

Table 1. County Summary Highlights: 1997

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Item	New Jersey	Atlantic	Bergen	Burlington	Camden	Cape May	Cumberland
Farms number	9 101	424	121	857	211	149	573
Land in farms acres	832 600	31 050	2 633	103 667	9 007	9 669	66 288
Average size of farm acres	91	73	22	121	43	65	116
Median size of farm acres	23	20	6	21	13	21	30
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :							
Average per farm dollars	594 206	362 615	554 263	614 977	359 339	295 784	421 150
Average per acre dollars	6 642	5 251	21 468	5 250	8 288	4 669	3 738
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :							
Average per farm dollars	48 011	68 723	30 515	67 376	27 036	39 113	76 771
Farms by size:							
1 to 9 acres	2 249	93	81	236	70	29	123
10 to 49 acres	3 807	203	31	319	98	76	231
50 to 179 acres	1 927	84	5	169	31	31	132
180 to 499 acres	768	36	3	82	9	10	60
500 to 999 acres	238	5	1	32	3	3	15
1,000 acres or more	112	3	—	19	—	—	12
Total cropland farms	8 322	399	101	790	192	141	554
acres	594 928	19 464	1 379	69 549	6 997	5 755	50 928
Harvested cropland farms	7 396	362	95	696	173	122	524
acres	485 187	16 417	1 192	59 736	5 221	4 298	44 932
Irrigated land farms	2 089	214	48	225	73	49	268
acres	92 965	12 085	252	11 437	3 150	1 144	19 477
Market value of agricultural products sold \$1,000	697 380	63 469	9 008	87 535	17 473	6 807	94 152
Average per farm dollars	76 627	149 690	74 444	102 141	82 811	45 685	164 315
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000	592 713	62 856	8 650	75 845	17 212	6 531	90 432
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000	104 666	612	358	11 690	261	276	3 721
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$2,500	3 352	147	29	254	78	48	148
\$2,500 to \$4,999	1 105	39	9	100	25	21	64
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 097	42	14	94	26	28	53
\$10,000 to \$24,999	1 195	36	29	138	32	17	63
\$25,000 to \$49,999	689	45	15	87	18	13	57
\$50,000 to \$99,999	502	31	6	59	6	10	28
\$100,000 or more	1 161	84	19	125	26	12	160
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000	513 326	47 537	5 718	64 263	9 539	4 969	62 992
Average per farm dollars	56 447	112 648	47 252	75 073	45 642	33 351	109 743
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) ¹ farms	9 094	422	121	856	209	149	574
\$1,000	175 896	14 856	2 751	23 669	7 845	1 937	29 368
Average per farm dollars	19 342	35 205	22 733	27 651	37 535	12 997	51 164
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming	3 920	198	63	432	85	57	304
Other	5 181	226	58	425	126	92	269
Operators by days worked off farm:							
Any	5 188	235	52	467	123	97	284
200 days or more	3 478	146	27	281	71	72	209
Livestock and poultry:							
Cattle and calves inventory farms	1 703	13	7	107	25	25	49
number	56 643	62	123	4 720	121	257	2 296
Beef cows farms	1 039	6	2	58	12	19	26
number	12 192	29	(D)	545	52	(D)	512
Milk cows farms	296	—	—	18	—	1	9
number	18 041	—	—	1 909	—	(D)	822
Cattle and calves sold farms	1 506	10	7	97	17	20	38
number	23 362	27	(D)	2 102	61	129	780
Hogs and pigs inventory farms	431	15	1	29	13	10	20
number	23 189	742	(D)	268	424	820	2 215
Hogs and pigs sold farms	350	14	1	19	7	14	12
number	40 396	259	(D)	630	559	1 475	3 139
Sheep and lambs inventory farms	690	12	7	34	17	10	24
number	13 149	166	65	428	146	158	232
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) farms	827	22	9	56	27	20	26
