

1997 Census of Agriculture State Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New Jersey Agricultural Statistics Service



NEW JERSEY

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 847,595 acres in 1992 to 832,600 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 93 acres in 1992 to 91 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 4,218 farms in 1992 to 3,920 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

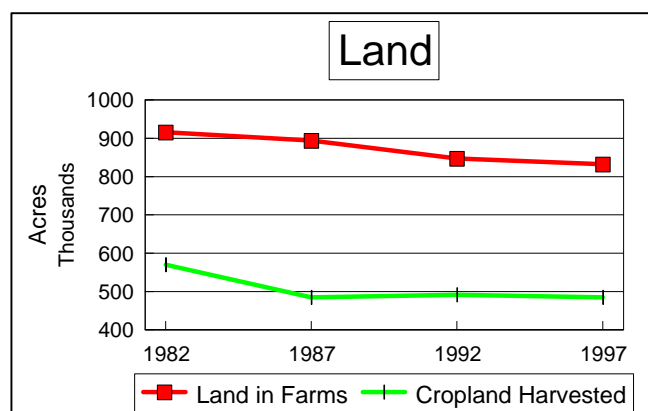
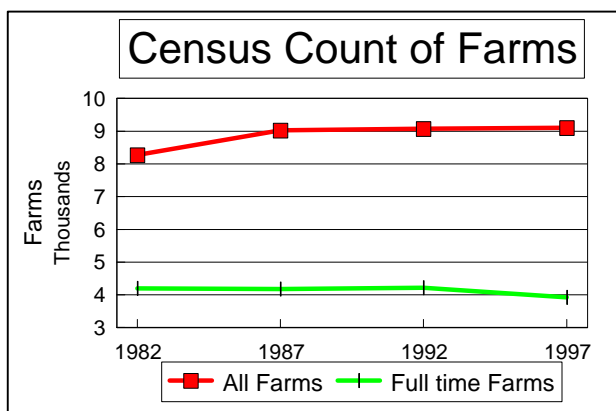
Increased 31 percent to \$697,380,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 85 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 15 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 31 percent from \$58,706 in 1992 to \$76,627 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	697,380	39	50
Value of crops including nursery	592,713	35	50
Value of livestock and poultry	104,666	45	50
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)			
Nursery and greenhouse crops	277,957	11	50
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	150,508	10	50
Fruits, nuts, berries	89,768	13	50
Dairy products	37,603	43	50
Poultry & poultry products	35,519	37	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)			
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	36	50
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	252,484	21	50
Turkeys sold	69,263	28	49
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	40,712	42	50
Hogs and pigs sold	40,396	38	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)			
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	2,086,908	31	50
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	152,330	16	50
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	41	50
Cattle and calves inventory	56,643	46	50
Hogs and pigs inventory	23,189	39	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA			
Soybeans for beans-acres	116,557	28	42
Hay crops-acres	114,523	43	50
Corn for grain-acres	89,252	31	48
Land used for vegetables-acres	59,675	13	50
Wheat-acres	38,104	38	46

Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	5,554	5,455	2
\$10,000 or more	3,547	3,624	-2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	513,326	430,843	19
Average per farmdollars..	56,447	47,434	19
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	175,896	95,771	84
Average per farmdollars..	19,342	10,544	83
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	7,604	7,553	1
Partnership or corporation	1,418	1,448	-2
Other	79	78	1
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	3,920	4,218	-7
Other	5,181	4,861	7
Operators by sex:			
Male	7,745	7,805	-1
Female	1,356	1,274	6
Operators by race:			
White	8,963	8,956	0
Black and other races	138	123	12
Average age of operator	55.4	53.9	3

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

* Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.