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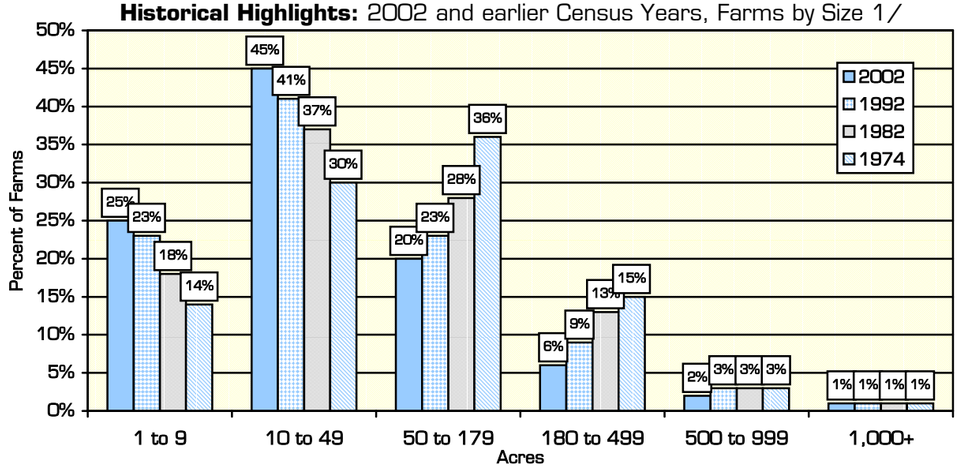

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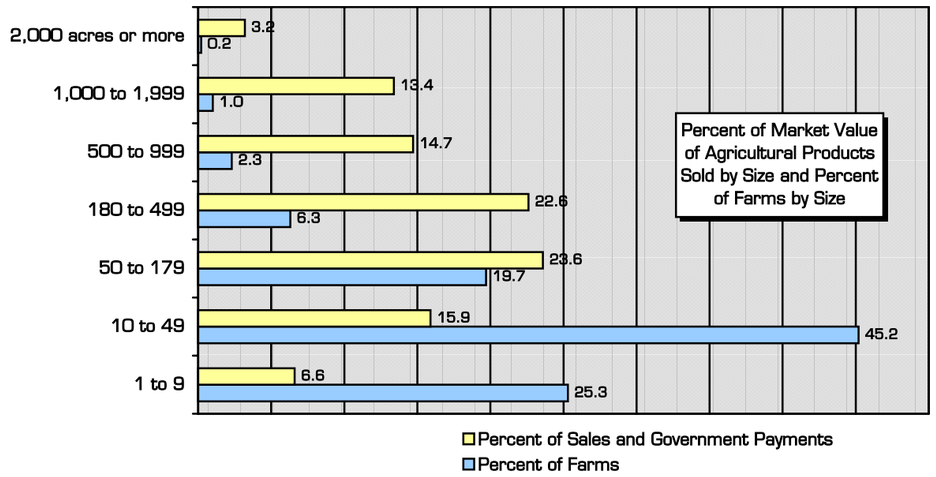
Distribution of New Jersey Farms by Size and Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold by Size Group, 2002



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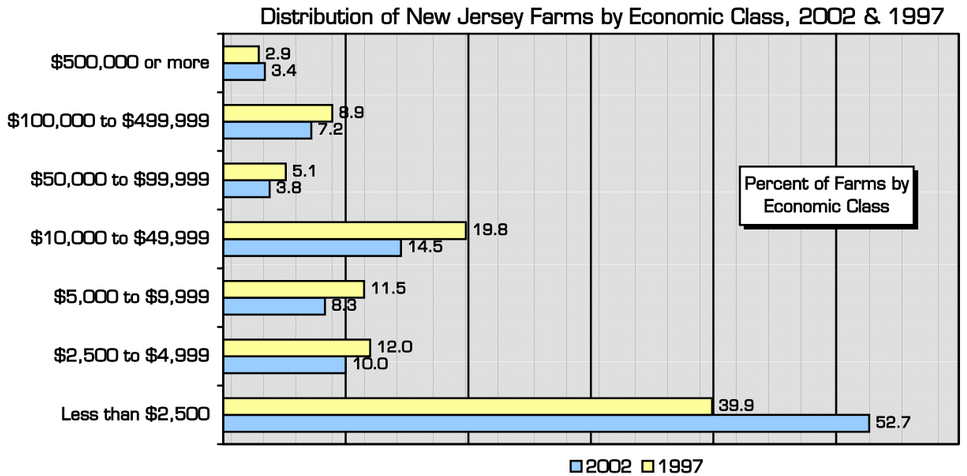

