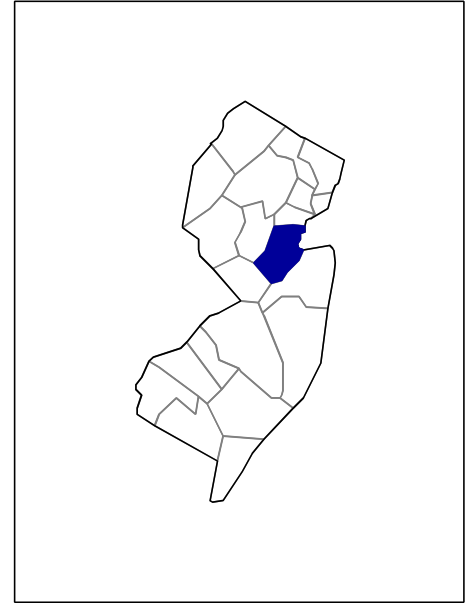


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Number of farms

275 farms in 2002, 300 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

21,824 acres in 2002, 28,635 acres in 1997, down 24 percent.

Average size of farm

79 acres in 2002, 95 acres in 1997, down 17 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$22,703,000 in 2002, \$34,468,000 in 1997, down 34 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$21,296,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,407,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

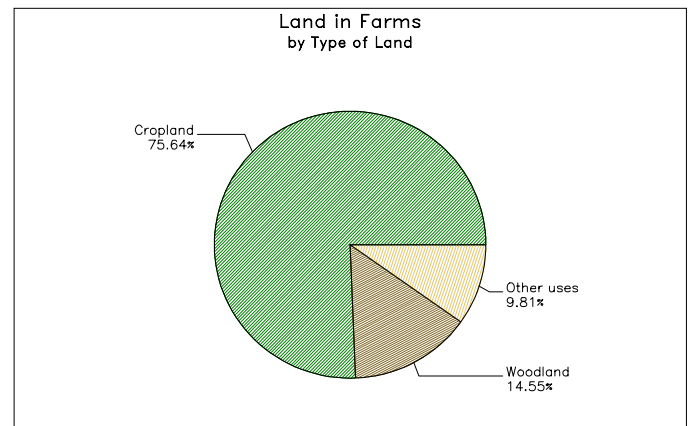
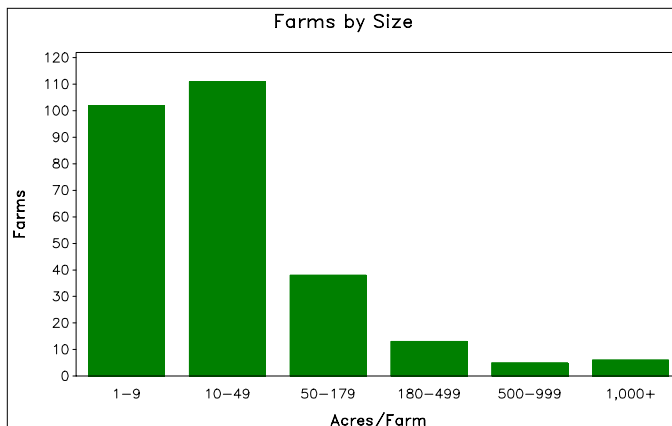
\$82,555 in 2002, \$114,894 in 1997, down 28 percent.

Government Payments

\$177,000 in 2002, \$136,000 in 1997, up 30 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$16,062 in 2002, \$5,055 in 1997, up 218 percent.



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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 | 22,703 | 10 | 20 | 1,975 | 3,075 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 21,296 | 9 | 20 | 1,122 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 1,407 | 11 | 20 | 2,805 | 3,070 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 1,787 | 8 | 16 | 1,603 | 2,871 |
| Tobacco | - | - | - | - | 560 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | - | - | 656 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 3,699 | 9 | 20 | 380 | 2,747 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | 311 | 15 | 20 | 711 | 2,638 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 15,073 | 8 | 20 | 185 | 2,708 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | 277 | 8 | 18 | 196 | 1,774 |
| Other crops and hay | 149 | 13 | 18 | 2,659 | 3,046 |
| Poultry and eggs | 17 | 15 | 20 | 1,760 | 2,918 |
| Cattle and calves | 116 | 11 | 19 | 2,957 | 3,053 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | - | - | 11 | - | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | (D) | (D) | 18 | (D) | 2,919 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | (D) | (D) | 18 | (D) | 2,997 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 128 | 14 | 20 | 1,545 | 3,014 |
| Aquaculture | - | - | 14 | - | 1,520 |
| Other animals and other animal products | (D) | (D) | 20 | (D) | 2,727 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older | 1,417 | 11 | 19 | 1,155 | 2,983 |
| Horses and ponies | 689 | 13 | 20 | 1,765 | 3,065 |
| Hogs and pigs | 617 | 8 | 18 | 1,535 | 2,926 |
| Colonies of bees | (D) | 5 | 20 | (D) | 2,392 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | 363 | 10 | 18 | 1,237 | 2,599 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Soybeans | 6,370 | 7 | 16 | 1,143 | 2,076 |
| Corn for grain | 3,855 | 6 | 17 | 1,378 | 2,592 |
| All Vegetables harvested | 2,089 | 8 | 20 | 273 | 2,710 |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 1,236 | 13 | 19 | 2,849 | 3,059 |
| Spinach | (D) | 1 | 11 | (D) | 377 |

Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity | Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Farms by value of sales | | Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 80 | Farming | 154 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 53 | Other | 121 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 25 | | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 24 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 26 | Male | 245 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 10 | Female | 30 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 9 | | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 2 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 57.1 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 10 | | |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 20 | All operators ² by race: | |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 8 | White | 395 |
| \$500,000 or more | 8 | Black or African American | 6 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 17,740 | American Indian or Alaska Native | - |
| Average per farm (\$) | 64,275 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| | | Asian | 13 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 6,800 | More than one race | - |
| Average per farm (\$) | 24,639 | All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 10 |

(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.