

**Table 46. Selected Operation and Operator Characteristics: 2007 and 2002**

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Item	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
<b>FARMS</b>				
Land in farms .....				
.....farms, 2007	2,546	825	347	1,374
.....2002	2,391	721	358	1,312
.....acres, 2007	510,253	173,808	66,981	269,464
.....2002	540,080	185,329	71,248	283,503
Harvested cropland .....				
.....farms, 2007	1,615	507	245	863
.....2002	1,548	516	273	759
.....acres, 2007	409,468	139,259	46,813	223,396
.....2002	433,105	151,787	57,515	223,803
<b>TENURE</b>				
Full owners .....				
.....farms, 2007	1,661	542	224	895
.....2002	1,597	470	237	890
.....acres, 2007	(D)	35,577	(D)	53,260
.....2002	108,717	35,936	18,168	54,613
Harvested cropland .....				
.....farms, 2007	801	251	140	410
.....2002	813	282	162	369
.....acres, 2007	48,025	16,189	3,555	28,281
.....2002	51,800	17,214	8,872	25,714
Part owners .....				
.....farms, 2007	630	187	69	374
.....2002	618	197	83	338
.....acres, 2007	342,275	124,206	31,989	186,080
.....2002	365,802	125,997	40,522	199,283
Owned land in farms .....				
.....acres, 2007	129,030	43,607	7,548	77,875
.....2002	149,426	45,484	10,907	93,035
Rented land in farms .....				
.....acres, 2007	213,245	80,599	24,441	108,205
.....2002	216,376	80,513	29,615	106,248
Harvested cropland .....				
.....farms, 2007	589	174	59	356
.....2002	583	190	76	317
.....acres, 2007	304,466	109,758	28,920	165,788
.....2002	318,070	111,868	36,696	169,506
Tenants .....				
.....farms, 2007	255	96	54	105
.....2002	176	54	38	84
.....acres, 2007	(D)	14,025	(D)	30,124
.....2002	65,561	23,396	12,558	29,607
Harvested cropland .....				
.....farms, 2007	225	82	46	97
.....2002	152	44	35	73
.....acres, 2007	56,977	13,312	14,338	29,327
.....2002	63,235	22,705	11,947	28,583
<b>2007 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS</b>				
Total operators .....	3,928	1,267	538	2,123
Farms by number of operators:				
1 operator .....	1,451	478	192	781
2 operators .....	877	279	128	470
3 operators .....	173	53	23	97
4 operators .....	29	7	2	20
5 or more operators .....	16	8	2	6
Total women operators .....	1,160	381	169	610
Farms by number of women operators:				
1 operator .....	1,020	331	138	551
2 operators .....	55	18	14	23
3 operators .....	4	2	1	1
4 operators .....	2	2	-	-
5 or more operators .....	2	-	-	2
<b>2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS</b>				
Total operators .....	3,685	1,101	575	2,009
Farms by number of operators:				
1 operator .....	1,351	426	195	730
2 operators .....	855	238	134	483
3 operators .....	139	37	16	86
4 operators .....	32	15	7	10
5 or more operators .....	14	5	6	3
Total women operators .....	1,080	288	177	615
Farms by number of women operators:				
1 operator .....	915	246	137	532
2 operators .....	78	21	17	40
3 operators .....	3	-	2	1
4 operators .....	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators .....	-	-	-	-
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>				
Sex of operator:				
Male .....				
.....farms, 2007	2,137	674	293	1,170
.....2002	2,062	649	300	1,113
.....acres, 2007	(D)	(D)	64,248	256,516
.....2002	516,292	176,916	68,564	270,812
Female .....				
.....farms, 2007	409	151	54	204
.....2002	329	72	58	199
.....acres, 2007	(D)	(D)	2,733	12,948
.....2002	23,788	8,413	2,684	12,691
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....				
.....2007	1,504	482	173	849
.....2002	1,659	490	200	969
Other .....				
.....2007	1,042	343	174	525
.....2002	732	231	158	343

