



New Castle County Delaware

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	361	-3
Land in farms (acres)	67,455	+5
Average size of farm (acres)	187	+9
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Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	62,087,000	-17
Government payments	1,342,000	-26
Farm-related income	2,677,000	-2
Total farm production expenses	54,916,000	-10
Net cash farm income	11,190,000	-40
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Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	171,987	-14
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	13,978	-10
Farm-related income	18,085	-1
Total farm production expenses	152,121	-7
Net cash farm income	30,998	-38

4 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	55
Livestock, poultry, and products	45

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	80
Pastureland	3
Woodland	10
Other	8

Acres irrigated: 5,140

8% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	22
Reduced till	12
Intensive till	9
Cover crop	15

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	162	45
\$2,500 to \$4,999	20	6
\$5,000 to \$9,999	31	9
\$10,000 to \$24,999	37	10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	15	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	28	8
\$100,000 or more	68	19

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	78	22
10 to 49 acres	162	45
50 to 179 acres	37	10
180 to 499 acres	45	12
500 to 999 acres	18	5
1,000 + acres	21	6

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	Counties Producing Item
Total	62,087	3	3	1,570	3,077
Crops	34,207	3	3	1,339	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	27,776	3	3	1,010	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	1,628	3	3	613	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	3	3	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	3,092	3	3	502	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	1	3	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,535	1	3	1,487	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	27,880	3	3	1,389	3,073
Poultry and eggs	24,618	3	3	391	3,007
Cattle and calves	701	3	3	2,476	3,055
Milk from cows	1,859	3	3	828	1,892
Hogs and pigs	67	3	3	1,014	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	2	3	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	271	3	3	780	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	2	2	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	73	3	3	860	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Sex	612
Male	375
Female	237
Age	
<35	27
35 – 64	340
65 and older	245
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	4
Black or African American	4
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	600
More than one race	4
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	3
With military service	58
New and beginning farmers	99

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	81
Farm organically	1
Sell directly to consumers	14
Hire farm labor	35
Are family farms	96

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Soybeans for beans	21,669
Corn for grain	20,112
Wheat for grain, all	6,946
Forage (hay/haylage), all	4,793
Barley for grain	2,173

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	206,336
Cattle and calves	1,866
Goats	345
Hogs and pigs	145
Horses and ponies	937
Layers	(D)
Pullets	(D)
Sheep and lambs	369
Turkeys	166

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

^a May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^b Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^c Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.