



Sussex County Delaware

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	1,053	-6
Land in farms (acres)	262,079	-5
Average size of farm (acres)	249	+1
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	1,416,459,000	+40
Government payments	2,984,000	-68
Farm-related income	20,959,000	+97
Total farm production expenses	827,521,000	+46
Net cash farm income	612,881,000	+32
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	1,345,165	+49
Government payments ^a	15,707	-26
Farm-related income ^a	38,885	+114
Total farm production expenses	785,870	+55
Net cash farm income	582,033	+40

68 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	17
Livestock, poultry, and products	83

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	206,899
Pastureland	1,689
Woodland	24,423
Other	29,068

Acres irrigated: 83,348

32% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	33
Reduced till	15
Intensive till	18
Cover crop	21

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	170	16
\$2,500 to \$4,999	24	2
\$5,000 to \$9,999	49	5
\$10,000 to \$24,999	88	8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	67	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	52	5
\$100,000 or more	603	57

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	167	16
10 to 49 acres	439	42
50 to 179 acres	219	21
180 to 499 acres	109	10
500 to 999 acres	46	4
1,000+ acres	73	7

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^c	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^c	Counties Producing Item
Total	1,416,459	1	3	27	3,078
Crops	243,241	1	3	270	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	162,886	1	3	361	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	57,107	1	3	78	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	1,976	2	3	403	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	20,885	1	3	166	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	39	1	3	420	1,274
Other crops and hay	349	3	3	2,521	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	1,173,217	1	3	17	3,076
Poultry and eggs	1,163,156	1	3	1	3,027
Cattle and calves	1,227	2	3	2,323	3,047
Milk from cows	6,191	1	3	546	1,770
Hogs and pigs	(D)	1	3	(D)	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	23	3	3	2,158	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	559	3	3	510	2,907
Aquaculture	(D)	1	3	(D)	1,190
Other animals and animal products	144	2	3	840	2,909

Producers ^d	1,837	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e
Sex		Have internet access	83
Male	1,240		
Female	597	Farm organically	(Z)
Age		Sell directly to consumers	5
<35	123		
35 – 64	968	Hire farm labor	36
65 and older	746		
Race		Are family farms	91
American Indian/Alaska Native	2		
Asian	106		
Black or African American	16		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		
White	1,712		
More than one race	1		
Other characteristics			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	16		Broilers and other meat-type chickens
With military service	143		36,903,437
New and beginning farmers	372		Cattle and calves
			3,415
			Goats
			416
			Hogs and pigs
			1,762
			Horses and ponies
			607
			Layers
			1,778
			Pullets
			(D)
			Sheep and lambs
			153
			Turkeys
			(D)

^a Average per farm receiving. ^b May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^c Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^d Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. ^e Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^f 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.