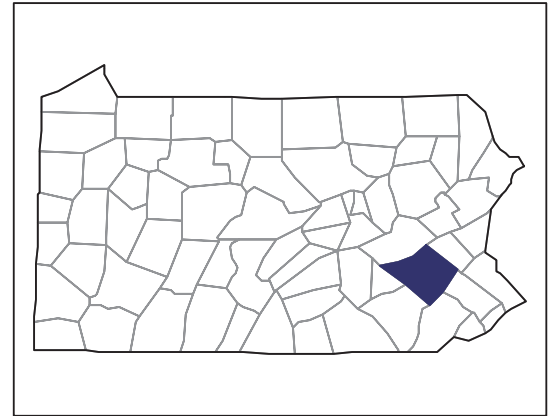


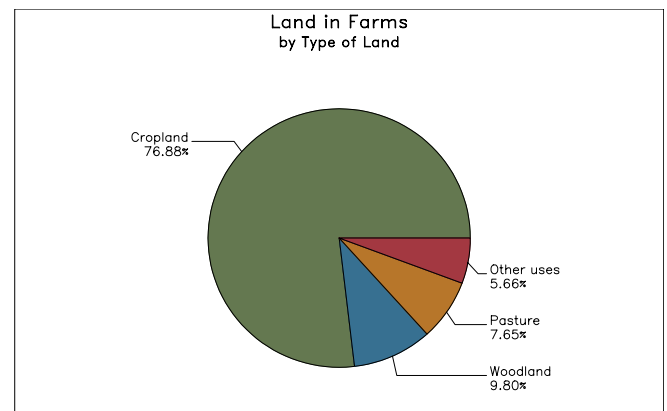
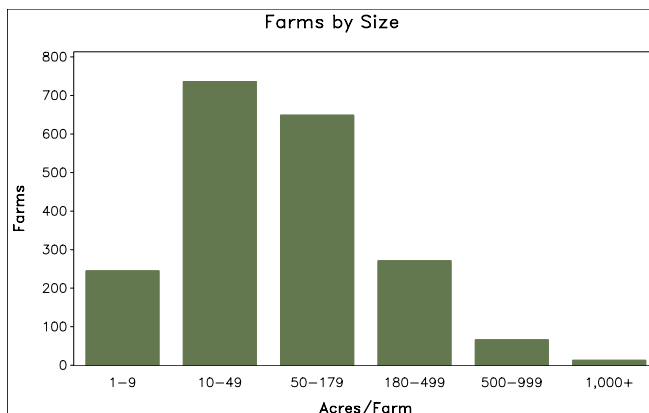
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Berks County Pennsylvania



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,980	1,791	+ 11
Land in Farms	222,119 acres	215,679 acres	+ 3
Average Size of Farm	112 acres	120 acres	- 7
Market Value of Products Sold	\$367,840,000	\$286,978,000	+ 28
Crop Sales \$165,511,000 (45 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$202,330,000 (55 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$185,778	\$160,233	+ 16
Government Payments	\$3,280,000	\$3,805,000	- 14
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,016	\$9,304	- 46



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Berks County – Pennsylvania

Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	367,840	3	67	108	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	165,511	2	67	124	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	202,330	4	67	123	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	26,108	3	67	876	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	19	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,071	15	67	459	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	5,093	7	66	192	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	123,526	2	65	21	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	594	10	66	79	1,710
Other crops and hay	7,118	2	66	234	3,054
Poultry and eggs	71,213	4	67	144	3,020
Cattle and calves	24,122	5	67	556	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	86,013	4	65	73	2,493
Hogs and pigs	17,974	4	66	236	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	247	14	66	524	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	803	8	67	276	3,024
Aquaculture	227	37	59	516	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	1,732	5	67	104	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	50,320	3	66	586	2,634
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	48,693	10	67	302	3,060
Soybeans for beans	25,704	3	61	756	2,039
Corn for silage	16,808	4	64	59	2,263
Wheat for grain, all	10,151	3	60	701	2,481
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers	1,860,472	3	67	44	3,024
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,427,007	5	62	253	2,476
Pullets for laying flock replacement	660,026	3	65	40	2,627
Hogs and pigs	71,199	4	66	220	2,958
Cattle and calves	66,950	3	67	330	3,060

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	509	Farming	1,080
\$1,000 to \$2,499	130	Other	900
\$2,500 to \$4,999	132	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	169	Male	1,708
\$10,000 to \$19,999	162	Female	272
\$20,000 to \$24,999	65	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	123	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	58	American Indian or Alaska Native	19
\$50,000 to \$99,999	141	Asian	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	212	Black or African American	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	154	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	125	White	3,027
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	317,448	More than one race	8
Average per farm (\$)	160,327	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	60,055		
Average per farm (\$)	30,331		

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.

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.