

2017 Agricultural Report for Ocean County

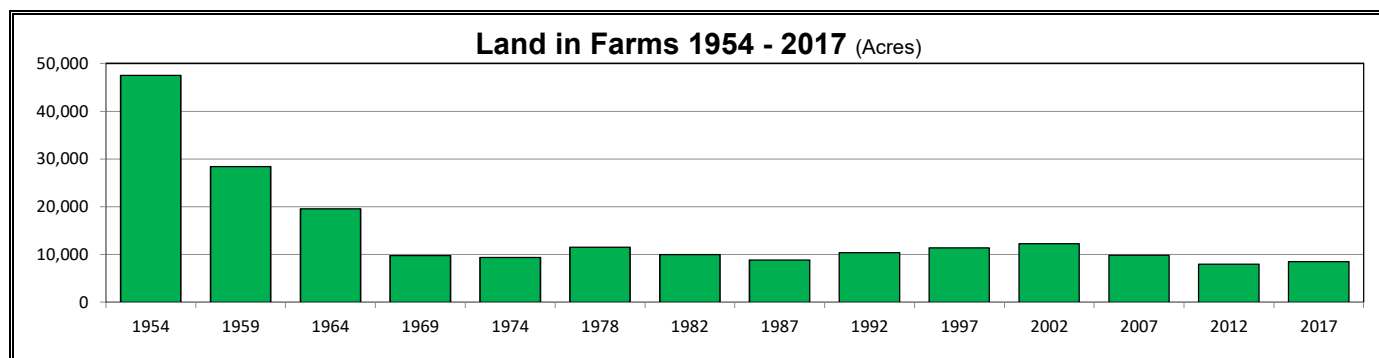
Selected Annual Farm Sales 2012 & 2017				
Product	2012		2017	
	No. of Farms	Product Value	No. of Farms	Product Value
	Grains	12	\$358,000	N/A
Vegetables	25	\$3,067,000	23	\$2,684,000
Fruits	15	\$301,000	16	\$307,000
Christmas Trees	14	\$28,000	28	\$124,000
Poultry & Eggs	25	\$153,000	49	\$157,000
Cattle	10	\$110,000	15	\$366,000
Dairy	2	N/A	3	\$693,000
Hogs	8	N/A	8	\$36,000
Sheep & Lambs	6	\$35,000	12	\$32,000
Equine	14	\$102,000	18	\$211,000
Aquaculture	14	\$934,000	29	\$3,106,000

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operator by primary occupation:	
Farming	148
Other	215
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	258
Female	189
Total Number of producers	450
Average age of principal operators (years)	59.5
Farms with a new and beginning principal producer	100
Farms with a young principal producer	13
Age Group	
Under 25 years	11
25 to 34	19
35 to 44	40
45 to 54	96
55 to 64	147
65 to 74	97
75 years and over	37

2017 Ocean County Farm Profile	
Number of Active Farms:	260
Land in Farms (acres):	8,510
Average Farm Size (acres):	33
Median Farm Size (acres):	12
Percentage of Land in Agriculture:	Less than 1%
Average Market Value of Agricultural Acres:	\$94,769
Acres of Preserved Farmland:	3,339
Farms Preserved:	53
USDA National Organic Program	3

Selected Livestock and Poultry - Number of Farms	
Cattle and Calves	17
Beef Cows	15
Milk Cows	4
Hogs and Pig Inventory	4
Sheep and Lambs Inventory	24
Layers Inventory	60
Selected Crops Harvested	
Corn for Grain	78
Wheat for Grain, all	150

Farms by Size in Acres	
1 to 9:	103
10 to 49:	124
50 to 179:	23
180 to 499:	7
500 to 999:	3



Notes: n/a *Data is not available, or data has been withheld and included in other counties to avoid disclosure for individual farms.
Sources: * "2017 Census of Agriculture," May 2014, issued every 5 years. Farms as per 2012, and 2017 Censuses of Agriculture." National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), May 2010, in cooperation with the NJ Department of Agriculture. Ocean County Comprehensive Farmland Management Plan, 2009.

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