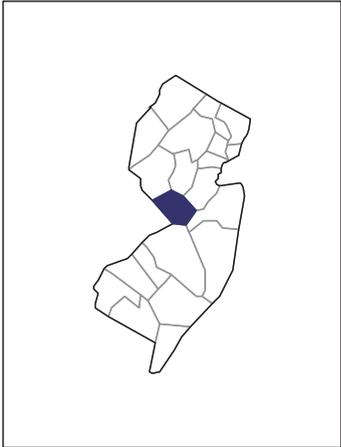


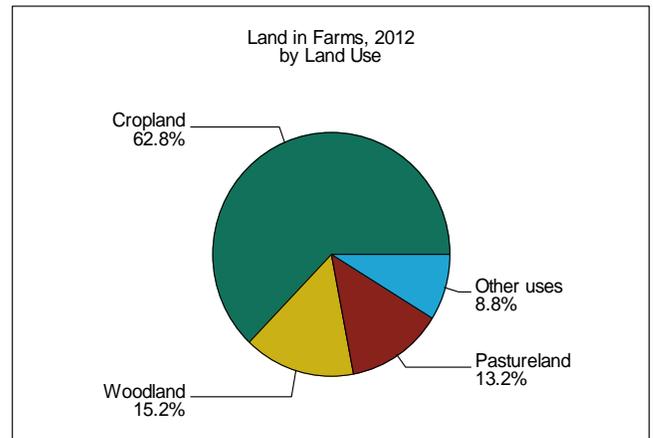
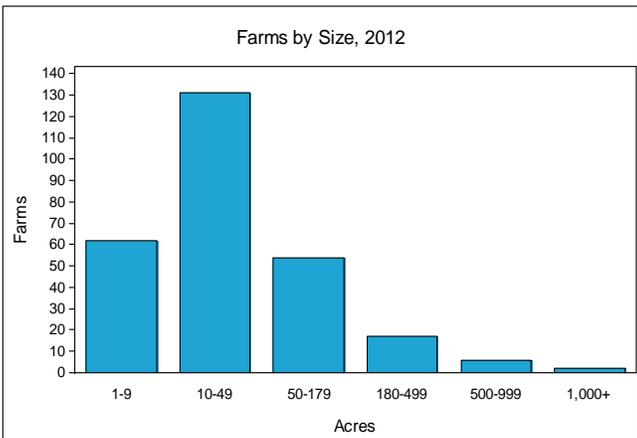
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Mercer County New Jersey

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	272	311	- 13
<b>Land in Farms</b>	19,744 acres	21,730 acres	- 9
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	73 acres	70 acres	+ 4
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$19,729,000	\$18,646,000	+ 6
Crop Sales \$16,394,000 (83 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$3,335,000 (17 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$72,534	\$59,956	+ 21
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$310,000	\$286,000	+ 8
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$7,940	\$6,983	+ 14





## Mercer County – New Jersey

### Ranked items among the 20 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	19,729	12	20	2,384	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	16,394	12	20	1,827	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,335	9	20	2,625	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,656	9	16	1,777	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,393	14	20	714	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	3,225	6	20	240	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	6,816	12	20	350	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	74	8	18	367	1,530
Other crops and hay	230	11	18	2,732	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	4	18	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	107	10	18	2,964	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	8	10	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	10	17	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	62	11	18	1,752	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	641	4	19	423	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	11	15	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	645	3	20	355	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans for beans	4,324	9	16	1,323	2,162
Corn for grain	2,712	9	16	1,621	2,638
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,508	11	18	2,792	3,057
Vegetables harvested, all	561	14	20	654	2,801
Nursery stock crops	483	9	20	183	2,077
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Turkeys	(D)	1	17	276	2,416
Layers	1,793	13	19	1,385	3,040
Sheep and lambs	676	9	19	1,189	2,897
Horses and ponies	676	13	20	1,704	3,072
Cattle and calves	570	10	18	2,940	3,063

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	58	Farming	125
\$1,000 to \$2,499	39	Other	147
\$2,500 to \$4,999	40		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	18	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	35	Male	217
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Female	55
\$25,000 to \$39,999	9		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	24		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	12	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	10	Asian	17
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	18,382	Black or African American	5
Average per farm (\$)	67,581	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	393
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,703	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	13,614	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	9

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.