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2002 Census Highlights: New Jersey compared with United States, 2002

Item	New Jersey		Percent Change	United States		Percent Change
	2002	1997		2002	1997	
Number of Farms	9,924	10,045	(1.2)	2,128,982	2,215,876	(3.9)
Land in Farms (acres)	805,682	856,909	(6.0)	938,279,056	954,752,502	(1.7)
Average Size of Farms (acres)	81	85	(4.7)	441	431	2.3
Total Cropland (acres)	547,668	612,919	(10.6)	434,164,946	445,324,765	(2.5)
Harvested Cropland (acres)	444,670	498,912	(10.9)	302,697,252	318,937,401	(5.1)
Estimated Market Value of Land and Buildings						
Average per Farm (dollars)	741,808	572,273	29.6	537,833	416,007	29.3
Average per Acre (dollars)	9,245	6,710	37.8	1,213	967	25.4
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold ($1,000)	749,872	707,161	6.0	200,646,355	201,379,812	(0.4)
Average per Farm	75,561	70,399	7.3	94,245	90,880	3.7
Crops Including Nursery/Greenhouse Crops ($1,000)	657,494	600,547	9.5	95,151,954	100,668,794	(5.5)
Crops as Percent of Total Products Sold	87.7	84.9	3.3	47.4	50.0	(5.2)
Livestock, Poultry, and Their Products ($1,000)	92,378	106,613	(13.4)	105,494,401	100,711,018	4.7
Livestock as Percent of Total Products Sold	12.3	15.1	(18.5)	52.6	50.0	5.2

New Jersey Land Area, Land in Farms, and Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold by Selected Groups, by County, 2002

