

# Agricultural Info Sheet

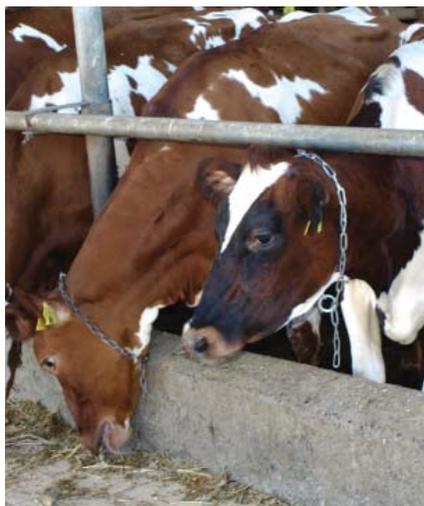
## Chester County Census of Agriculture

### Overview

There were 1,730 farms, down (less than 1 percent) from 1,733 in 2007. Currently, our agricultural industry is very stable, although agriculture like any industry can be subject to fluctuations. Some farms may cease operation, while some will consolidate and new farm businesses will be started.

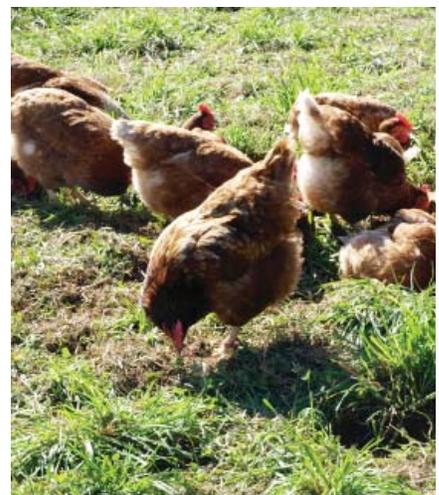
There were 164,495 acres in farms, only 1 percent less than 2007. Some factors that may have influenced farmland retention include less development pressure since 2008, and the on-going efforts to preserve farmland by public and private entities throughout the county.

The average size of a farm was 95 acres, a decrease of 1 acre from 2007.



Farmland accounted for 33.9% of the 485,600 total acres of land in Chester County.

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## Rankings



Chester County **ranked 2nd** among all 67 Pennsylvania counties in the total value of agricultural products sold with annual sales of \$660,744,000 (ranked 54th of over 3,000 counties in the U.S.).

Chester County **ranked 1st** in PA and 1st in the U.S. in the value of nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod and mushrooms with sales of \$475,480,000. Mushrooms accounted for \$396,757,000 of the total value.



Chester County **ranked 2nd** in PA and 22nd in the U.S. in the value of horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys with sales of \$5,249,000.



Chester County **ranked 6th** in PA in the value of milk from cows with sales of \$73,185,000 (ranked 112th in the U.S.).



For more information on the 2012 Census of Agriculture go to [www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov).