



# Mercer County New Jersey

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	323	+19
Land in farms (acres)	25,230	+28
Average size of farm (acres)	78	+8
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<b>Total</b>	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	24,981,000	+27
Government payments	149,000	-52
Farm-related income	2,888,000	+41
Total farm production expenses	26,389,000	+44
Net cash farm income	1,630,000	-56
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<b>Per farm average</b>	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	77,341	+7
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	5,725	-28
Farm-related income	23,482	+17
Total farm production expenses	81,699	+21
Net cash farm income	5,045	-63

**2** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	80
Livestock, poultry, and products	20

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	63
Pastureland	10
Woodland	20
Other	7

**Acres irrigated: 1,008**

4% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	12
Reduced till	8
Intensive till	17
Cover crop	13

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	149	46
\$2,500 to \$4,999	20	6
\$5,000 to \$9,999	35	11
\$10,000 to \$24,999	27	8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	31	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	21	7
\$100,000 or more	40	12

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	91	28
10 to 49 acres	142	44
50 to 179 acres	51	16
180 to 499 acres	26	8
500 to 999 acres	11	3
1,000 + acres	2	1

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,981</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2,253</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>20,015</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1,646</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	3,171	8	17	1,792	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	4,188	12	20	381	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	1,238	12	20	422	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	10,905	12	20	231	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	61	14	18	350	1,384
Other crops and hay	452	12	19	2,368	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>4,967</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2,442</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	(D)	5	20	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	321	10	20	2,597	3,055
Milk from cows	1,672	5	11	849	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	1	17	652	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	156	6	19	961	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	322	10	19	671	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	14	16	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	2	19	(D)	2,878

<b>Total Producers <sup>c</sup></b>	<b>538</b>	<b>Percent of farms that:</b>	<b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup></b>
<b>Sex</b>		Have internet access	Soybeans for beans 5,501
Male	335	<b>73</b>	Forage (hay/haylage), all 2,253
Female	203		Corn for grain 2,095
<b>Age</b>		Farm organically	Vegetables harvested, all 798
<35	15	<b>4</b>	Nursery stock crops 590
35 – 64	335		
65 and older	188		
<b>Race</b>		Sell directly to consumers	<b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)</b>
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	<b>17</b>	Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D)
Asian	16		Cattle and calves 811
Black or African American	6	Hire farm labor	Goats 245
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	<b>31</b>	Hogs and pigs (D)
White	515		Horses and ponies 621
More than one race	1		Layers 1,850
<b>Other characteristics</b>		Are family farms	Pullets 455
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	25	<b>94</b>	Sheep and lambs 1,581
With military service	9		Turkeys (D)
New and beginning farmers	125		

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

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

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> 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.