

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Northampton, Pennsylvania

Number of farms

487 farms in 2002, 545 farms in 1997, down 11 percent.

Land in farms

77,556 acres in 2002, 84,639 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Average size of farm

159 acres in 2002, 155 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$21,852,000 in 2002, \$30,725,000 in 1997, down 29 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$13,814,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,037,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

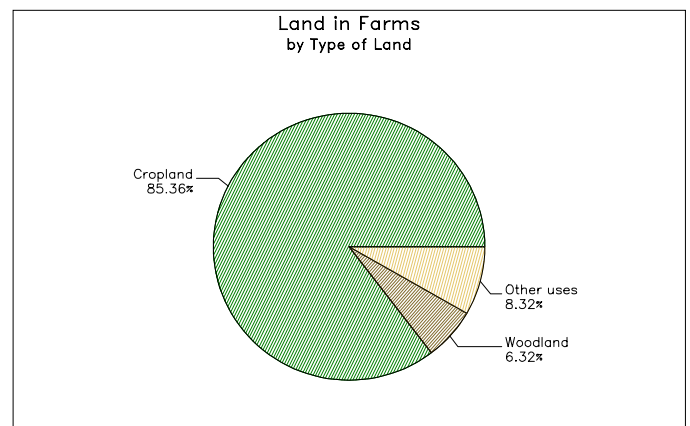
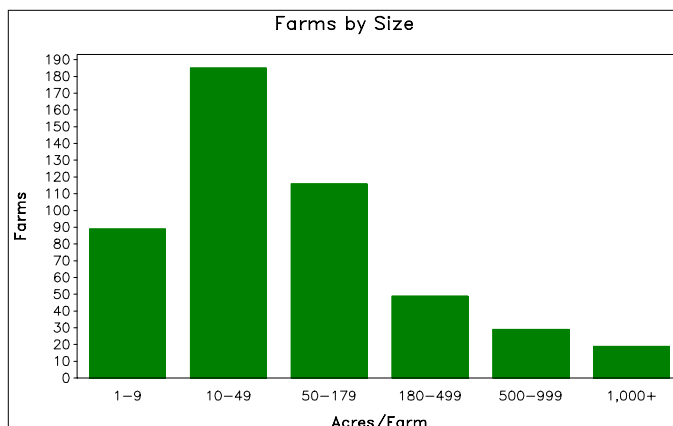
\$44,870 in 2002, \$56,376 in 1997, down 20 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,136,000 in 2002, \$737,000 in 1997, up 54 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,792 in 2002, \$5,582 in 1997, up 75 percent.



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Ranked items among the 67 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	21,852	44	67	2,016	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	13,814	25	67	1,442	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,037	49	66	2,048	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	6,866	9	65	1,121	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	19	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,522	29	67	625	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	840	23	66	397	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,486	33	66	709	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	681	11	66	73	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,419	32	66	914	3,046
Poultry and eggs	84	42	66	1,350	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,034	54	66	2,534	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	6,041	46	65	544	2,493
Hogs and pigs	253	33	66	1,194	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	66	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	42	58	65	2,442	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	37	52	66	1,260	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	6,766	53	66	2,351	3,059
Hogs and pigs	3,255	28	65	1,003	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,480	44	67	929	2,983
Pheasants	(D)	17	60	(D)	1,541
Ducks	1,136	14	65	99	2,630
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	26,320	5	66	708	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,749	53	66	1,609	3,059
Soybeans	11,000	13	58	1,006	2,076
All Wheat for grain	4,981	11	60	924	2,517
Corn for silage	2,836	44	65	594	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	124
\$1,000 to \$2,499	73
\$2,500 to \$4,999	68
\$5,000 to \$9,999	40
\$10,000 to \$19,999	40
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15
\$25,000 to \$39,999	13
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	38
\$100,000 to \$249,999	44
\$250,000 to \$499,999	21
\$500,000 or more	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	22,082
Average per farm (\$)	45,437
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,567
Average per farm (\$)	5,282

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	301
Other	186
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	440
Female	47
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
All operators ² by race:	
White	738
Black or African American	1
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(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.