..	389 072	131 459	48 679	208 934
1992..	397 313	136 971	50 486	209 856
Tenants				
farms, 1997..	169	60	32	77
1992..	148	45	32	71
acres, 1997..	61 711	16 478	11 009	34 224
1992..	61 168	16 154	16 553	28 461
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS				
Operators by place of residence:				
On farm operated				
1997..	1 248	356	128	764
1992..	1 324	345	124	855
Not on farm operated				
1997..	250	65	37	148
1992..	269	70	32	167
Not reported				
1997..	219	73	5	141
1992..	183	47	13	123
Operators by principal occupation:				
Farming				
1997..	1 268	377	126	765
1992..	1 287	352	119	816
Other				
1997..	449	117	44	288
1992..	489	110	50	329
Operators by days worked off farm:				
None				
1997..	908	263	104	541
1992..	899	233	95	571
Any				
1997..	622	177	60	385
1992..	733	191	64	478
1 to 49 days				
1997..	89	39	13	37
1992..	107	39	7	61
50 to 99 days				
1997..	33	9	3	21
1992..	54	13	6	35
100 to 149 days				
1997..	44	9	3	32
1992..	57	18	2	37
150 to 199 days				
1997..	68	19	3	46
1992..	94	20	11	63
200 days or more				
1997..	388	101	38	249
1992..	421	101	38	282
Not reported				
1997..	187	54	6	127
1992..	144	38	10	96
1997 operators by years on present farm:				
2 years or less	52	9	9	34
3 or 4 years	93	26	7	60
5 to 9 years	173	58	16	99
10 years or more	1 043	293	126	624
Average years on present farm	21.8	21.6	23.4	21.7
Not reported	356	108	12	236
1997 operators by age group:				
Under 25 years	21	10	1	10
25 to 34 years	116	36	6	74
35 to 44 years	366	105	34	227
45 to 54 years	410	109	41	260
55 to 64 years	389	122	36	231
65 years and over	415	112	52	251
Average age	53.5	52.9	55.6	53.4
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION				
Individual or family (sole proprietorship)				
farms, 1997..	1 335	391	114	830
1992..	1 446	389	116	941
acres, 1997..	300 480	113 962	42 406	144 112
1992..	341 887	128 232	53 742	159 913
Partnership				
farms, 1997..	155	53	17	85
1992..	157	34	15	108
acres, 1997..	69 840	29 355	7 395	33 090
1992..	63 772	18 231	5 561	39 980

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TYPE OF ORGANIZATION—Con.				
Corporation:				
Family held	199	44	31	124
farms, 1997..	156	37	33	86
acres, 1997..	168 726	36 692	18 832	113 202
farms, 1992..	138 042	(D)	(D)	82 430
Other than family held	12	3	2	7
farms, 1997..	8	—	4	4
acres, 1997..	(D)	(D)	(D)	1 008
farms, 1992..	(D)	—	(D)	(D)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	16	3	6	7
farms, 1997..	9	2	1	6
acres, 1997..	(D)	(D)	(D)	3 098
farms, 1992..	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
1997 FARMS BY NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM				
Oilseed and grain farming (1111)	548	196	91	261
Vegetable and melon farming (1112)	73	21	10	42
Fruit and tree nut farming (1113)	4	—	—	4
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production (1114)	75	23	24	28
Other crop farming (1119)	33	9	9	15
Tobacco farming (11191)	—	—	—	—
Cotton farming (11192)	—	—	—	—
Sugarcane farming, hay farming, and all other crop farming (11193, 11194, 11199)	33	9	9	15
Beef cattle ranching and farming (11211)	22	15	3	4
Cattle feedlots (11212)	8	3	4	1
Dairy cattle and milk production (11212)	90	72	10	8
Hog and pig farming (1122)	13	3	—	10
Poultry and egg production (1123)	814	138	6	670
Sheep and goat farming (1124)	2	2	—	—
Animal aquaculture and other animal production (1125, 1129)	35	12	13	10
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY				
Cattle and calves inventory	274	156	32	86
farms, 1997..	245	131	29	85
number, 1997..	25 626	15 839	2 263	7 524
farms, 1992..	26 918	12 244	3 182	11 492
Cows and heifers that had calved	232	139	28	65
farms, 1997..	202	113	23	66
number, 1997..	11 686	6 842	1 335	3 509
farms, 1992..	10 723	5 527	1 730	3 466
Beef cows	126	57	20	49
farms, 1997..	103	41	14	48
number, 1997..	2 486	(D)	(D)	(D)
farms, 1992..	2 106	934	(D)	(D)
Milk cows	113	86	10	17
farms, 1997..	109	78	11	20
number, 1997..	9 200	5 933	(D)	(D)
farms, 1992..	8 617	4 593	(D)	(D)
Heifers and heifer calves	199	118	26	55
number, 1997..	8 849	5 874	677	2 298
Steers, steer calves, bulls, and bull calves	206	117	24	65
farms, 1997..	5 091	3 123	251	1 717
number, 1997..				
Cattle and calves sold	246	146	30	70
farms, 1997..	229	126	31	72
number, 1997..	17 478	12 833	1 332	3 313
farms, 1992..	22 155	7 704	1 022	13 429
Calves	166	105	26	35
number, 1997..	5 959	3 854	756	1 349
Cattle	187	107	24	56
farms, 1997..	202	109	29	64
number, 1997..	11 519	8 979	576	1 964
farms, 1992..	15 462	4 938	(D)	(D)
Fattened on grain and concentrates	38	19	7	12
farms, 1997..	(D)	(D)	120	802
number, 1997..				
Hogs and pigs inventory	97	36	5	56
farms, 1997..	154	48	6	100
number, 1997..	32 880	4 421	30	28 429
farms, 1992..	57 775	(D)	(D)	51 687
Used or to be used for breeding	51	17	—	34
farms, 1997..	106	33	3	70
number, 1997..	4 843	(D)	(D)	(D)
farms, 1992..	9 668	(D)	(D)	8 813
Other	93	34	5	54
farms, 1997..	145	46	5	94
number, 1997..	28 037	(D)	30	(D)
farms, 1992..	48 107	(D)	(D)	42 874
number, 1992..				
Hogs and pigs sold	87	29	1	57
farms, 1997..	151	46	5	100
number, 1997..	59 859	(D)	(D)	46 659
farms, 1992..	116 838	(D)	(D)	98 757
Feeder pigs	24	10	—	14
farms, 1997..	37	14	1	22
number, 1997..	(D)	6 336	—	(D)
farms, 1992..	26 696	(D)	(D)	20 390
number, 1992..				

