

Delaware Agriculture: Cropland Rental Rates and Lease Agreements



The 2014 Delaware Agricultural Land Survey asked renters of leased cropland how much they paid in cash rent per acre.

Renters: Rent per acre for **Non-irrigated Land**, Weighted Average ¹

Year	New Castle County	Kent County	Sussex County	Delaware
	dollars per acre			
2011	76.14	81.82	68.12	74.57
2012	82.20	83.41	72.54	78.80
2013	85.95	92.09	77.64	84.21
2014	91.25	90.72	74.68	85.43

Renters: Rent per acre for **Irrigated Land**, Weighted Average ¹

Year	New Castle County	Kent County	Sussex County	Delaware
	dollars per acre			
2011	(insufficient data)	120.22	132.37	129.30
2012	130.43	133.38	125.45	127.56
2013	138.85	135.03	126.80	129.32
2014	136.53	142.68	124.00	131.63

¹ Rent per acre weighted by number of acres rented at that dollar amount.

Cropland Lease Agreements

2014 Percent of all Renters with:			
County	Written Lease(s) Only	Oral Lease(s) Only	Both
New Castle	37	40	23
Kent	27	58	15
Sussex	28	51	21
Delaware	30	50	20

2014 Renters									
Percentage of Acres with Written Lease(s) & Length of Lease				Percentage of Acres with Oral Lease(s) and Length of Lease				Percentage of all Acres Leased by Length of Lease	
County	Percentage All acres	< 5 yrs	5 + yrs	County	Percentage All acres	< 5 yrs	5 + yrs	< 5 yrs	5 + yrs
New Castle	28	50	50	New Castle	72	25	75	32	68
Kent	44	63	37	Kent	56	26	74	43	57
Sussex	60	49	51	Sussex	40	50	50	50	50
Delaware	46	54	46	Delaware	54	33	67	43	57

2014 Percent of All Renters who Rented:						
Dollar per Acre Basis Only	Share Crop Basis Only	Variable Rate Basis Only	Share Crop & Variable Rate Basis	Dollar & Share Crop Basis	Dollar & Variable Rate Basis	Dollar, Share Crop & Variable Rate Basis
78%	7%	1%	1%	11%	1%	1%