

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Delaware Agricultural Statistics Service



SUSSEX DELAWARE

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 304,680 acres in 1992 to 307,689 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 12 percent from 201 acres in 1992 to 225 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 926 farms in 1992 to 869 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

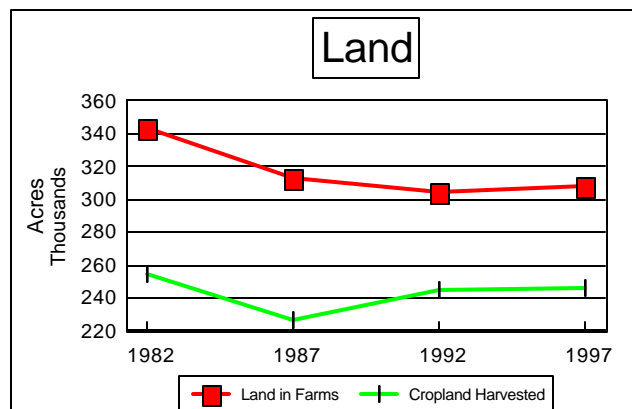
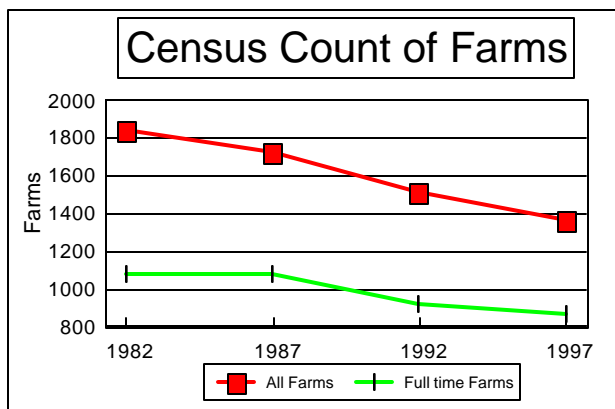
Increased 23 percent to \$500,160,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 36 percent from \$269,114 in 1992 to \$366,149 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	500,160	1	3	31	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	414,255	1	3	17	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	85,905	1	3	202	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	400,943	1	3	1	2,901
Corn for grain	25,203	1	3	242	2,582
Soybeans	22,230	1	3	239	2,136
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	21,043	1	3	52	2,739
Wheat	6,998	1	3	287	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	188,781,568	1	3	1	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	3	3	461	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	46,944	1	3	543	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	1	2	243	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	3,561	2	3	2,386	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	31,594,170	1	3	1	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	83,800	3	3	457	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	28,790	1	3	465	3,005
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	3	3	308	1,790
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	1	3	132	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	115,550	1	3	140	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	89,901	1	3	253	2,691
Wheat-acres	36,348	1	3	388	2,612
Land used for vegetables-acres	25,675	1	3	24	2,741
Barley-acres	14,389	2	3	98	1,411

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	313	370	-15
\$10,000 or more	1,053	1,145	-8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	456,666	318,030	44
Average per farmdollars..	334,309	210,337	59
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	43,889	86,390	-49
Average per farmdollars..	32,129	57,136	-44
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,106	1,286	-14
Partnership or corporation	249	223	12
Other	11	6	83
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	869	926	-6
Other	497	589	-16
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,174	1,318	-11
Female	192	197	-3
Operators by race:			
White	1,330	1,477	-10
Black and other races	36	38	-5
Average age of operator	53.9	52.5	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.