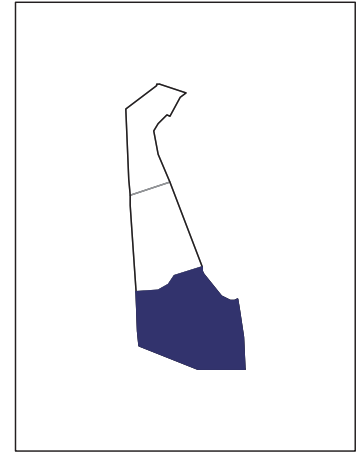


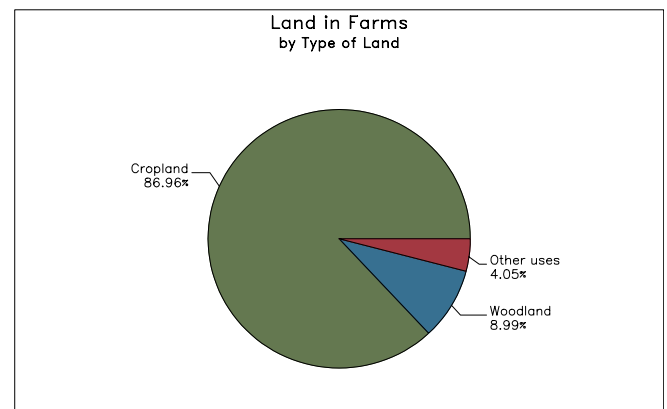
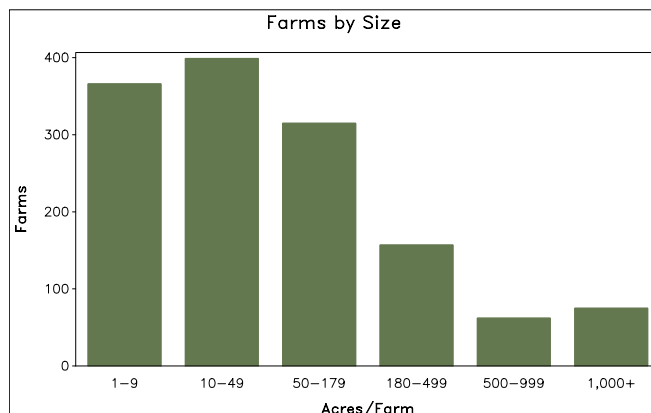
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## County Profile

### Sussex County Delaware



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,374	1,312	+ 5
<b>Land in Farms</b>	269,464 acres	283,503 acres	- 5
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	196 acres	216 acres	- 9
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$848,942,000	\$462,832,000	+ 83
Crop Sales \$128,069,000 (15 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$720,873,000 (85 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$617,862	\$352,769	+ 75
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$4,565,000	\$4,391,000	+ 4
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$8,712	\$15,039	- 42



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#### Ranked items among the 3 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	848,942	1	3	28	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	128,069	1	3	242	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	720,873	1	3	14	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	65,051	1	3	453	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	50,243	1	3	54	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	590	2	3	659	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	11,568	1	3	256	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	28	3	3	795	1,710
Other crops and hay	589	2	3	2,028	3,054
Poultry and eggs	706,979	1	3	1	3,020
Cattle and calves	2,241	2	3	2,231	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	8,683	2	3	529	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2,267	1	3	730	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	36	2	3	1,912	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	533	2	3	458	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	2	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	135	1	3	857	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	113,490	1	3	239	2,634
Soybeans for beans	78,367	1	3	303	2,039
Wheat for grain, all	24,245	1	3	448	2,481
Vegetables harvested for sale	22,038	1	3	40	2,794
Barley for grain	6,665	2	3	114	1,154
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	43,620,576	1	2	1	2,476
Layers	47,405	2	3	503	3,024
Cattle and calves	8,779	2	3	2,096	3,060
Hogs and pigs	7,195	1	3	778	2,958
Horses and ponies	1,177	2	3	1,181	3,066

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	176	Farming	849
\$1,000 to \$2,499	72	Other	525
\$2,500 to \$4,999	93	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	67	Male	1,170
\$10,000 to \$19,999	95	Female	204
\$20,000 to \$24,999	27	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	62	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	American Indian or Alaska Native	19
\$50,000 to \$99,999	40	Asian	31
\$100,000 to \$249,999	66	Black or African American	14
\$250,000 to \$499,999	93	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	570	White	2,021
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	622,949	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	453,383	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	21
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	244,179		
Average per farm (\$)	177,714		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

<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.