New Jersey Counties	Approximate Land Area	Land in Farms	Land in Farms as a % of Land Area in County	% of Total Land in Farms	Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold	Average Per Farm	% of Total Products Sold	Field Crops, Hay, and Other Crops	% of Total Crops Sold	Vegetables, Melons, Potatoes, & Sweet Potatoes Sold	% of Total Vegetables Sold	Fruit, Tree Nuts, And Berries Sold	% of Total Fruit Sold	Nursery, Greenhouse, Floriculture, and Sod Sold	% of Total Nursery Sold	Livestock, Poultry, and Livestock Products Sold	% of Total Livestock Sold	Christmas Trees Sold	% of Total Trees Sold	Direct Sales to Consumers for Human Consumption	% of Total Direct Sales	Organically Grown Sales	% of Total Organic Sales	Income from Farm Related Sources	% of Total Farm Related Sales
North District					($1,000)	(Dollars)		($1,000)		($1,000)		($1,000)		($1,000)		($1,000)		($1,000)		($1,000)		($1,000)		($1,000)	
Bergen	149,869	1,283	.9	.2	7,564	83,123	1.0	(D)	N/A	831	0.5	163	0.2	6,289	1.8	271	0.3	(D)	N/A	249	1.3	5	2.3	385	1.0
Essex	80,811	153	.2	(Z)	737	49,116	0.1	—	—	(D)	N/A	(D)	N/A	630	0.2	9	(Z)	—	—	(D)	N/A	—	—	10	(Z)
Hudson	29,880	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hunterdon	275,163	109,241	39.7	13.6	42,267	27,917	5.6	6,285	15.1	1,718	1.0	1,519	1.7	24,798	6.9	7,560	8.2	387	10.0	1,794	9.4	12	5.4	5,111	13.7
Morris	300,155	17,233	5.7	2.1	41,879	102,897	5.6	634	1.5	1,642	1.0	622	0.7	37,868	10.6	1,037	1.1	75	1.9	1,591	8.3	(D)	N/A	2,748	7.4
Passaic	118,587	1,526	1.3	.2	6,074	86,768	0.8	(D)	N/A	667	0.4	(D)	N/A	5,244	1.5	92	0.1	(D)	N/A	225	1.2	—	—	610	1.6
Somerset	195,000	36,237	18.6	4.5	15,064	34,081	2.0	1,505	3.6	173	0.1	249	.3	6,089	1.7	6,800	7.4	248	6.4	304	1.6	—	—	1,411	3.8
Sussex	333,603	75,496	22.6	9.4	14,756	14,340	2.0	1,738	4.2	1,418	0.8	723	0.8	3,677	1.0	6,679	7.2	522	13.6	919	4.8	97	43.7	3,031	8.1
Union	66,105	182	.3	(Z)	6,750	374,975	0.9	—	—	(D)	N/A	(D)	N/A	6,600	1.8	22	(Z)	—	—	499	2.6	—	—	(D)	N/A
Warren	229,035	78,042	34.1	9.7	39,701	48,772	5.3	4,916	11.8	4,406	2.6	918	1.1	7,601	2.1	21,264	23.0	596	15.5	1,545	8.1	5	2.3	1,125	3.0
Central District																									
Burlington	514,927	111,237	21.6	13.8	83,253	91,891	11.1	6,655	16.0	10,597	6.3	16,890	19.4	38,350	10.7	10,384	11.2	377	9.8	3,111	16.3	(D)	N/A	6,731	18.0
Mercer	144,596	25,070	17.3	3.1	12,247	40,286	1.6	2,160	5.2	2,014	1.2	561	0.6	6,125	1.7	1,343	1.5	44	1.1	688	3.6	(D)	N/A	1,320	3.5
Middlesex	198,220	21,824	11.0	2.7	22,703	82,555	3.0	1,936	4.6	3,699	2.2	311	0.4	15,073	4.2	1,407	1.5	277	7.2	776	4.1	(D)	N/A	975	2.6
Monmouth	302,040	47,198	15.6	5.9	81,551	91,425	10.9	2,806	6.7	8,621	5.1	1,288	1.5	59,625	16.7	8,850	9.6	361	9.4	1,681	8.8	12	5.4	6,598	17.7
Ocean	407,217	12,239	3.0	1.5	10,727	49,434	1.4	(D)	N/A	(D)	N/A	495	0.6	5,904	1.7	1,760	1.9	(D)	N/A	(D)	N/A	(D)	N/A	777	2.1
South District																									
Atlantic	359,087	30,337	8.4	3.8	78,508	172,166	10.5	180	0.4	22,170	13.2	41,482	47.6	13,577	3.8	790	0.9	309	8.0	272	1.4	(D)	N/A	(D)	N/A
Camden	142,271	10,259	7.2	1.3	13,638	63,141	1.8	308	0.7	5,362	3.2	3,805	4.4	3,986	1.1	130	0.1	48	1.2	369	1.9	—	—	209	0.6
Cape May	163,319	10,037	6.1	1.2	11,251	57,110	1.5	207	0.5	726	0.4	338	0.4	9,440	2.6	491	0.5	48	1.2	722	3.8	(D)	N/A	334	0.9
Cumberland	313,150	71,097	22.7	8.8	122,672	199,143	16.4	3,614	8.7	42,881	25.5	5,551	6.4	67,853	19.0	2,715	2.9	58	1.5	785	4.1	2	0.9	1,886	5.1
Gloucester	207,820	50,753	24.4	6.3	66,009	95,389	8.8	1,997	4.8	26,719	15.9	10,983	12.6	21,965	6.2	4,051	4.4	295	7.7	2,180	11.4	—	—	1,151	3.1
Salem	216,243	96,238	44.5	11.9	72,522	96,310	9.7	6,625	15.9	31,735	18.9	1,196	1.4	16,168	4.5	16,723	18.1	74	1.9	1,249	6.5	16	7.2	2,078	5.6
New Jersey	4,747,096	805,682	17.0		749,872	75,561		41,676		167,956		87,148		356,863		92,378		3,852		19,126		222		37,345	

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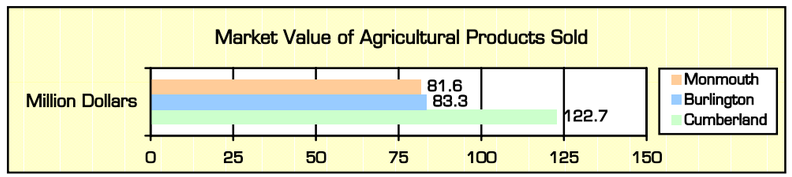
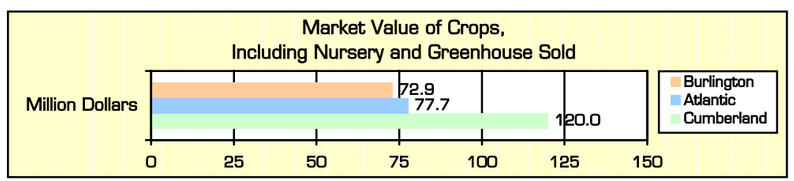
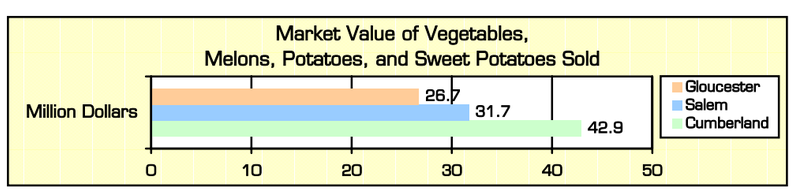
Top 3 Counties for Selected Items: 2002







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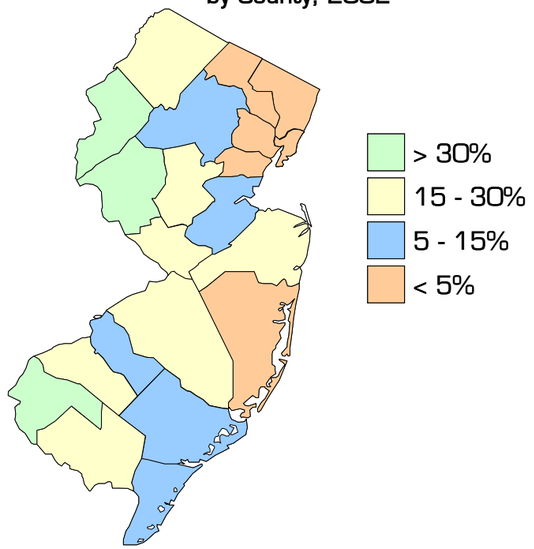
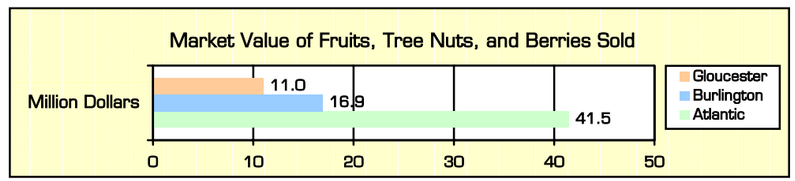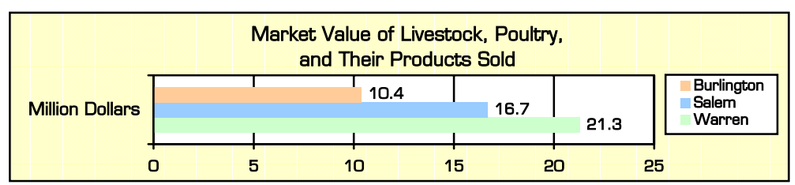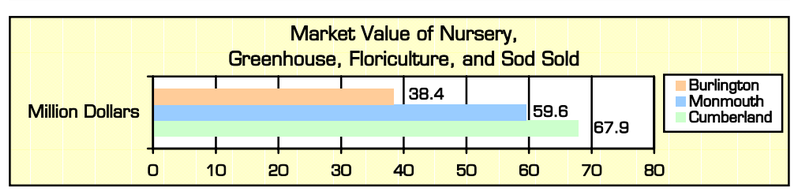
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