



2002 Census of Agriculture House District Profile

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House District 17, Pennsylvania

Number of farms	1,142
Land in farms (acres)	155,785
Average size of farm (acres)	136
Irrigated Acres	199
Total Number of Farm Operators	1,759
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Market Value of Production (dollars)	44,049,000
Market Value of Production, average per farm (dollars)	38,572
Government Payments (dollars)	1,597,000
Government Payments, average per farm (dollars)	5,645
Gross Income from Farms Related Sources (dollars) 1/	1,996,000

FARMS BY SIZE

1-9 Acres/Farm	45
10-49 Acres/Farm	247
50-179 Acres/Farm	619
180-499 Acres/Farm	184
500-999 Acres/Farm	37
1,000+ Acres/Farm	10

LAND USE

Farms with Cropland	1,075
Farms with Woodland	790
Farms with Other	784
Farms with Pasture and Rangeland	501

	Quantity	State rank	Universe 2/
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	44,049	33	179

VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) 3/

Grains and oilseeds	5,082	6	147
Tobacco	-		30
Cotton and cottonseed	-		
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	1,033	35	152
Fruit, tree nuts, and berries	462	39	144
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture and sod crops	1,964	52	166
Cut Christmas trees and woody crops	25	91	132
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	129
Cattle and calves	5,716	23	146
Milk products	19,370	22	126
Hogs and pigs	543	42	127
Sheep, goats, and their products	74	31	134
Horses, ponies, mules	301	19	130
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	86

House District 17, Pennsylvania (continued)

	Quantity	State rank	Universe 2/
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	(D)	137
Cattle and calves	29,137	17	150
Hogs and pigs	3,649	39	128
Horses and ponies	3,411	4	153
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,292	37	115
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TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and green chop	35,469	12	158
Corn for grain	22,524	5	141
Soybeans	9,056	12	124
Corn for silage	6,722	22	134
Oats	5,360	3	131
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FARMS BY VALUE OF SALES			
Less than \$1,000	292		
\$1,000 to \$2,499	143		
\$2,500 to \$4,999	125		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	123		
\$10,000 to \$19,999	132		
\$20,000 to \$24,999	41		
\$25,000 to \$39,999	65		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	33		
\$50,000 to \$99,999	81		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	75		
\$250,000 to \$499,999	28		
\$500,000 or more	4		
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	45,916		
Average per farm (dollars)	38,042		
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (\$1,000)	4,412		
Average per farm (dollars)	3,655		
PRINCIPAL OPERATORS BY PRIMARY OCCUPATION			
Farming	642		
Other	500		
PRINCIPAL OPERATORS BY GENDER			
Male	1,021		
Female	121		
Average age of principal operator (years)	53		
ALL OPERATORS BY RACE 4/			
White	1,697		
Black or African American	1		
American Indian or Alaska Native	-		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-		
Asian	1		
More than one race	-		
All operators with Spanish, Hispanic or Latino Origin 4/	15		

(D) Cannot be disclosed.

1/ Custom work, farm rent, forest products, recreational services, cooperative dividends, animal boarding, tax refunds, etc.

2/ Universe is the number of house districts in the state with the item. Pennsylvania has 203 house districts.

3/ Categories are not comprehensive and will not sum to total.

4/ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.

5/ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line. Position in the table does not indicate rank.