



2002 Census of Agriculture Senate District Profile

Partial funding provided by the Pennsylvania State Council of Farm Organizations

Senate District 27, Pennsylvania

Number of farms	3,000
Land in farms (acres)	431,401
Average size of farm (acres)	144
Irrigated Acres	2,897
Total Number of Farm Operators	4,400
Market Value of Production (dollars)	263,271,000
Market Value of Production, average per farm (dollars)	87,757
Government Payments (dollars)	5,569,000
Government Payments, average per farm (dollars)	5,391
Gross Income from Farms Related Sources (dollars) 1/	4,008,000

FARMS BY SIZE

1-9 Acres/Farm	244
10-49 Acres/Farm	810
50-179 Acres/Farm	1,374
180-499 Acres/Farm	428
500-999 Acres/Farm	86
1,000+ Acres/Farm	58

LAND USE

Farms with Cropland	2,748
Farms with Woodland	1,742
Farms with Other	1,941
Farms with Pasture and Rangeland	841

	Quantity	State Rank	Universe 2/
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	263,271	5	50

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

Grains and oilseeds	21,655	1	42
Tobacco	592	4	15
Cotton and cottonseed	-		
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	12,065	1	45
Fruit, tree nuts, and berries	4,268	4	43
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture and sod crops	(D)	(D)	49
Cut Christmas trees and woody crops	3,396	2	41
Poultry and eggs	60,383	5	40
Cattle and calves	48,026	2	43
Milk products	51,999	10	39
Hogs and pigs	22,298	6	41
Sheep, goats, and their products	394	8	42
Horses, ponies, mules	364	23	39
Aquaculture	212	17	32

Senate District 27, Pennsylvania, (continued)

	Quantity	State rank	Universe 2/
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,090,114	4	37
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,203,364	6	42
Turkeys	323,352	4	38
Hogs and pigs	98,464	6	40
Pheasants	(D)	(D)	38
	-		
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
Corn for grain	74,854	1	43
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and green chop	69,838	12	45
Soybeans	51,403	1	39
Corn for silage	21,792	9	40
All Wheat for grain	15,890	2	39
	-		
FARMS BY VALUE OF SALES			
Less than \$1,000	923		
\$1,000 to \$2,499	257		
\$2,500 to \$4,999	262		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	250		
\$10,000 to \$19,999	255		
\$20,000 to \$24,999	71		
\$25,000 to \$39,999	144		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	51		
\$50,000 to \$99,999	262		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	322		
\$250,000 to \$499,999	108		
\$500,000 or more	95		
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	227,925		
Average per farm (dollars)	77,368		
Net cash return from agricultural sales for the farm unit (\$1,000)	51,628		
Average per farm (dollars)	17,525		
PRINCIPAL OPERATORS BY PRIMARY OCCUPATION			
Farming	1,662		
Other	1,338		
PRINCIPAL OPERATORS BY GENDER			
Male	2,743		
Female	257		
Average age of principal operator (years)	52		
ALL OPERATORS BY RACE 4/			
White	4,250		
Black or African American	3		
American Indian or Alaska Native	3		
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-		
Asian	-		
More than one race	7		
All operators with Spanish, Hispanic or Latino Origin	22		

(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 senate districts in the state with the item. Pennsylvania has 50 senate 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.