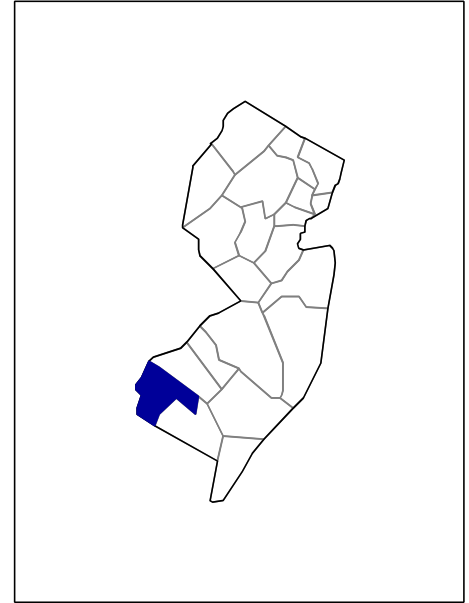# 2002 Census of Agriculture
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Number of farms
753 farms in 2002, 716 farms in 1997, up 5 percent.

Land in farms
96,238 acres in 2002, 92,890 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Average size of farm
128 acres in 2002, 130 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Market Value of Production
$72,522,000 in 2002, $68,492,000 in 1997, up 6 percent.
   Crop sales accounted for $55,799,000 of the total value in 2002.
   Livestock sales accounted for $16,723,000 of the total value in 2002.

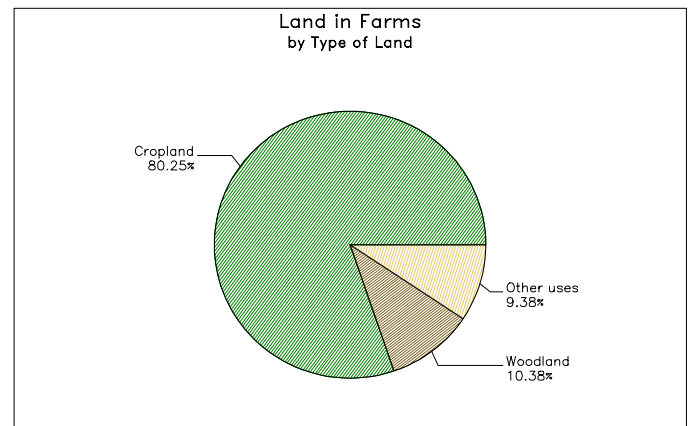**Market Value of Production, average per farm**
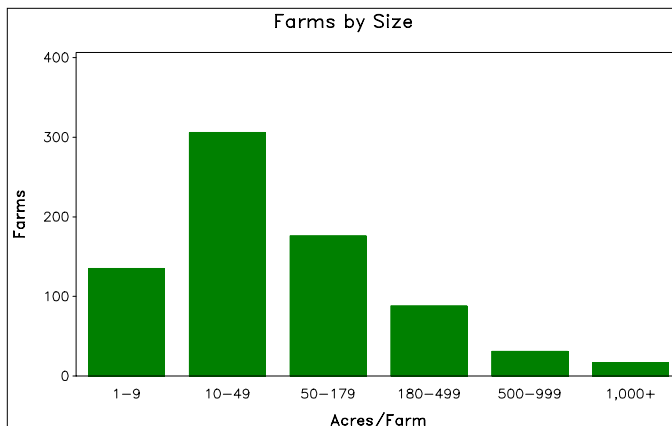$96,310 in 2002, $95,659 in 1997, up 1 percent.

Government Payments
$699,000 in 2002, $267,000 in 1997, up 162 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments
$7,056 in 2002, $3,660 in 1997, up 93 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	72,522	5	20	764	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	55,799	6	20	411	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	16,723	2	20	1,450	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP ($1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,732	1	16	1,189	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	31,735	2	20	70	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,196	8	20	319	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	16,168	7	20	177	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	74	12	18	519	1,774
Other crops and hay	893	6	18	1,352	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	19	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	6,550	1	11	516	2,493
Hogs and pigs	148	4	18	1,341	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	57	8	18	1,159	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	318	13	20	688	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	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	(D)	2	19	(D)	2,983
Pheasants	(D)	3	14	(D)	1,541
Cattle and calves	8,102	2	19	2,230	3,059
Quail	(D)	4	12	(D)	1,412
Ducks [3]	(D)	(D)	19	(D)	2,630
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	18,240	2	16	873	2,076
All Vegetables harvested	14,555	1	20	45	2,710
Corn for grain	14,374	2	17	910	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,388	4	19	1,645	3,059
All Wheat for grain	7,339	1	16	758	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than $1,000	228
$1,000 to $2,499	155
$2,500 to $4,999	70
$5,000 to $9,999	62
$10,000 to $19,999	54
$20,000 to $24,999	15
$25,000 to $39,999	24
$40,000 to $49,999	12
$50,000 to $99,999	27
$100,000 to $249,999	42
$250,000 to $499,999	19
$500,000 or more	45
Total farm production expenses ($1,000)	65,492
Average per farm ($)	86,975
Net cash farm income of operation ($1,000)	9,043
Average per farm ($)	12,009

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	404
Other	349
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	649
Female	104
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.9
All operators [2] by race:	
White	1,084
Black or African American	13
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	12
More than one race	6
All operators [2] of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	19

(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.