number	(D)	600	3 298	1 945	746	737	(D)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms	79	4	1	6	3	—	—
number	40 712	75	(D)	(D)	100	—	—
Selected crops harvested:							
Corn for grain or seed farms	1 110	43	—	103	29	18	57
acres	89 252	527	—	11 171	(D)	477	3 799
bushels	9 572 100	49 739	—	1 239 432	26 438	(D)	352 840
Corn for silage or green chop farms	367	4	—	23	—	—	13
acres	20 564	(D)	—	1 530	—	—	1 015
tons, green	300 696	(D)	—	23 239	—	—	16 074
Soybeans for beans farms	914	11	—	141	8	3	99
acres	116 557	313	—	24 088	307	(D)	12 610
bushels	3 599 073	8 712	—	714 447	5 380	(D)	332 557
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) farms	3 022	44	7	195	38	43	132
acres	114 523	1 136	205	7 261	525	1 336	3 278
tons, dry	224 259	1 778	243	16 864	928	1 720	6 955
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) farms	1 577	107	25	149	54	31	165
acres	63 414	5 942	222	4 816	1 845	841	15 483
Land in orchards farms	577	42	12	35	29	1	20
acres	13 459	840	95	586	1 208	(D)	1 655

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Item	Essex	Gloucester	Hudson	Hunterdon	Mercer	Middlesex	Monmouth
Farms number..	21	652	—	1 313	285	275	874
Land in farms acres..	(D)	58 373	—	105 230	28 391	28 100	59 405
Average size of farm acres..	(D)	90	—	80	100	102	68
Median size of farm acres..	6	22	—	27	25	16	13
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :							
Average per farm dollars..	500 251	457 100	—	581 546	1 359 262	756 235	675 729
Average per acre dollars..	29 020	5 103	—	7 346	13 871	8 225	9 710
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :							
Average per farm dollars..	64 167	50 239	—	35 498	44 239	49 692	53 644
Farms by size:							
1 to 9 acres	13	191	—	255	68	91	305
10 to 49 acres	6	241	—	598	117	111	394
50 to 179 acres	2	139	—	334	62	41	108
180 to 499 acres	—	60	—	87	25	17	36
500 to 999 acres	—	12	—	27	6	8	21
1,000 acres or more	—	9	—	12	7	7	10
Total cropland farms..	19	602	—	1 199	263	257	749
Harvested cropland acres..	165	46 095	—	78 128	23 124	21 956	46 324
Irrigated land farms..	18	548	—	1 034	236	237	624
Market value of agricultural products sold \$1,000..	1 223	66 972	—	36 057	13 255	34 355	67 973
Average per farm dollars..	58 235	102 717	—	27 461	46 510	124 927	77 772
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops \$1,000..	1 215	61 308	—	28 149	12 256	33 211	62 642
Livestock, poultry, and their products \$1,000..	8	5 664	—	7 907	999	1 144	5 331
Farms by value of sales:							
Less than \$2,500	3	214	—	563	105	82	335
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2	57	—	205	36	27	87
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1	79	—	176	35	28	91
\$10,000 to \$24,999	5	102	—	162	32	46	126
\$25,000 to \$49,999	3	47	—	82	17	30	69
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3	30	—	59	30	16	59
\$100,000 or more	4	123	—	66	30	46	107
Total farm production expenses ¹ \$1,000..	838	47 214	—	32 252	9 492	21 919	53 373
Average per farm dollars..	39 914	72 525	—	24 601	33 424	79 706	60 998
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text) ¹ farms..	21	651	—	1 311	284	275	875
Average per farm \$1,000..	385	20 613	—	2 806	3 242	11 567	14 723
Operators by principal occupation:							
Farming	10	316	—	496	121	123	398
Other	11	336	—	817	164	152	476
Operators by days worked off farm:							
Any	7	343	—	801	148	144	485
200 days or more	2	254	—	519	102	90	329
Livestock and poultry:							
Cattle and calves inventory farms..	1	96	—	352	35	17	96
Beef cows farms..	(D)	3 093	—	8 445	785	233	1 507
