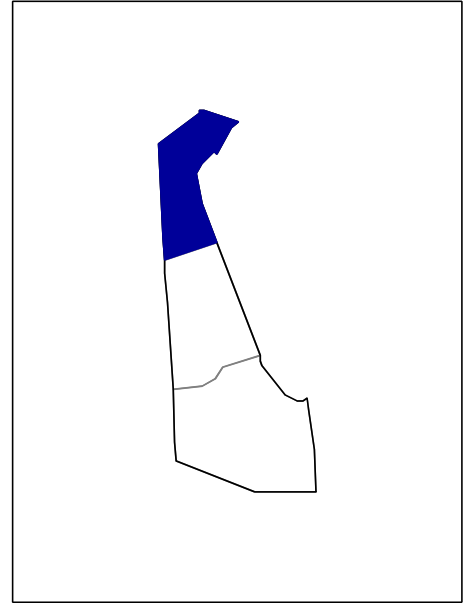


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Number of farms

358 farms in 2002, 355 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

Land in farms

71,248 acres in 2002, 78,085 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Average size of farm

199 acres in 2002, 220 acres in 1997, down 10 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$27,346,000 in 2002, \$36,840,000 in 1997, down 26 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$23,115,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,231,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

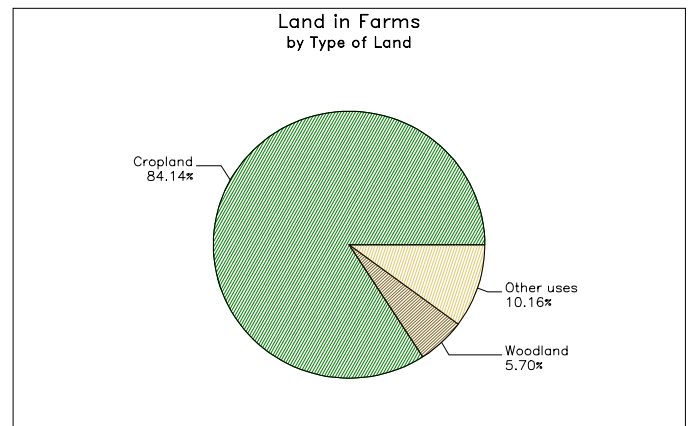
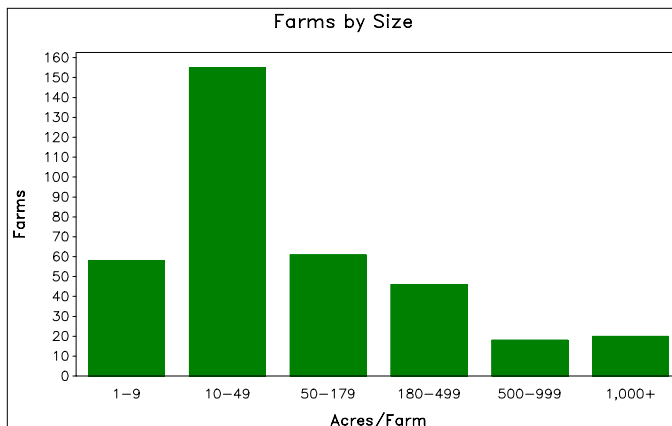
\$76,384 in 2002, \$103,774 in 1997, down 26 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,322,000 in 2002, \$732,000 in 1997, up 81 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$14,858 in 2002, \$6,719 in 1997, up 121 percent.



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Ranked items among the 3 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

| Item | Quantity | State Rank | Universe ¹ | U.S. Rank | Universe ¹ |
|---|----------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Total value of agricultural products sold | 27,346 | 3 | 3 | 1,805 | 3,075 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 23,115 | 3 | 3 | 1,065 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 4,231 | 3 | 3 | 2,419 | 3,070 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 9,581 | 3 | 3 | 1,010 | 2,871 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 560 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | - | - | 656 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 2,277 | 3 | 3 | 498 | 2,747 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | 231 | 3 | 3 | 833 | 2,638 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 10,290 | 1 | 3 | 252 | 2,708 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | 195 | 1 | 3 | 281 | 1,774 |
| Other crops and hay | 539 | 2 | 3 | 1,841 | 3,046 |
| Poultry and eggs | (D) | (D) | 3 | (D) | 2,918 |
| Cattle and calves | 405 | 3 | 3 | 2,790 | 3,053 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 2,157 | 3 | 3 | 985 | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2,381 | 2,919 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 16 | 1 | 3 | 2,050 | 2,997 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 162 | 3 | 3 | 1,322 | 3,014 |
| Aquaculture | (D) | (D) | 2 | (D) | 1,520 |
| Other animals and other animal products | (D) | (D) | 3 | (D) | 2,727 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older | (D) | 2 | 3 | (D) | 2,983 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | (D) | 3 | 3 | (D) | 2,599 |
| Cattle and calves | 2,665 | 3 | 3 | 2,743 | 3,059 |
| Horses and ponies | 833 | 3 | 3 | 1,527 | 3,065 |
| Sheep and lambs | 366 | 2 | 3 | 1,647 | 2,867 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Soybeans | 29,720 | 3 | 3 | 727 | 2,076 |
| Corn for grain | 17,456 | 3 | 3 | 858 | 2,592 |
| All Wheat for grain | 12,029 | 3 | 3 | 582 | 2,517 |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 5,115 | 3 | 3 | 2,301 | 3,059 |
| All Vegetables harvested | 912 | 3 | 3 | 463 | 2,710 |

Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity | Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales | | Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 64 | Farming | 200 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 96 | Other | 158 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 27 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 28 | Male | 300 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 22 | Female | 58 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 8 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 57.4 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 20 | All operators ² by race: | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 9 | White | 529 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 44 | Black or African American | 11 |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 15 | American Indian or Alaska Native | 1 |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 13 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| \$500,000 or more | 12 | Asian | 8 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 28,838 | More than one race | 1 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 81,007 | All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 12 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 3,407 | | |
| Average per farm (\$) | 9,570 | | |

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.