



Somerset County New Jersey

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	452	+13
Land in farms (acres)	35,862	+3
Average size of farm (acres)	79	-9
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	20,118,000	-13
Government payments	148,000	+15
Farm-related income	6,002,000	+95
Total farm production expenses	31,597,000	+11
Net cash farm income	-5,329,000	-171
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	44,508	-23
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	4,488	-2
Farm-related income	32,442	+64
Total farm production expenses	69,905	-1
Net cash farm income	-11,790	-140

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	71
Livestock, poultry, and products	29

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	55
Pastureland	17
Woodland	20
Other	8

Acres irrigated: 876

2% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	12
Reduced till	5
Intensive till	13
Cover crop	11

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	203	45
\$2,500 to \$4,999	57	13
\$5,000 to \$9,999	43	10
\$10,000 to \$24,999	47	10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	32	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	26	6
\$100,000 or more	44	10

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	122	27
10 to 49 acres	225	50
50 to 179 acres	69	15
180 to 499 acres	21	5
500 to 999 acres	6	1
1,000 + acres	9	2

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	20,118	14	21	2,370	3,077
Crops	14,382	14	21	1,852	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	1,794	11	17	1,963	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	2,403	14	20	515	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	211	17	20	993	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	7,196	14	20	310	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	114	11	18	247	1,384
Other crops and hay	2,664	4	19	946	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	5,736	8	21	2,382	3,073
Poultry and eggs	1,251	4	20	724	3,007
Cattle and calves	987	5	20	2,393	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	10	11	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	274	3	17	701	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	9	19	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	2,480	4	19	59	2,970
Aquaculture	(Z)	16	16	365	1,251
Other animals and animal products	375	7	19	359	2,878

Total Producers ^c	747	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	81
Male	432		
Female	315	Farm organically	2
Age		Sell directly to consumers	21
<35	37	Hire farm labor	37
35 – 64	458	Are family farms	96
65 and older	252		
Race			
American Indian/Alaska Native	1		
Asian	21		
Black or African American	1		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		
White	722		
More than one race	2		
Other characteristics			
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	33		
With military service	67		
New and beginning farmers	205		
			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
			Forage (hay/haylage), all
			9,775
			Soybeans for beans
			2,310
			Wheat for grain, all
			1,154
			Corn for grain
			1,112
			Sod harvested
			450
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens
			(D)
			Cattle and calves
			1,620
			Goats
			226
			Hogs and pigs
			919
			Horses and ponies
			1,055
			Layers
			10,296
			Pullets
			543
			Sheep and lambs
			1,263
			Turkeys
			473

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.