Milk cows farms..	1	55	—	230	26	11	58
Cattle and calves sold farms..	(D)	532	—	2 488	186	(D)	482
Hogs and pigs inventory farms..	—	12	—	47	4	2	9
Hogs and pigs sold farms..	—	990	—	1 665	266	(D)	153
Sheep and lambs inventory farms..	—	72	—	327	33	13	76
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) farms..	—	854	—	3 492	334	359	509
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	1	42	—	68	6	12	17
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) farms..	(D)	12 952	—	1 525	(D)	251	67
Land in orchards farms..	1	39	—	59	3	5	7
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) farms..	(D)	20 640	—	2 138	(D)	(D)	35
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) farms..	—	39	—	176	21	12	54
Land in orchards farms..	—	1 395	—	3 250	348	390	865
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text) farms..	1	33	—	121	23	28	77
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold farms..	(D)	(D)	—	4 938	945	1 376	(D)
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) farms..	—	2	—	11	—	5	10
Land in orchards farms..	—	(D)	—	9 987	—	320	177
Selected crops harvested:							
Corn for grain or seed farms..	—	68	—	193	40	26	57
Corn for silage or green chop acres..	—	2 945	—	12 056	5 123	3 915	6 353
Soybeans for beans bushels..	—	259 050	—	1 212 575	570 083	504 718	721 844
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) farms..	—	13	—	51	4	3	6
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) acres..	—	1 011	—	1 806	(D)	75	135
Land in orchards tons, green..	—	16 809	—	26 467	(D)	1 135	2 529
Land in orchards farms..	—	123	—	86	38	42	71
Land in orchards acres..	—	11 960	—	8 203	9 334	9 972	10 811
Land in orchards bushels..	—	322 443	—	277 256	315 525	344 989	353 584
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) farms..	1	136	—	674	70	44	172
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) acres..	(D)	3 515	—	28 417	2 123	1 472	4 648
Land in orchards tons, dry..	(D)	6 636	—	52 280	4 083	1 911	10 170
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text) farms..	8	139	—	112	55	77	172
Land in orchards acres..	97	8 348	—	1 170	1 104	1 830	4 345
Land in orchards farms..	2	47	—	80	21	22	41
Land in orchards acres..	(D)	5 472	—	477	130	190	679

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Item	Morris	Ocean	Passaic	Salem	Somerset	Sussex	Union	Warren
Farms	383	235	55	660	437	827	19	730
Land in farms	22 351	11 381	2 232	92 047	46 258	73 001	(D)	82 900
Average size of farm	58	48	41	139	106	88	(D)	114
Median size of farm	17	11	11	46	24	28	11	37
Estimated market value of land and buildings ¹ :								
Average per farm	710 300	348 713	576 293	536 956	796 314	476 842	1 085 122	736 876
Average per acre	13 552	6 791	14 201	3 887	8 454	5 493	80 852	6 502
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment ¹ :								
Average per farm	38 012	18 851	24 200	65 676	49 259	24 898	48 921	41 441
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres	108	94	24	106	84	148	9	121
10 to 49 acres	174	102	20	229	206	366	9	276
50 to 179 acres	78	25	8	188	84	200	1	205
180 to 499 acres	16	9	3	94	42	85	—	94
500 to 999 acres	4	5	—	30	14	23	—	29
1,000 acres or more	3	—	—	13	7	5	—	5
Total cropland	340	203	48	623	394	762	16	670
Harvested cropland	13 547	5 692	359	75 066	30 988	41 321	148	57 943
Irrigated land	287	167	38	582	352	684	16	601
Market value of agricultural products sold	29 956	8 170	3 863	67 908	14 026	19 187	9 986	46 005
