



# DELAWARE COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Delaware county is located in the southern part of the state in the Catskill mountains. In 1998, there were 192,800 acres in farms, 21 percent of the county's total 925,440 acres. There were 850 farms in the county averaging 227 acres per farm. Delaware county ranks 14th in the state for number of farms and 15th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$43.5 million. Total sales averaged \$60,666 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, cattle and calves, hay and silage, nursery and greenhouse, and vegetables.

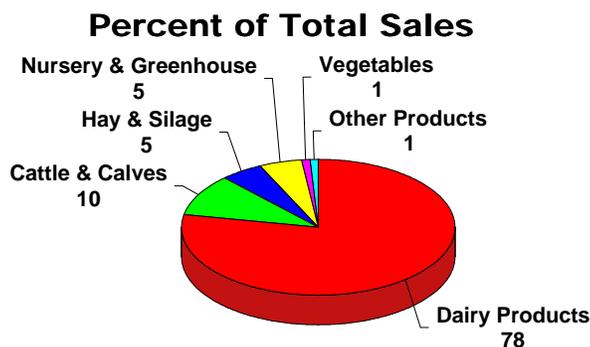
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$246,268. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$46,202 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$33.1 million for an average of \$46,069 per farm. The Census showed 60 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 54.4 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$17,382.

## LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Dairy Products	33,828	78	21
Cattle & Calves	4,317	10	16
Hay & Silage	2,218	5	12
Nursery & Greenhouse	2,114	5	29
Vegetables	237	1	50
Other Products	784	1	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>43,498</b>		<b>31</b>

1997 Census of Agriculture

## LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



**FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE**

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms Acres	Total Cropland 1/ Acres	Permanent Pasture 2/ Acres	Total Woodland 3/ Acres	Other Land 4/ Acres
1940	3,738	642,290	5/	5/	182,840	5/
1950	3,234	630,038	216,067	201,921	194,472	17,578
1959	2,468	562,806	188,917	171,442	186,753	15,694
1969	1,456	363,758	156,985	5/	121,079	5/
1978	1,146	312,095	149,255	46,981	101,072	14,787
1982	1,067	297,071	131,550	48,221	100,114	17,186
1987	985	233,600	110,400	35,300	74,700	13,200
1992	840	211,200	101,900	32,600	65,600	11,100
1993	850	208,700	101,100	31,700	64,300	11,600
1994	855	202,600	99,700	31,400	61,700	9,800
1995	850	201,400	99,900	32,500	60,700	8,300
1996	855	198,400	100,000	33,200	58,200	7,000
1997	860	197,400	99,900	34,300	57,200	6,000
1998	850	192,800	96,400	34,100	56,600	5,700

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured. 3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

**FARMS BY SALES CLASS**

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	285	336
\$10,000 to \$49,999	137	148
\$50,000 to \$99,999	114	77
\$100,000 or more	180	156
Farms Reporting	716	717

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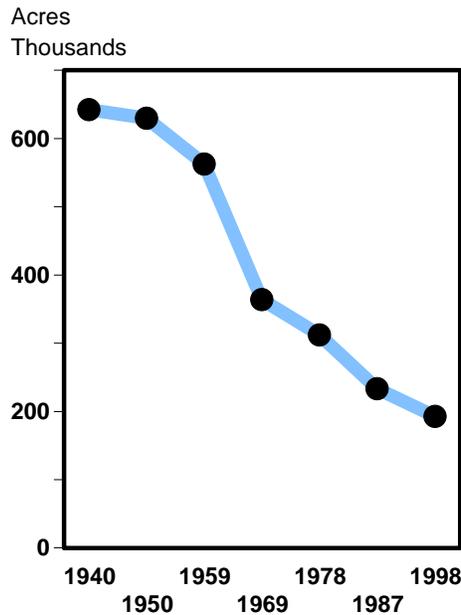
**RESIDENT POPULATION**

In 1998, County's population ranked 53rd in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	41,000	28
1950	44,400	31
1960	43,500	30
1970	44,700	31
1980	46,800	32
1990	47,200	33
1998	46,086	31

