

2002 Census of Agriculture State Profile

Delaware

Number of farms

2,391 farms in 2002, 2,671 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

Land in farms

540,080 acres in 2002, 589,107 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Average size of farm

226 acres in 2002, 221 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$618,853,000 in 2002, \$767,254,000 in 1997, down 19 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$150,404,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$468,449,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

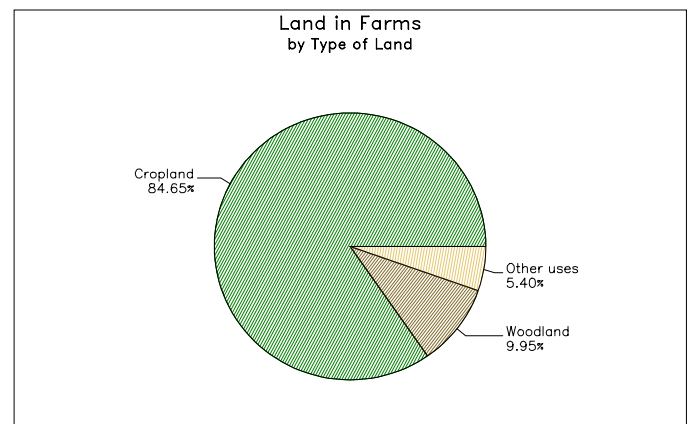
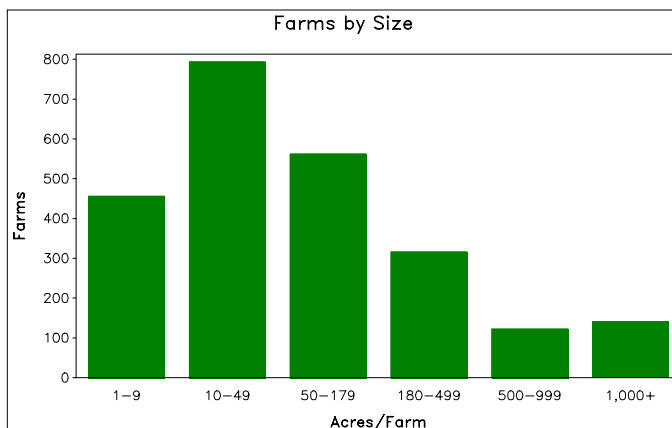
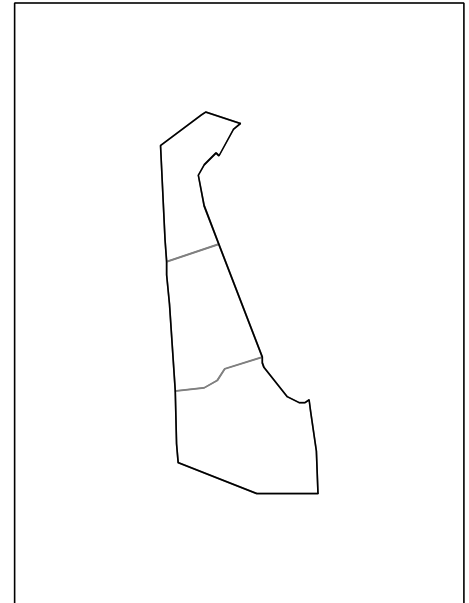
\$258,826 in 2002, \$287,253 in 1997, down 10 percent.

Government Payments

\$8,643,000 in 2002, \$3,845,000 in 1997, up 125 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$14,009 in 2002, \$5,333 in 1997, up 163 percent.



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Ranked items within U.S., 2002

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	618,853	40	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	150,404	44	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	468,449	39	50
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	72,393	34	50
Tobacco	-	-	23
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	50,773	29	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,496	42	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	22,420	45	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	401	40	50
Other crops and hay	1,921	49	50
Poultry and eggs	440,774	19	50
Cattle and calves	3,254	48	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	20,651	47	50
Hogs and pigs	2,853	38	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	45	49	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	588	47	50
Aquaculture	240	49	50
Other animals and other animal products	43	50	50
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	45,649,977	8	50
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	(D)	50
Cattle and calves	22,027	48	50
Hogs and pigs	11,775	41	50
Horses and ponies	3,453	48	50
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
Soybeans	184,596	25	41
Corn for grain	161,421	30	49
All Wheat for grain	53,497	37	48
All Vegetables harvested	39,208	19	50
Barley	22,169	18	43

Other State Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	324
\$1,000 to \$2,499	283
\$2,500 to \$4,999	141
\$5,000 to \$9,999	133
\$10,000 to \$19,999	120
\$20,000 to \$24,999	39
\$25,000 to \$39,999	93
\$40,000 to \$49,999	54
\$50,000 to \$99,999	180
\$100,000 to \$249,999	195
\$250,000 to \$499,999	499
\$500,000 or more	330
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	471,674
Average per farm (\$)	197,271
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	168,894
Average per farm (\$)	70,637

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	1,659
Other	732
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	2,062
Female	329
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.8
All operators ² by race:	
White	3,537
Black or African American	34
American Indian or Alaska Native	10
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	29
More than one race	6
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	46

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.