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Item	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY—Con.				
Sheep and lambs inventory farms, 1997..	29	8	7	14
1992..	37	15	3	19
number, 1997..	936	460	152	324
1992..	1 390	654	161	575
Sheep and lambs sold farms, 1997..	24	6	7	11
1992..	25	10	3	12
number, 1997..	699	317	144	238
1992..	1 191	445	71	675
Layers 20 weeks old and older inventory farms, 1997..	49	32	6	11
1992..	68	42	9	17
number, 1997..	387 957	84 217	220 133	83 607
1992..	509 169	65 650	208 940	234 579
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms, 1997..	805	133	3	669
1992..	864	115	3	746
number, 1997..	223 298 115	(D)	(D)	188 781 568
1992..	223 328 135	(D)	(D)	(D)
SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED				
Corn for grain or seed farms, 1997..	815	254	96	465
1992..	827	253	106	468
acres, 1997..	154 131	41 712	24 070	88 349
1992..	151 009	42 327	31 489	77 193
bushels, 1997..	15 470 680	3 774 089	1 898 442	9 798 149
1992..	17 847 100	4 813 509	3 910 909	9 122 682
Wheat for grain farms, 1997..	586	200	82	304
1992..	521	213	69	239
acres, 1997..	74 186	25 558	12 684	35 944
1992..	60 080	25 768	9 518	24 794
bushels, 1997..	4 939 484	1 719 541	871 124	2 348 819
1992..	3 258 933	1 446 170	563 741	1 249 022
Barley for grain farms, 1997..	230	105	17	108
1992..	297	125	22	150
acres, 1997..	32 183	16 600	1 208	14 375
1992..	37 100	19 876	1 481	15 743
bushels, 1997..	2 693 758	1 413 653	94 962	1 185 143
1992..	2 581 141	1 491 480	102 759	986 902
Soybeans for beans farms, 1997..	912	295	99	518
1992..	971	291	102	578
acres, 1997..	217 276	77 948	26 836	112 492
1992..	222 266	77 325	25 077	119 864
bushels, 1997..	6 451 724	2 515 916	745 639	3 190 169
1992..	6 718 529	2 391 290	904 318	3 422 921
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) farms, 1997..	286	151	44	91
1992..	248	128	42	78
acres, 1997..	13 033	5 291	3 335	4 407
1992..	9 891	3 689	2 688	3 514
tons, dry, 1997..	32 163	16 129	6 658	9 376
1992..	26 426	9 356	8 533	8 537
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) farms, 1997..	207	51	22	134
1992..	211	68	14	129
acres, 1997..	45 310	16 505	928	27 877
1992..	42 215	16 720	1 021	24 475

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.

²Farms with total production expenses equal to market value of agricultural products sold are included as farms with gains.