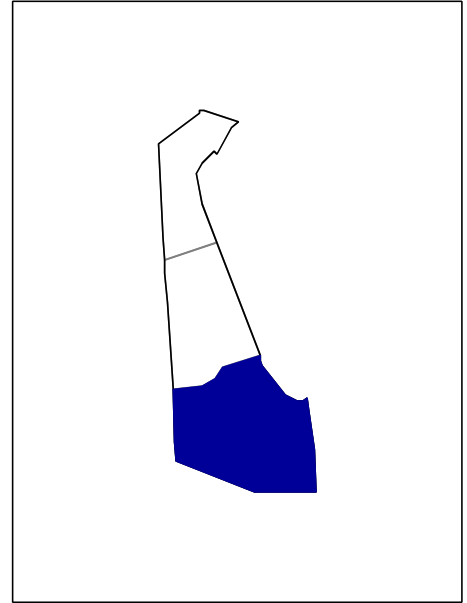




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Number of farms

1,312 farms in 2002, 1,481 farms in 1997, down 11 percent.

Land in farms

283,503 acres in 2002, 313,650 acres in 1997, down 10 percent.

Average size of farm

216 acres in 2002, 212 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$462,832,000 in 2002, \$563,991,000 in 1997, down 18 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$72,890,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$389,942,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

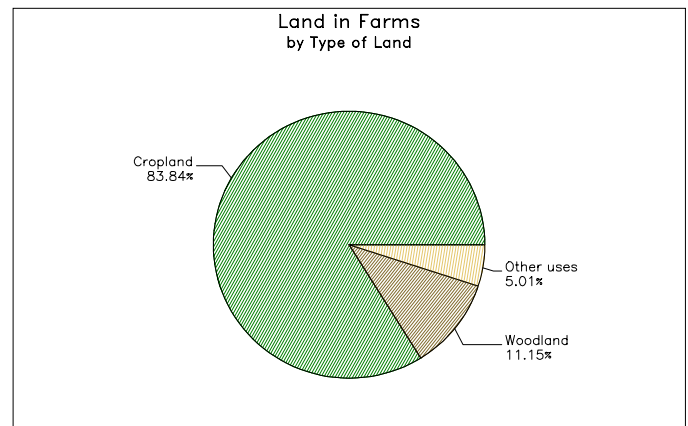
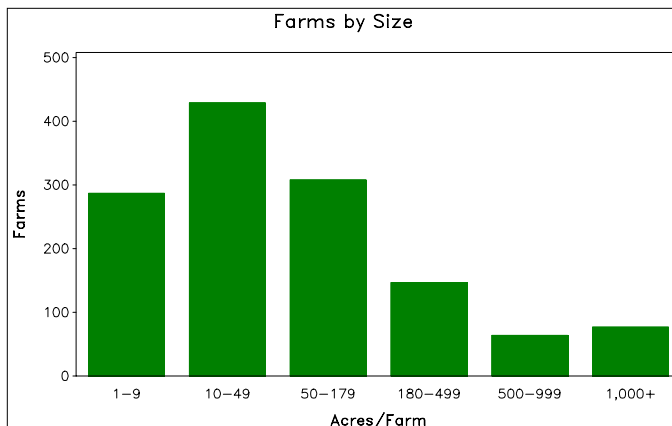
\$352,769 in 2002, \$380,818 in 1997, down 7 percent.

Government Payments

\$4,391,000 in 2002, \$1,857,000 in 1997, up 136 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$15,039 in 2002, \$5,116 in 1997, up 194 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	462,832	1	3	36	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	72,890	1	3	263	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	389,942	1	3	22	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	37,649	1	3	370	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	23,934	2	3	87	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	951	2	3	368	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	9,756	2	3	268	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	91	3	3	469	1,774
Other crops and hay	510	3	3	1,885	3,046
Poultry and eggs	378,818	1	3	1	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,386	2	3	2,401	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	7,107	2	3	490	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2,428	1	3	667	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	14	2	3	2,103	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	166	2	3	1,296	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	2	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	23	1	3	1,461	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	39,878,429	1	3	1	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	80,007	3	3	437	2,983
Hogs and pigs	9,943	1	3	721	2,926
Cattle and calves	9,483	2	3	2,097	3,059
All Goats	1,149	1	3	400	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	100,417	1	3	212	2,592
Soybeans	86,229	1	3	334	2,076
All Vegetables harvested	21,732	1	3	29	2,710
All Wheat for grain	20,959	1	3	444	2,517
Barley	9,555	2	3	107	1,246

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	124
\$1,000 to \$2,499	88
\$2,500 to \$4,999	62
\$5,000 to \$9,999	53
\$10,000 to \$19,999	59
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13
\$25,000 to \$39,999	39
\$40,000 to \$49,999	25
\$50,000 to \$99,999	72
\$100,000 to \$249,999	115
\$250,000 to \$499,999	412
\$500,000 or more	250
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	342,424
Average per farm (\$)	260,795
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	123,309
Average per farm (\$)	93,914

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	969
Other	343
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,113
Female	199
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.0
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,944
Black or African American	17
American Indian or Alaska Native	9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	21
More than one race	2
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	15

(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.