

MERCER COUNTY, NJ

Information based on Congressional Districts of the 106th U.S. Congress, 1997

	1997	1992	1987
Farms			
Number	285	296	309
Acreage	28,391	35,786	41,303
Average size (acres)	100	121	134
Median size (acres)	25	N	N
Estimated market value average per farm			
Land/buildings (dollars)	1,359,262	1,310,693	458,712
Machinery/equip (dollars)	44,239	36,496	36,094
Cropland (acres)			
Total	23,124	28,787	34,082
Harvested	19,543	23,459	26,414
Irrigated	880	1,226	747
Agricultural products sold - market value			
(\$1,000)	13,255	15,879	13,956
(dollars avg. per farm)	46,510	53,647	45,164
Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm			
(dollars average)	11,417	13,410	9,973
Livestock inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	785	1,190	1,522
Beef cows	186	276	318
Milk cows	266	373	660
Hogs and pigs	D	D	961
Sheep and lambs	348	518	405
Layers 13 wks or older	945	D	D
Broilers and chicken (sold)	0	D	D
Harvested commodities (acres)			
Com, grain or seed	5,123	5,018	4,860
Com, silage or green chop	D	250	430
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	N	N
Wheat	N	N	N
Barley	N	N	N
Oats	N	N	N
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflower seed	N	N	N
Cotton	N	N	N
Tobacco	N	N	N
Soybeans	9,334	11,308	12,152
Dry edible beans, excl lima	N	N	N
Potatoes, excl sweet potatoes	N	N	N
Sugar beets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	N	N	N
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alfalfa	2,123	3,605	5,211
Vegetables			
Number of farms	55	46	49
Acreage	1,104	1,067	793

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Orchards			
Number of farms	21	21	21
Acreage	130	132	127

Abbreviations/footnotes:

N represents zero.

0 represents an insignificant amount.

D-W withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture