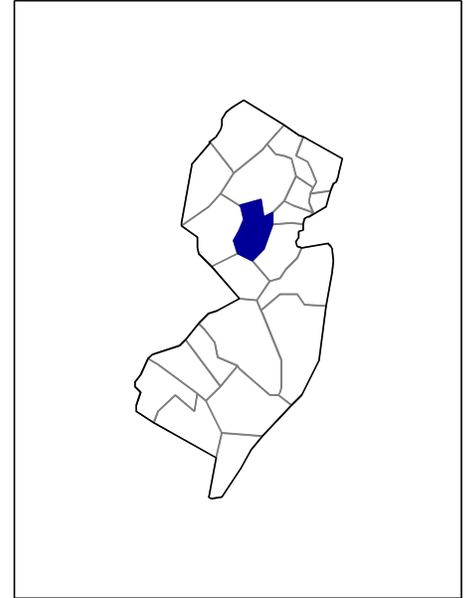# 2002 Census of Agriculture
County Profile

Somerset, New Jersey

Number of farms
442 farms in 2002, 486 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

Land in farms
36,237 acres in 2002, 48,299 acres in 1997, down 25 percent.

Average size of farm
82 acres in 2002, 99 acres in 1997, down 17 percent.

Market Value of Production
$15,064,000 in 2002, $14,602,000 in 1997, up 3 percent.
  Crop sales accounted for $8,264,000 of the total value in 2002.
  Livestock sales accounted for $6,800,000 of the total value in 2002.

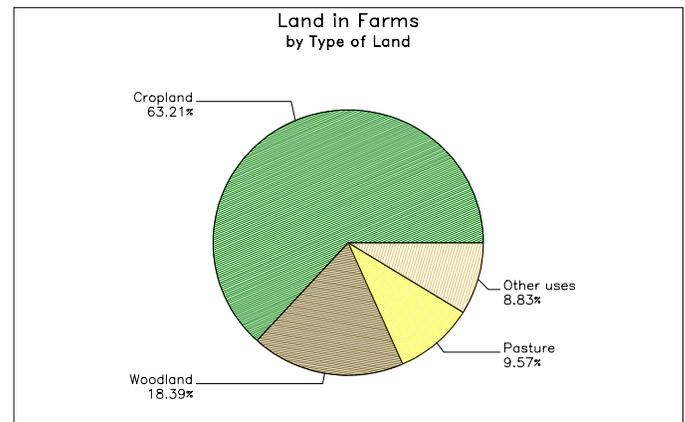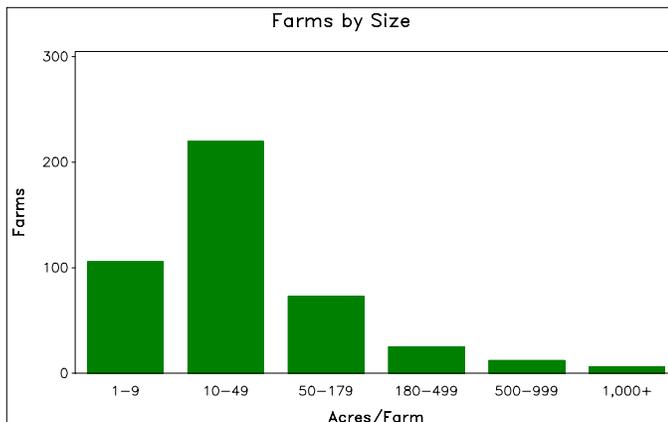**Market Value of Production, average per farm**
$34,081 in 2002, $30,045 in 1997, up 13 percent.

Government Payments
$210,000 in 2002, $154,000 in 1997, up 36 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments
$8,393 in 2002, $4,805 in 1997, up 75 percent.

Farms by Size

Land in Farms
by Type of Land

Cropland 63.21%
Other uses 8.83%
Pasture 9.57%
Woodland 18.39%

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Ranked items among the 21 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe [1]	U.S. Rank	Universe [1]
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD ($1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	15,064	11	20	2,269	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	8,264	15	20	1,785	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,800	6	20	2,150	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP ($1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	757	10	16	1,854	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	173	18	20	1,434	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	249	16	20	802	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	6,089	15	20	403	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	248	9	18	221	1,774
Other crops and hay	748	7	18	1,533	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	19	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,315	8	11	1,231	2,493
Hogs and pigs	16	13	18	2,148	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	53	9	18	1,218	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	661	5	20	244	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	1	18	(D)	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	9,122	4	19	752	2,983
Cattle and calves	2,838	6	19	2,725	3,059
Pheasants [3]	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	1,541
Quail [3]	(D)	(D)	12	(D)	1,412
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,525	5	19	1,920	3,059
All Wheat for grain	2,043	6	16	1,291	2,517
Corn for grain	1,823	10	17	1,595	2,592
Soybeans	1,640	10	16	1,420	2,076
Corn for silage	813	7	14	1,202	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than $1,000	114
$1,000 to $2,499	127
$2,500 to $4,999	47
$5,000 to $9,999	44
$10,000 to $19,999	29
$20,000 to $24,999	11
$25,000 to $39,999	17
$40,000 to $49,999	9
$50,000 to $99,999	15
$100,000 to $249,999	20
$250,000 to $499,999	3
$500,000 or more	6
Total farm production expenses ($1,000)	14,187
Average per farm ($)	32,243
Net cash farm income of operation ($1,000)	1,346
Average per farm ($)	3,059

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	191
Other	251
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	355
Female	87
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.2
All operators [2] by race:	
White	648
Black or African American	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	5
More than one race	1
All operators [2] of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	17

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.
[1] Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.
[2] Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.
[3] Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.