



Sussex County Delaware

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,119	-8
Land in farms (acres)	275,473	+1
Average size of farm (acres)	246	+10
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	1,012,582,000	+10
Government payments	9,289,000	+74
Farm-related income	10,635,000	+20
Total farm production expenses	566,837,000	-20
Net cash farm income	465,669,000	+108
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	904,899	+19
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	21,257	+92
Farm-related income	18,148	+31
Total farm production expenses	506,557	-14
Net cash farm income	416,148	+126

69 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	18
Livestock, poultry, and products	82

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	88
Pastureland	1
Woodland	7
Other	4

Acres irrigated: 100,278

36% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	36
Reduced till	19
Intensive till	20
Cover crop	26

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	186	17
\$2,500 to \$4,999	44	4
\$5,000 to \$9,999	57	5
\$10,000 to \$24,999	105	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	48	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	50	4
\$100,000 or more	629	56

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	167	15
10 to 49 acres	437	39
50 to 179 acres	239	21
180 to 499 acres	128	11
500 to 999 acres	63	6
1,000 + acres	85	8

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	Counties Producing Item
Total	1,012,582	1	3	29	3,077
Crops	182,405	1	3	180	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	126,927	1	3	260	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	35,641	1	3	89	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	1,166	2	3	434	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	17,507	1	3	152	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	45	3	3	390	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,119	2	3	1,767	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	830,178	1	3	18	3,073
Poultry and eggs	818,389	1	3	1	3,007
Cattle and calves	1,789	2	3	2,211	3,055
Milk from cows	7,785	1	3	497	1,892
Hogs and pigs	1,774	1	3	563	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	37	3	3	1,915	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	310	2	3	697	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	2	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	94	2	3	767	2,878

Total Producers ^c	1,904	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	
Male	1,291	79	Corn for grain 111,890
Female	613		Soybeans for beans 89,117
Age		Farm organically	Wheat for grain, all 22,695
<35	167	1	Vegetables harvested, all 20,743
35 – 64	1,077		Barley for grain 8,178
65 and older	660		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	2	7	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 38,705,701
Asian	48		Cattle and calves 5,672
Black or African American	15	Hire farm labor	Goats 541
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	43	Hogs and pigs (D)
White	1,836		Horses and ponies 1,221
More than one race	3	Are family farms	Layers 2,121
Other characteristics		96	Pullets 181
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	15		Sheep and lambs 363
With military service	197		Turkeys (D)
New and beginning farmers	423		

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

^a May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^b Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^c Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.