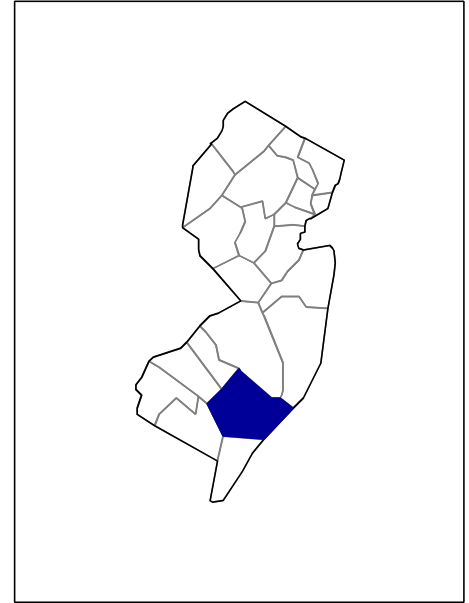


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Number of farms

456 farms in 2002, 465 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

Land in farms

30,337 acres in 2002, 31,620 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

67 acres in 2002, 68 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$78,508,000 in 2002, \$65,237,000 in 1997, up 20 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$77,718,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$790,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

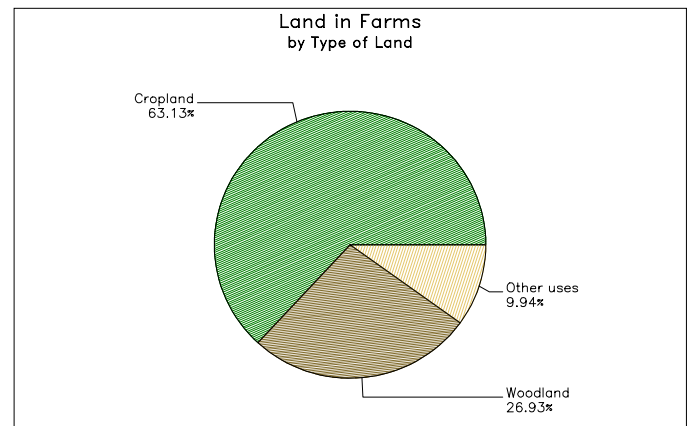
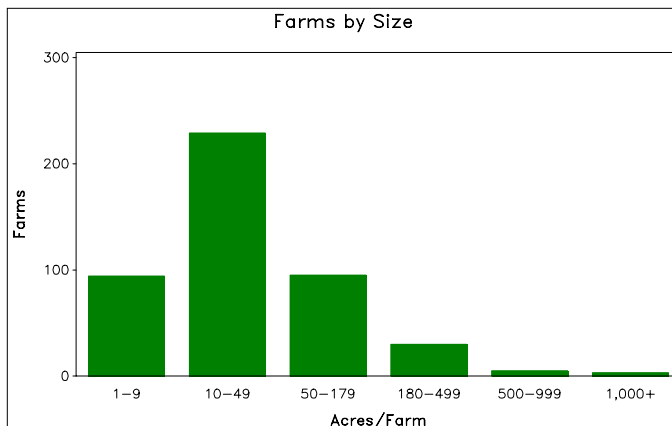
\$172,166 in 2002, \$140,294 in 1997, up 23 percent.

Government Payments

(D) in 2002, \$189,000 in 1997.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

(D) in 2002, \$6,534 in 1997.



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Ranked items among the 21 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	78,508	4	20	712	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	77,718	2	20	230	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	790	14	20	2,901	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	85	14	16	2,421	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	22,170	4	20	94	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	41,482	1	20	53	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	13,577	9	20	202	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	309	6	18	171	1,774
Other crops and hay	95	15	18	2,799	3,046
Poultry and eggs	26	14	20	1,638	2,918
Cattle and calves	22	15	19	3,029	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	11	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	33	11	18	1,855	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	16	14	18	2,059	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	390	11	20	542	3,014
Aquaculture	261	3	14	384	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	43	10	20	1,200	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Colonies of bees	1,860	2	20	300	2,392
Quail	1,300	6	12	337	1,412
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,272	12	19	1,217	2,983
Horses and ponies	757	11	20	1,645	3,065
Hogs and pigs	(D)	6	18	(D)	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Berries	5,863	1	19	9	2,019
All Vegetables harvested	5,596	4	20	129	2,710
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,105	14	19	2,870	3,059
Floriculture crops	713	2	20	19	1,801
Sod harvested ³	(D)	(D)	12	(D)	740

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	112	Farming	289
\$1,000 to \$2,499	81	Other	167
\$2,500 to \$4,999	46	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	35	Male	386
\$10,000 to \$19,999	37	Female	70
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	52.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	17	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	White	679
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17	Black or African American	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	30	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	22	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	38	Asian	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	59,848	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	131,245	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	15
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	26,616		
Average per farm (\$)	58,368		

(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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.