

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Delaware Agricultural Statistics Service



KENT DELAWARE

Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 197,375 acres in 1992 to 194,554 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 252 acres in 1992 to 254 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 1 percent from 454 farms in 1992 to 459 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

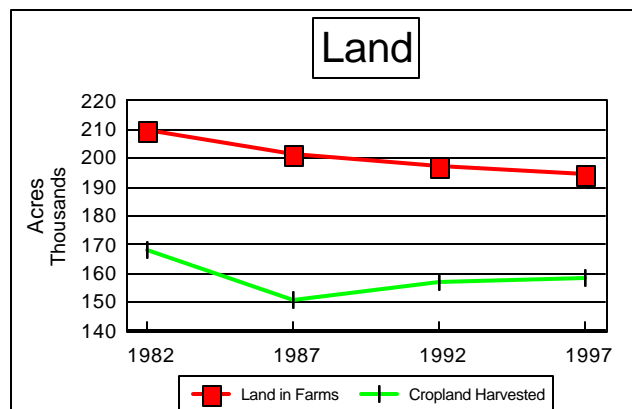
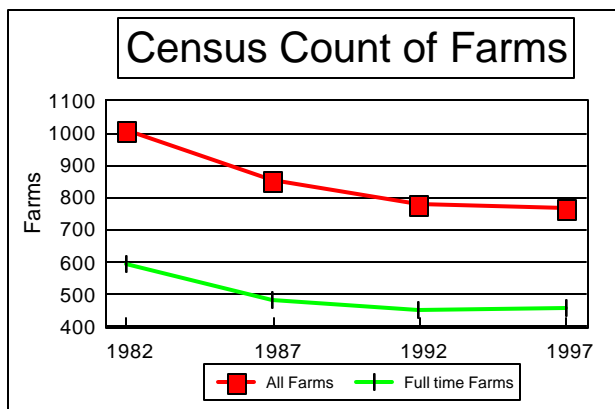
Increased 38 percent to \$153,691,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 40 percent from \$142,927 in 1992 to \$200,379 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	153,691	2	3	230	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	91,094	2	3	216	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	62,597	2	3	385	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	70,647	2	3	78	2,901
Soybeans	17,319	2	3	356	2,136
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	16,672	2	3	70	2,739
Dairy products	11,733	1	3	326	2,563
Corn for grain	10,229	2	3	551	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	2	3	57	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	2	3	364	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	13,275	2	3	942	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	13,135	1	3	1,360	3,063
Turkeys sold	(D)	2	3	449	1,353
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	2	3	50	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	84,905	2	3	455	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	2	3	212	1,790
Cattle and calves inventory	16,887	1	3	1,702	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	4,514	2	3	1,049	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	79,915	2	3	314	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	42,629	2	3	561	2,691
Wheat-acres	26,162	2	3	459	2,612
Barley-acres	16,714	1	3	88	1,411
Land used for vegetables-acres	14,832	2	3	42	2,741

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	273	320	-15
\$10,000 or more	494	462	7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	133,779	94,528	42
Average per farmdollars..	174,646	121,189	44
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	17,798	17,430	2
Average per farmdollars..	23,235	22,346	4
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	638	675	-5
Partnership or corporation	125	103	21
Other	4	4	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	459	454	1
Other	308	328	-6
Operators by sex:			
Male	708	729	-3
Female	59	53	11
Operators by race:			
White	765	776	-1
Black and other races	2	6	-67
Average age of operator	53.2	52.4	2

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.