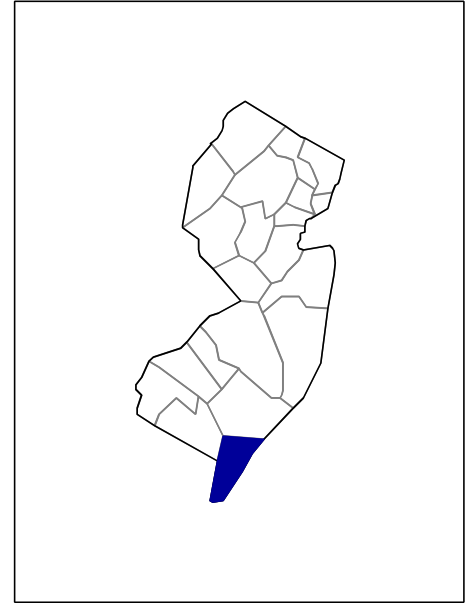


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Number of farms

197 farms in 2002, 165 farms in 1997, up 19 percent.

Land in farms

10,037 acres in 2002, 9,840 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

51 acres in 2002, 60 acres in 1997, down 15 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$11,251,000 in 2002, \$6,943,000 in 1997, up 62 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$10,760,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$491,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

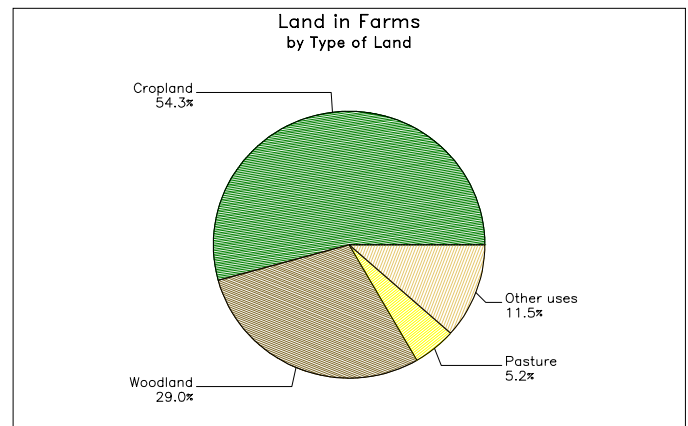
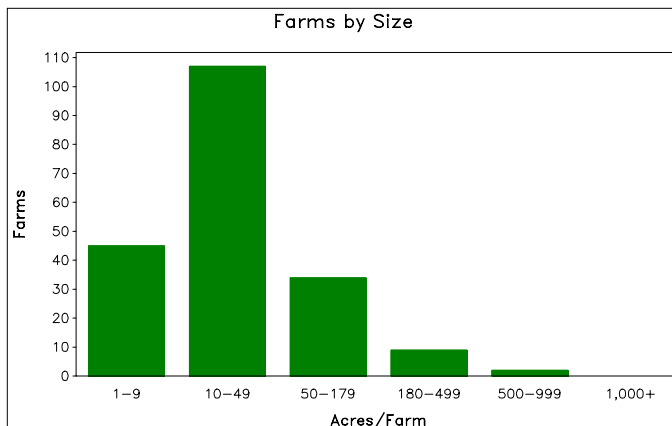
\$57,110 in 2002, \$42,080 in 1997, up 36 percent.

Government Payments

(D) in 2002, \$19,000 in 1997.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

(D) in 2002, \$3,845 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	11,251	15	20	2,450	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	10,760	13	20	1,599	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	491	15	20	2,950	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	73	16	16	2,454	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	726	16	20	871	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	338	14	20	673	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	9,440	10	20	278	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	48	15	18	656	1,774
Other crops and hay	134	14	18	2,703	3,046
Poultry and eggs	11	16	20	1,937	2,918
Cattle and calves	17	16	19	3,035	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	11	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	159	3	18	1,320	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	11	15	18	2,229	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	31	18	20	2,591	3,014
Aquaculture	257	4	14	387	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	4	17	20	2,163	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	1,984	2	18	1,134	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	863	16	19	1,510	2,983
Horses and ponies	419	15	20	2,327	3,065
Ducks	188	12	19	626	2,630
Sheep and lambs	158	15	18	2,068	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	892	15	19	2,905	3,059
Sod harvested	779	5	12	139	740
Nursery stock	673	8	20	140	2,129
Soybeans	400	11	16	1,703	2,076
All Vegetables harvested	395	15	20	715	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	58	Farming	126
\$1,000 to \$2,499	47	Other	71
\$2,500 to \$4,999	24		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	19	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	12	Male	159
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Female	38
\$25,000 to \$39,999	5		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	10	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	White	271
\$500,000 or more	5	Black or African American	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	6,370	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	32,010	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,351	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	26,889	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.