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<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.</b>				
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....2007	2,039	654	287	1,098
.....2002	2,030	596	306	1,128
Not on farm operated .....2007	507	171	60	276
.....2002	361	125	52	184
Days worked off farm:				
None .....2007	1,126	344	146	636
.....2002	1,296	379	178	739
Any .....2007	1,420	481	201	738
.....2002	1,095	342	180	573
1 to 49 days .....2007	236	70	41	125
.....2002	152	44	12	96
50 to 99 days .....2007	112	40	12	60
.....2002	83	22	15	46
100 to 199 days .....2007	154	46	15	93
.....2002	170	52	25	93
200 days or more .....2007	918	325	133	460
.....2002	690	224	128	338
Years on present farm:				
2 years or less .....2007	102	48	16	38
.....2002	56	18	7	31
3 or 4 years .....2007	143	49	14	80
.....2002	102	37	22	43
5 to 9 years .....2007	418	185	57	176
.....2002	345	116	51	178
10 years or more .....2007	1,883	543	260	1,080
.....2002	1,888	550	278	1,060
Average years on present farm .....2007	21.9	19.5	20.8	23.7
.....2002	21.8	20.8	22.3	22.2
Age group:				
Under 25 years .....2007	31	24	2	5
.....2002	7	6	-	1
25 to 34 years .....2007	101	58	6	37
.....2002	77	28	5	44
35 to 44 years .....2007	355	99	47	209
.....2002	487	136	58	293
45 to 54 years .....2007	718	260	92	366
.....2002	645	194	92	359
55 to 59 years .....2007	384	102	57	225
.....2002	309	90	47	172
60 to 64 years .....2007	325	107	37	181
.....2002	334	94	58	182
65 to 69 years .....2007	301	82	42	177
.....2002	188	61	23	104
70 years and over .....2007	331	93	64	174
.....2002	344	112	75	157
Average age .....2007	55.4	53.4	57.8	55.9
.....2002	54.8	55.0	57.4	54.0
<b>INTERNET ACCESS</b>				
Farms with-				
Internet access .....2007	1,499	466	205	828
.....2002	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
High-speed internet access .....2007	713	201	134	378
.....2002	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
<b>FARM TYPOLOGY (SEE TEXT)</b>				
Small family farms:				
Limited-resource .....farms, 2007	332	128	54	150
.....acres, 2007	19,539	6,204	2,527	10,808
Retirement .....farms, 2007	331	125	85	121
.....acres, 2007	25,207	10,607	4,544	10,056
Residential/lifestyle .....farms, 2007	551	200	96	255
.....acres, 2007	29,021	12,211	3,265	13,545
Farming occupation/lower sales .....farms, 2007	303	141	57	105
.....acres, 2007	30,013	9,389	5,673	14,951
Farming occupation/higher sales .....farms, 2007	93	47	10	36
.....acres, 2007	36,230	16,525	4,850	14,855
Large family farms .....farms, 2007	128	38	8	82
.....acres, 2007	55,411	25,308	8,540	21,563
Very large family farms .....farms, 2007	630	108	16	506
.....acres, 2007	242,815	79,090	22,687	141,038
Nonfamily farms .....farms, 2007	178	38	21	119
.....acres, 2007	72,017	14,474	14,895	42,648
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION</b>				
Family or individual .....farms, 2007				
.....2002	2,006	670	271	1,065
.....acres, 2007	2,015	625	302	1,088
.....2002	275,087	94,045	36,840	144,202
.....2002	321,555	(D)	(D)	163,035
Partnership .....farms, 2007				
.....2002	210	74	22	114
.....acres, 2007	136	49	16	71
.....2002	80,861	45,695	3,685	31,481
.....2002	75,704	33,697	10,266	31,741

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<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION - Con.</b>				
Corporation:				
Family-held .....farms, 2007	244	60	41	143
.....farms, 2002	199	37	28	134
.....acres, 2007	130,845	31,426	13,444	85,975
.....acres, 2002	131,210	36,738	12,424	82,048
Other than family held .....farms, 2007				
.....farms, 2002	38	11	3	24
.....acres, 2007	13	4	4	5
.....acres, 2002	9,941	(D)	(D)	5,371
.....acres, 2002	3,887	8	(D)	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....farms, 2007				
.....farms, 2002	48	10	10	28
.....acres, 2007	28	6	8	14
.....acres, 2002	13,519	(D)	(D)	2,435
.....acres, 2002	7,724	(D)	(D)	(D)

**Table 47. Women Principal Operators - Selected Farm Characteristics: 2007**

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Geographic area	Land in farms		Harvested cropland		Market value of agricultural products sold (\$1,000)	Farms by economic class (see text) and primary occupation						
	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres		Farming			Other than farming			
						Less than \$2,500	\$2,500 to \$9,999	\$10,000 or more	Less than \$2,500	\$2,500 to \$9,999	\$10,000 or more	
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>												
Delaware .....	409	(D)	168	13,341	100,917	61	26	128	104	42	48	
<b>COUNTIES</b>												
Kent .....	151	(D)	54	6,589	22,982	28	17	34	54	10	8	
New Castle .....	54	2,733	29	986	692	14	4	11	13	8	4	
Sussex .....	204	12,948	85	5,766	77,243	19	5	83	37	24	36	

**Table 48. Women Operators: 2007**

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Geographic area	All farms with a woman operator <sup>1</sup>			Farms with a woman principal operator	
	Farms	Women operators	Land in farms (acres)	Farms	Land in farms (acres)
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>					
Delaware .....	1,077	1,132	124,264	409	(D)
<b>COUNTIES</b>					
Kent .....	353	372	42,374	151	(D)
New Castle .....	152	164	12,376	54	2,733
Sussex .....	572	596	69,514	204	12,948

<sup>1</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

**Table 49. Women Principal Operators - Tenure: 2007**

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Geographic area	Total farms	Full owners			Part owners			Tenants		
		Farms	Land in farms (acres)	Harvested cropland (acres)	Farms	Land in farms (acres)	Harvested cropland (acres)	Farms	Land in farms (acres)	Harvested cropland (acres)
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>										
Delaware .....	409	345	(D)	3,798	30	12,074	8,817	34	1,100	726
<b>COUNTIES</b>										
Kent .....	151	121	(D)	(D)	10	(D)	(D)	20	260	(D)
New Castle .....	54	37	(D)	250	9	(D)	136	8	690	600
Sussex .....	204	187	(D)	(D)	11	(D)	(D)	6	150	(D)