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It is a pleasure to present to you the 2006 edition of the New Jersey Agriculture Annual Report. This publication is a cooperative effort between the USDA – National Agricultural Statistics Service's New Jersey Field Office (USDA–NASS, NJFO) and the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

The Annual Report is published each year to meet the diverse needs for a reliable reference book on agricultural production, prices, farm income, and various other economic data within the State. The estimates for crops, floriculture, livestock, and vegetables are prepared mainly to give timely current State totals and averages. New Jersey ranked second nationally in cultivated blueberry production. Cranberry and bell pepper production in New Jersey ranked third in the nation.

The data in this publication was made possible only by the voluntary cooperation of the New Jersey farmers and agribusinesses who responded to our surveys. We believe that the best source of agricultural data is from producers and agribusinesses. We would like to extend thanks to all those individuals who make New Jersey agricultural statistics data available to everyone.

Thanks to the office staff and enumerators for their dedication in providing our State with high quality agricultural statistics. The staff of USDA–NASS, NJFO is dedicated to serving the agricultural needs of all users. Please contact us at any time with your questions, comments, and requests for information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Troy Joshua".

Troy Joshua  
Director