1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture New Jersey Agricultural Statistics Service



GLOUCESTER NEW JERSEY

Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 61,748 acres in 1992 to 58,373 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 88 acres in 1992 to 90 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 349 farms in 1992 to 316 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

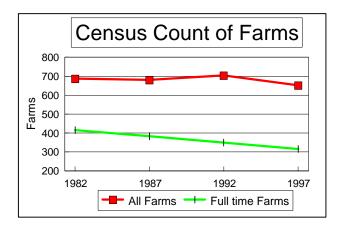
Increased 23 percent to \$66,972,000 in 1997.

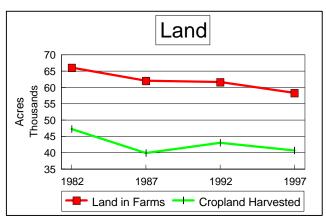
Crop sales accounted for 92 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 8 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 33 percent from \$77,521 in 1992 to \$102,717 in 1997.





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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

		State		U.S.	
Item	Quantity	Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	66,972	5	20	871	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	61,308	5	20	399	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,664	6	20	2,277	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	24,252	2	20	50	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	22,446	6	20	91	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	9,973	3	20	115	2,547
Dairy products	2,407	6	14	976	2,563
Hogs and pigs	2,362	1	20	770	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	20,640	1	20	807	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	1	14	692	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	3,880	10	18	440	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	854	7	19	2,854	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	738	6	19	997	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	12,952	1	19	724	3,005
Broiler inventory	3,657	2	18	664	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	3,093	7	20	2,735	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	2,156	8	19	428	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,395	3	18	735	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	11,960	4	15	942	2,144
Land used for vegetables-acres	8,149	3	20	85	2,741
Land in orchards-acres	5,472	1	20	107	2,693
Wheat-acres	5,355	3	16	1,020	2,612
Hay crops-acres	3,515	9	20	2,494	3,061

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

			Percent	
Item	1997	1992	Change	
Farms by value of sales:				
Less than \$10,000	350	377	-7	
\$10,000 or more	302	327	-8	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000	47,214	43,140	9	
Average per farmdollars	72,525	61,191	19	
Net cash return from agricultural sales				
for the farm unit\$1,000	20,613	10,494	96	
Average per farmdollars	31,663	14,886	113	
Farms by type of organization:				
Individual or family	565	620	-9	
Partnership or corporation	85	80	6	
Other	2	4	-50	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS				
Operators by principal occupation:				
Farming	316	349	-9	
Other	336	355	-5	
Operators by sex:				
Male	559	620	-10	
Female	93	84	11	
Operators by race:				
White	646	695	-7	
Black and other races	6	9	-33	
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.