

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
New Jersey Agricultural Statistics Service



CAPE MAY NEW JERSEY

Land in farms

Decreased 17 percent from 11,644 acres in 1992 to 9,669 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 71 acres in 1992 to 65 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 35 percent from 88 farms in 1992 to 57 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

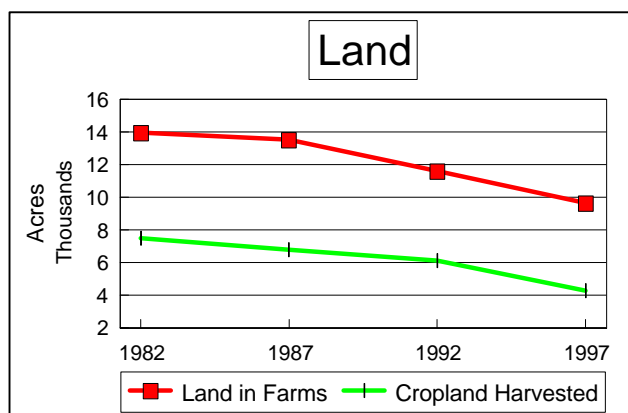
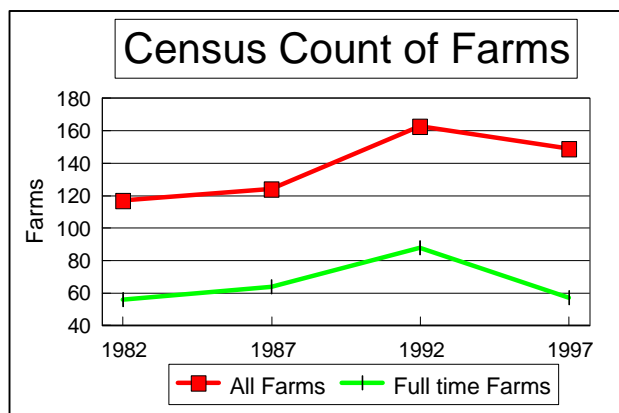
Increased 21 percent to \$6,807,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 96 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 4 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 33 percent from \$34,443 in 1992 to \$45,685 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	6,807	18	20	2,667	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	6,531	17	20	1,989	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	276	16	20	2,984	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,594	17	20	419	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,627	14	20	408	2,739
Hogs and pigs	138	6	20	1,684	2,976
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	127	15	19	2,583	3,043
Soybeans	(D)	12	15	1,751	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	1,475	8	20	1,676	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	155	13	19	1,837	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	17	20	1,317	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	13	18	1,272	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	129	14	19	3,014	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	820	5	19	1,685	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	647	15	20	1,474	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	594	11	19	941	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	257	13	20	3,013	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	252	16	20	2,394	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	1,336	13	20	2,818	3,061
All nursery-acres	1,094	12	20	271	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	837	14	20	499	2,741
Soybeans for beans-acres	(D)	11	15	1,706	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	477	15	17	2,069	2,691

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	97	99	-2
\$10,000 or more	52	64	-19
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	4,969	4,320	15
Average per farmdollars..	33,351	26,665	25
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,937	976	98
Average per farmdollars..	12,997	6,023	116
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	130	146	-11
Partnership or corporation	18	16	13
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	57	88	-35
Other	92	75	23
Operators by sex:			
Male	124	136	-9
Female	25	27	-7
Operators by race:			
White	145	155	-6
Black and other races	4	8	-50
Average age of operator	53.6	55.6	-4

(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.