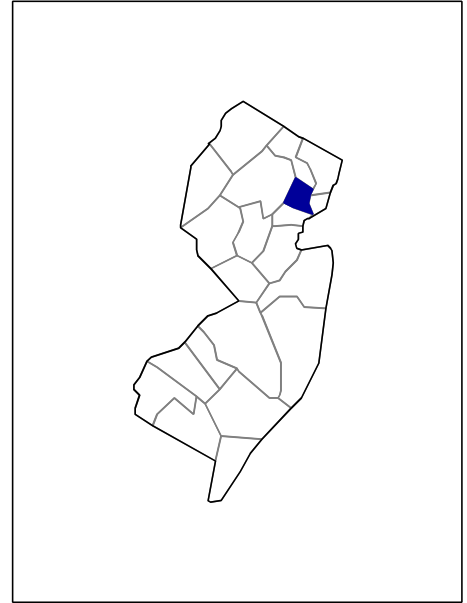


# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Essex, New Jersey



### Number of farms

15 farms in 2002, 23 farms in 1997, down 35 percent.

### Land in farms

153 acres in 2002, (D) acres in 1997.

### Average size of farm

10 acres in 2002, (D) acres in 1997.

### Market Value of Production

\$737,000 in 2002, \$1,244,000 in 1997, down 41 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$728,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$9,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

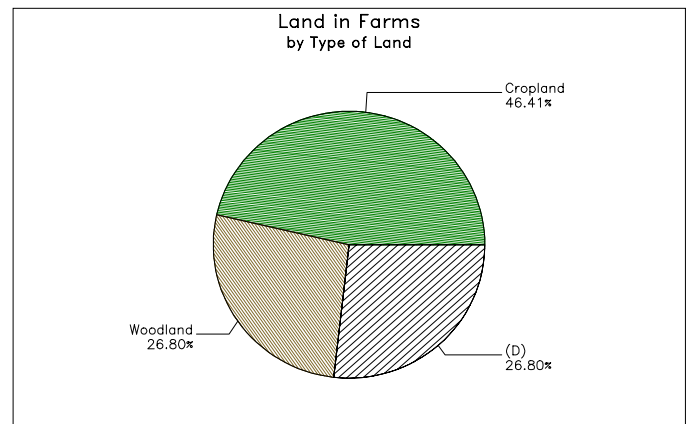
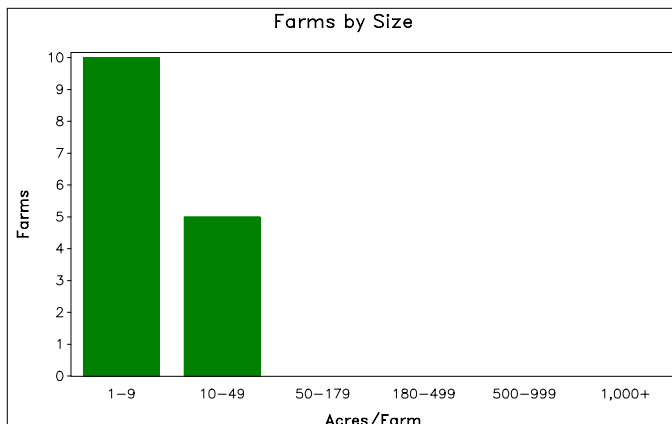
\$49,116 in 2002, \$54,108 in 1997, down 9 percent.

### Government Payments

\$0 in 2002, (D) in 1997.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$0 in 2002, (D) 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 <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	737	20	20	3,014	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	728	20	20	2,823	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9	20	20	3,059	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	16	-	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	630	20	20	1,315	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	18	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	-	-	18	-	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	-	-	19	-	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	-	-	18	-	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	3	18	20	2,195	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Colonies of bees	45	15	20	1,447	2,392
Ducks <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	19	(D)	2,630
Hogs and pigs <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	18	(D)	2,926
Horses and ponies <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Vegetables harvested	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	2,710
Bell peppers	8	18	20	324	1,379
Floriculture crops <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	1,801
Pumpkins <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	1,714
Sweet corn <sup>3</sup>	(D)	(D)	19	(D)	2,279

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	-	Farming	8
\$1,000 to \$2,499	4	Other	7
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2	Male	15
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1	Female	-
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	-	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	White	23
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1	Black or African American	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	2	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	-	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	454	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	30,251	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	299		
Average per farm (\$)	19,959		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

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