



# Agri-Facts about Delaware

## Delaware Agricultural Land Survey for 2012 Rental Rates and Land Values

The 2012 Land Values and Rent Survey asked renters of leased agricultural land:  
 ▶ how much they actually paid in rent per acre in 2012

Renters: Rent per acre for **Non-irrigated Land**, Weighted<sup>1</sup> Average

Year	New Castle County	Kent County	Sussex County	Delaware
	dollars per acre			
2009	70.30	70.56	61.42	66.03
2010	68.16	74.14	64.48	69.09
2011	76.14	81.82	68.12	74.57
2012	82.20	83.41	72.54	78.80

<sup>1</sup> Rent per acre weighted by number of acres rented at that dollar amount.

Renters: Rent per acre for **Irrigated Land**, Weighted<sup>1</sup> Average

Year	New Castle County	Kent County	Sussex County	Delaware
	dollars per acre			
2009	(insufficient data)	131.98	93.98	112.41
2010	(insufficient data)	111.88	101.89	105.51
2011	(insufficient data)	120.22	132.37	129.30
2012	130.43	133.38	125.45	127.56

<sup>1</sup> Rent per acre weighted by number of acres rented at that dollar amount.

## Cropland Lease Agreements

Percent of all Renters with:			
County	Written Lease(s) Only	Oral Lease(s) Only	Both
New Castle	39	28	33
Kent	26	56	18
Sussex	20	58	22
Delaware	25	53	22

Renters									
Percent of Acres with Written Lease(s)				Percent of Acres with Oral Lease(s)				Percent of All Acres Leased	
County	All	< 5 yrs	5 + yrs	County	All	< 5 yrs	5 + yrs	< 5 yrs	5 + yrs
New Castle	56	77	23	New Castle	44	45	55	63	37
Kent	53	69	31	Kent	47	46	54	58	42
Sussex	54	37	63	Sussex	46	50	50	43	57
Delaware	54	55	45	Delaware	46	48	52	52	48

Percent of All Renters who Rented:						
Dollar Per/Acre Basis Only	Share Crop Basis Only	Variable Rate Basis Only	Share Crop & Variable Rate Basis	Dollar & Share Crop Basis	Dollar & Variable Rate Basis	Dollar, Share Crop & Variable Basis
73%	7%	2%	1%	12%	2%	3%