U.S. Census of Population

**Land in Farms**



**CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1**

**MILK: Cows & Production**

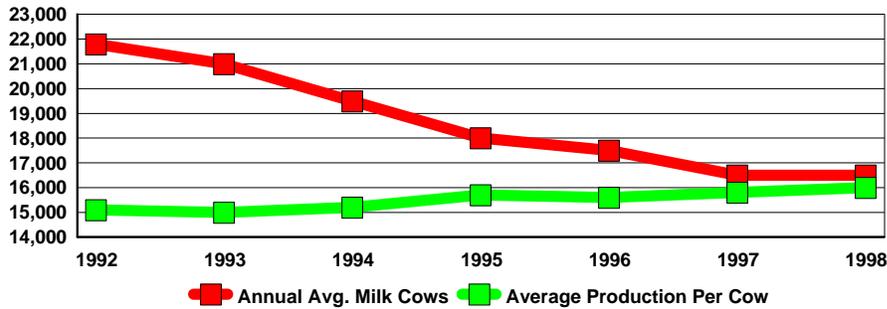
Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
Number on farms			
1940	95,378	1/	1/
1950	94,731	1102	64,330
1959	82,800	627	55,432
1969	62,577	2,726	37,824
1978	61,000	1,900	34,000
1982	64,000	2,000	35,000
1987	55,000	1,900	32,500
1992	42,000	1,800	22,000
1993	41,000	1,800	22,000
1994	39,000	2,200	20,500
1995	39,000	2,000	20,000
1996	36,000	1,800	17,500
1997	35,000	2,200	17,000
1998	35,000	2,300	17,000

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
No. Head                      Pounds                      Million lbs.			
1940	1/	1/	1/
1950	1/	1/	1/
1959	1/	1/	1/
1969	1/	1/	1/
1978	33,300	12,000	399.6
1982	34,500	12,000	414.0
1987	26,000	14,100	366.6
1992	21,800	15,100	329.2
1993	21,000	15,000	315.0
1994	19,500	15,200	296.4
1995	18,000	15,700	282.6
1996	17,500	15,600	273.0
1997	16,500	15,800	260.7
1998	16,500	16,000	264.0

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**MILK: Cows & Production**



**EQUINE: Inventory and Value,**

1997 Census of Agriculture

Total Equine	Rank in Inventory State	Rank in Value	Rank in State
913	21	\$184,000	27

**CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	8,996	570	36.0	20,503	1/	1/	1/
1950	7,282	145	41.3	5,984	6,998	10.4	72,882
1959	6,604	37	62.9	2,325	6,506	11.6	75,242
1969	14,300	600	90.0	54,000	1/	1/	1/
1978	20,300	1,800	99.0	178,200	18,100	15.0	25,200
1982	17,500	1,400	89.0	124,600	16,000	13.5	216,000
1987	13,000	1,300	120.0	156,000	11,400	15.0	171,000
1992	11,200	1,100	105.0	115,500	9,600	17.9	171,800
1993	11,000	1,200	85.0	102,000	9,700	13.4	130,000
1994	11,100	1,300	106.0	137,900	9,800	15.0	146,700
1995	10,200	1,100	107.0	117,700	9,000	12.5	112,800
1996	9,300	900	105.0	94,600	8,200	13.9	113,700
1997	9,500	900	106.0	95,400	8,500	14.0	119,000
1998	9,300	900	104.0	93,600	8,400	15.1	126,500

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available

**HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/**

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	2,475	1.9	4,617	146,885	1.2	173,650	149,360	1.2	178,267
1950	3,532	1.8	6,452	135,899	1.4	189,721	139,431	1.4	196,173
1959	16,120	2.0	32,904	110,421	1.4	157,125	126,541	1.5	190,029
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	73,046	2.0	145,414
1978	21,300	2.5	53,300	65,800	2.0	131,600	87,100	2.1	184,900
1982	20,300	2.7	54,800	62,700	2.0	125,400	83,000	2.2	180,200
1987	16,700	3.1	51,100	60,000	2.1	128,000	76,700	2.3	179,100
1992	17,200	2.1	36,800	35,200	1.8	61,700	52,400	1.9	98,500
1993	12,400	2.2	27,200	42,800	2.0	85,600	55,200	2.0	112,800
1994	11,000	2.6	29,000	42,400	2.3	96,600	53,400	2.4	125,600
1995	12,300	2.3	28,300	39,100	2.0	79,600	51,400	2.1	107,900
1996	14,100	2.3	32,400	34,500	2.3	80,900	48,600	2.3	113,300
1997	12,600	2.4	30,600	38,700	1.9	73,400	51,300	2.0	104,000
1998	11,800	2.3	27,000	35,200	1.9	66,900	47,000	2.0	93,900

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available