Sussex County
New Jersey

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,008	+14
Land in farms (acres)	59,766	-2
Average size of farm (acres)	59	-14
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	18,226,000	-2
Government payments	310,000	-16
Farm-related income	5,006,000	-6
Total farm production expenses	24,534,000	-4
Net cash farm income	-992,000	+10
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	18,081	-14
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	7,951	+55
Farm-related income	12,062	-19
Total farm production expenses	24,339	-15
Net cash farm income	-984	+21

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	59
Livestock, poultry, and products	41

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	43
Pastureland	15
Woodland	34
Other	8

Acres irrigated: 407

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	10
Reduced till	4
Intensive till	8
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	524	52
$2,500 to $4,999	164	16
$5,000 to $9,999	120	12
$10,000 to $24,999	82	8
$25,000 to $49,999	53	5
$50,000 to $99,999	30	3
$100,000 or more	35	3

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	287	28
10 to 49 acres	475	47
50 to 179 acres	181	18
180 to 499 acres	42	4
500 to 999 acres	16	2
1,000 + acres	7	1

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

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	**18,226**	**15**	**21**	**2,420**	**3,077**
Crops	**10,831**	**15**	**21**	**2,010**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	1,893	10	17	1,951	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	1,877	15	20	578	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	1,545	11	20	372	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,960	19	20	653	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	266	3	18	149	1,384
Other crops and hay	3,290	2	19	781	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**7,395**	**7**	**21**	**2,270**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	451	9	20	800	3,007
Cattle and calves	1,197	4	20	2,351	3,055
Milk from cows	4,413	3	11	641	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	6	17	789	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	201	5	19	780	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	560	6	19	379	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	9	16	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	404	6	19	347	2,878

Total Producers [c] — 1,705

Sex
Male	981
Female	724

Age
<35	110
35 – 64	982
65 and older	613

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native	3
Asian	11
Black or African American	2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	1,686
More than one race	3

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	36
With military service	159
New and beginning farmers	465

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	**80**
Farm organically	**1**
Sell directly to consumers	**21**
Hire farm labor	**18**
Are family farms	**98**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Forage (hay/haylage), all	13,944
Corn for grain	2,697
Corn for silage or greenchop	1,193
Soybeans for beans	666
Vegetables harvested, all	564

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	5,307
Cattle and calves	3,952
Goats	810
Hogs and pigs	535
Horses and ponies	1,984
Layers	10,863
Pullets	707
Sheep and lambs	1,636
Turkeys	735

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.