

Agricultural Info Sheet

CHESTER COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

The census of agriculture is the leading source of statistics about the nation’s agricultural production. It provides a detailed picture of farms every five years and is the only source of uniform agricultural data for every state

and county in the United States. The census definition of a farm is any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year.



Chester County National and State Rankings



TOTAL VALUE OF AG PRODUCTS SOLD

2nd in PA

90th in the US

\$736,075,000

Value of products sold



VALUE OF PRODUCTS SOLD PER ACRE

Chester County
\$5,132
estimate



PA
\$1,457
estimate

Commodities Chester County rankings among all 76 counties in PA and the US



CROPS GROWN UNDER COVER

1st in PA

3rd in the US

\$531,294,000

Value of products sold

- Crops include greenhouse, nursery, floriculture, sod, and mushroom.
- Mushrooms accounted for **\$455,253,923** of the total value or 86%.
- There was a 3% increase in value from 2017 (**\$515,267,000**).



TOTAL CROP PRODUCTION

1st in PA

32nd in the US

\$608,174,000

Value of products sold

- There was a 7% increase in value from 2017 (**\$570,929,000**).



EQUINE

2nd in PA

26th in the US

\$8,299,000

Value of products sold

- Equine includes horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys.
- There was a 41% increase in value from 2017 (**\$5,881,000**).



Cultivated CHRISTMAS TREES and short rotation woody crops

8th in PA

51st in the US

\$1,202,000

Value of products sold

- There was a 99% increase in value from 2017 (**\$605,000**).
- 23 Farms are involved.
- The number of farms shrank 15% (4 farms) from 2017.



VEGETABLES

9th in PA

346th in the US

\$6,581,000

Value of products sold

- There was a 5% increase in value from 2017 (**\$6,266,000**).
- There are 119 farms involved in vegetable, melon, potato, and sweet potato production.
- The number of farms decreased by 21% (32 farms) from 2017.



MILK from cows

11th in PA

191st in the US

\$62,081,000

Value of products sold

- There was a **25% decrease** in value from 2017 (**\$82,808,000**).
- There are 128 dairy farms with sales from milk.
- The number of farms decreased 62% (205 farms) from 2017.



FRUITS, TREE NUTS, and BERRIES

14th in PA

321st in the US

\$3,072,000

Value of products sold

- There was a 67% increase in value from 2017 (**\$1,845,000**).
- There are 71 farms with sales from fruits, tree nuts, and berries.
- The number of farms decreased by 35% (39 farms) from 2017.



POULTRY and EGGS

17th in PA

426th in the US

\$31,374,000

Value of products sold

- There was a 22% increase in value from 2017 (**\$25,667,000**).
- There are 240 farms with sales from poultry and egg production.
- The number of farms decreased by 1% (3 farms) from 2017.

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