Average per farm	78 215	34 767	70 232	102 892	32 096	23 201	525 587	63 021
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops	28 762	5 562	3 626	43 574	9 955	11 269	9 964	19 693
Livestock, poultry, and their products	1 195	2 608	237	24 334	4 070	7 918	22	26 312
Farms by value of sales:								
Less than \$2,500	163	93	22	183	183	397	2	303
\$2,500 to \$4,999	49	36	5	87	48	120	1	87
\$5,000 to \$9,999	50	30	6	88	56	98	1	101
\$10,000 to \$24,999	39	34	7	113	72	84	4	54
\$25,000 to \$49,999	29	11	4	51	23	44	5	39
\$50,000 to \$99,999	13	10	5	33	20	31	—	53
\$100,000 or more	40	21	6	105	35	53	6	93
Total farm production expenses ¹	17 506	5 288	2 582	52 930	12 070	16 086	6 360	40 398
Average per farm	45 708	22 407	46 945	80 197	27 620	19 451	334 727	55 415
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (see text)	383	236	55	660	437	827	19	729
Average per farm	11 541	2 638	1 281	13 882	1 322	2 646	3 626	5 200
Operators by principal occupation:								
Farming	154	98	20	296	155	278	11	305
Other	229	137	35	364	282	549	8	425
Operators by days worked off farm:								
Any	221	145	33	368	268	532	5	430
200 days or more	131	91	22	248	196	376	3	309
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory	61	26	9	188	107	233	2	254
Beef cows	773	553	41	10 689	4 660	7 863	(D)	10 391
Milk cows	40	14	6	120	67	140	1	147
Cattle and calves sold	313	(D)	(D)	1 812	1 831	1 831	(D)	1 307
Hogs and pigs inventory	13	3	2	42	16	49	—	69
Hogs and pigs sold	164	(D)	(D)	3 865	850	2 657	—	4 450
Sheep and lambs inventory	54	25	7	166	106	210	2	226
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	352	158	47	4 123	2 626	3 461	(D)	3 899
Layers and pullets 13 weeks old and older inventory (see text)	13	23	6	40	23	46	—	46
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	43	653	22	1 600	268	409	—	270
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	11	25	5	27	19	46	1	35
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	116	1 674	20	3 018	254	521	(D)	819
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	33	13	6	46	43	80	—	63
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	492	95	66	943	1 241	1 673	—	1 196
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	53	27	14	43	52	102	1	92
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1 795	3 019	(D)	(D)	8 367	3 910	(D)	(D)
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	—	2	5	5	3	9	—	13
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	—	(D)	98	342	(D)	1 248	—	1 860
Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed	20	13	2	160	42	59	—	180
Corn for silage or green chop	2 291	619	(D)	11 791	3 003	3 507	—	21 281
Soybeans for beans	227 691	65 430	(D)	1 235 948	268 389	348 504	—	2 463 248
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text)	5	7	—	59	13	64	—	102
Vegetables harvested for sale (see text)	109	273	—	4 736	1 279	4 475	—	3 855
Land in orchards	1 547	3 606	—	68 801	18 317	56 988	—	59 858
Land in orchards	3	9	—	217	26	—	—	37
Land in orchards	(D)	428	—	21 976	2 750	—	—	2 885
Land in orchards	(D)	9 303	—	711 083	68 088	—	—	112 891
Land in orchards	119	50	2	268	211	460	1	355
Land in orchards	4 440	1 064	(D)	8 847	11 419	19 287	(D)	15 472
Land in orchards	8 897	1 627	(D)	21 255	22 355	34 166	(D)	32 344
Land in orchards	72	46	16	104	48	96	8	93
Land in orchards	1 491	606	86	11 455	430	1 274	66	1 962
Land in orchards	40	13	7	12	27	58	1	67
Land in orchards	237	45	11	(D)	100	319	(D)	483

¹Data are based on a sample of farms.