

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service



DELAWARE PENNSYLVANIA

Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 5,095 acres in 1992 to 4,841 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 75 acres in 1992 to 77 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 33 percent from 40 farms in 1992 to 27 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

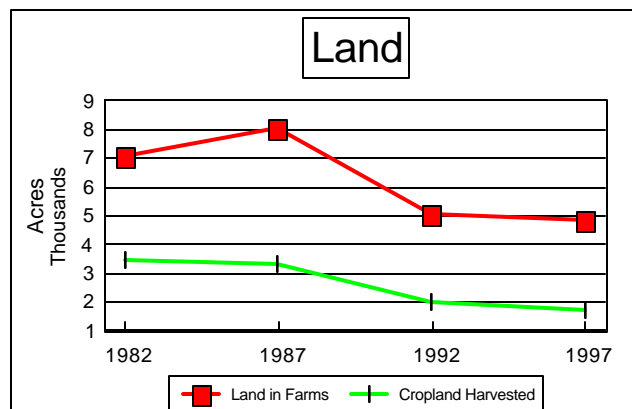
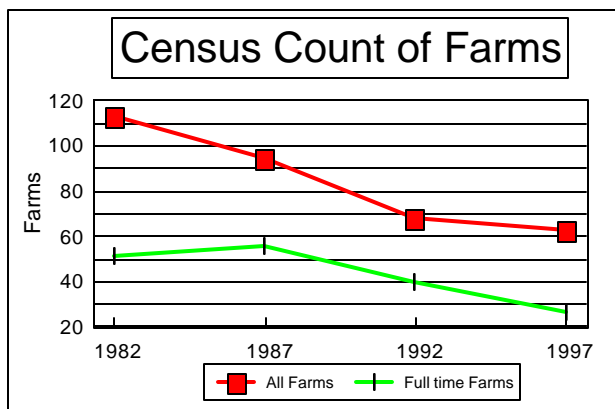
Increased 2 percent to \$7,048,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 91 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 9 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 10 percent from \$102,109 in 1992 to \$111,874 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	7,048	59	67	2,658	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	6,379	44	67	2,001	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	669	64	67	2,933	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,922	16	66	334	2,790
Dairy products	(D)	64	67	1,972	2,563
Horses and ponies	(D)	18	65	623	3,015
Corn for grain	(D)	55	66	1,846	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	100	63	66	2,672	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	24	59	492	2,200
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	47	62	1,086	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	(D)	64	67	3,004	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	160	55	65	1,821	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	44	53	1,426	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	19	65	341	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	498	59	66	1,690	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	449	64	67	2,986	3,064
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	17	51	416	1,790
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	58	65	1,801	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	784	65	66	2,907	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	61	66	2,036	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	64	66	1,985	2,473
All nursery-acres	94	60	65	1,230	2,619
Soybeans for beans-acres	72	56	58	2,006	2,144

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	36	37	-3
\$10,000 or more	27	31	-13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	4,905	5,352	-8
Average per farmdollars..	77,862	78,706	-1
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,143	1,591	35
Average per farmdollars..	34,012	23,403	45
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	43	48	-10
Partnership or corporation	18	20	-10
Other	2	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	27	40	-33
Other	36	28	29
Operators by sex:			
Male	50	62	-19
Female	13	6	117
Operators by race:			
White	63	68	-7
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	60.4	62.6	-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.