

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Delaware Agricultural Statistics Service



NEW CASTLE DELAWARE

Land in farms

Decreased 11 percent from 87,134 acres in 1992 to 77,302 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 259 acres in 1992 to 236 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 198 farms in 1992 to 169 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

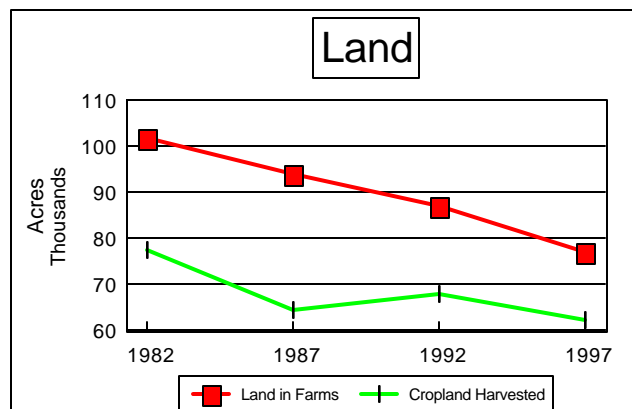
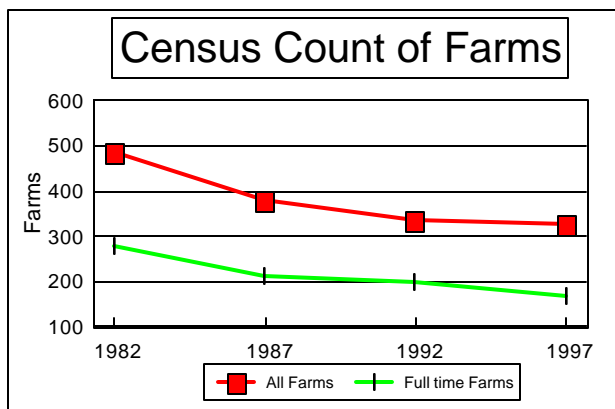
Decreased 8 percent to \$36,943,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 6 percent from \$119,908 in 1992 to \$112,976 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	36,943	3	3	1,522	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	26,343	3	3	1,051	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	10,601	3	3	1,819	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	8,690	1	3	245	2,790
Poultry & poultry products	7,348	3	3	504	2,901
Corn for grain	5,587	3	3	761	2,582
Soybeans	5,251	3	3	734	2,136
Wheat	2,680	3	3	560	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	1	3	115	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	3	3	509	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	1,483	3	3	2,728	3,063
Turkeys sold	(D)	3	3	456	1,353
Sheep and lambs sold	264	2	3	1,578	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	220,308	1	3	279	3,002
Broiler inventory	(D)	3	3	481	2,620
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	1	3	153	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	1	3	161	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	2,698	3	3	2,769	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	27,320	3	3	701	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	24,481	3	3	746	2,691
Wheat-acres	12,755	3	3	676	2,612
Hay crops-acres	3,915	3	3	2,434	3,061
Potatoes-acres	(D)	2	3	138	1,733

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	157	167	-6
\$10,000 or more	170	169	1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	29,852	35,642	-16
Average per farmdollars..	91,569	106,394	-14
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,876	5,178	33
Average per farmdollars..	21,092	15,456	36
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	251	265	-5
Partnership or corporation	69	68	1
Other	7	3	133
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	169	198	-15
Other	158	138	14
Operators by sex:			
Male	296	299	-1
Female	31	37	-16
Operators by race:			
White	324	334	-3
Black and other races	3	2	50
Average age of operator	56.3	54.8	3

(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.