

Delaware Agriculture: Cropland Rental Rates and Lease Agreements



The 2013 Delaware Agricultural Land Survey asked renters of leased cropland how much they paid in cash rent per acre.

Renters: Rent per acre for **Non-irrigated Land**, Weighted Average ¹

Year	New Castle County	Kent County	Sussex County	Delaware
	dollars per acre			
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
2013	85.95	92.09	77.64	84.21

¹ Rent per acre weighted by number of acres rented at that dollar amount.

Renters: Rent per acre for **Irrigated Land**, Weighted Average ¹

Year	New Castle County	Kent County	Sussex County	Delaware
	dollars per acre			
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
2013	138.85	135.03	126.80	129.32

¹ Rent per acre weighted by number of acres rented at that dollar amount.

Cropland Lease Agreements

2013 Percent of all Renters with:			
County	Written Lease(s) Only	Oral Lease(s) Only	Both
New Castle	26	39	35
Kent	25	60	15
Sussex	29	54	17
Delaware	27	51	22

2013 Renters									
Percentage of Acres with Written Lease(s) & Length of Lease				Percentage of Acres with Oral Lease(s) and Length of Lease				Percentage of all Acres Leased by Length of Lease	
County	Percentage All acres	< 5 yrs	5 + yrs	County	Percentage All acres	< 5 yrs	5 + yrs	< 5 yrs	5 + yrs
New Castle	64	94	6	New Castle	36	49	51	77	23
Kent	45	46	54	Kent	55	67	33	58	42
Sussex	63	37	63	Sussex	37	54	46	43	57
Delaware	58	52	48	Delaware	42	58	42	54	46

2013 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 Rate Basis
75%	6%	1%	1%	13%	1%	3%