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2009 Census of Horticulture

New Jersey Ranked Eighth in the Nation for Total Gross Sales of Horticulture Crops

Top 10 Producing States by Gross Value of Sales Category

State	1998		2009		2009 Ranking by Sales
	Operations	Sales ($1,000)	Operations	Sales ($1,000)	
California	2,037	2,253,387	1,611	2,283,394	1
Florida	2,339	1,401,811	1,882	1,288,798	2
Oregon	1,285	645,454	1,177	835,201	3
Texas	773	477,017	738	620,103	4
Michigan	1,216	471,720	1,089	566,794	5
North Carolina	1,090	307,134	1,021	501,363	6
Ohio	1,004	382,585	784	351,241	7
New Jersey	**745**	**240,921**	**623**	**347,601**	**8**
New York	985	266,184	1,040	303,354	9
Pennsylvania	1,387	615,214	1,288	296,005	10
United States	**23,758**	**10,599,298**	**21,585**	**11,687,323**	**-**

Source: USDA - NASS: Census of Horticultural Specialties, 1998
Census of Horticultural Specialties, 2009

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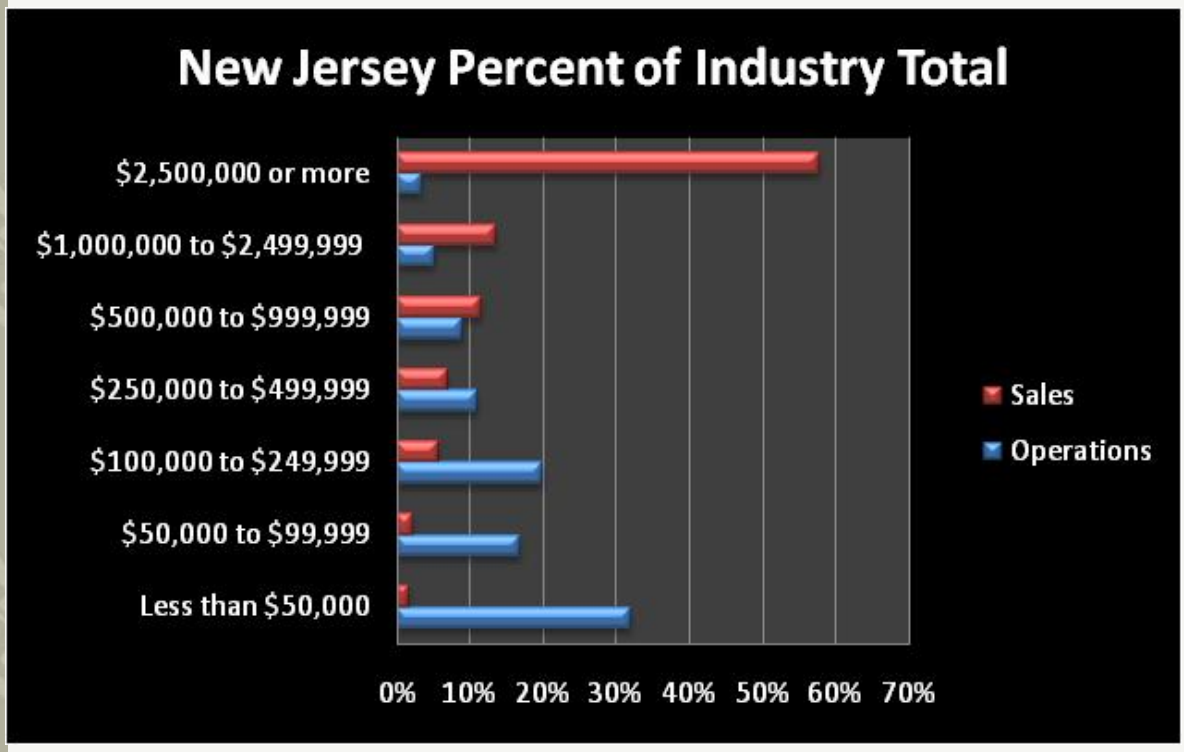

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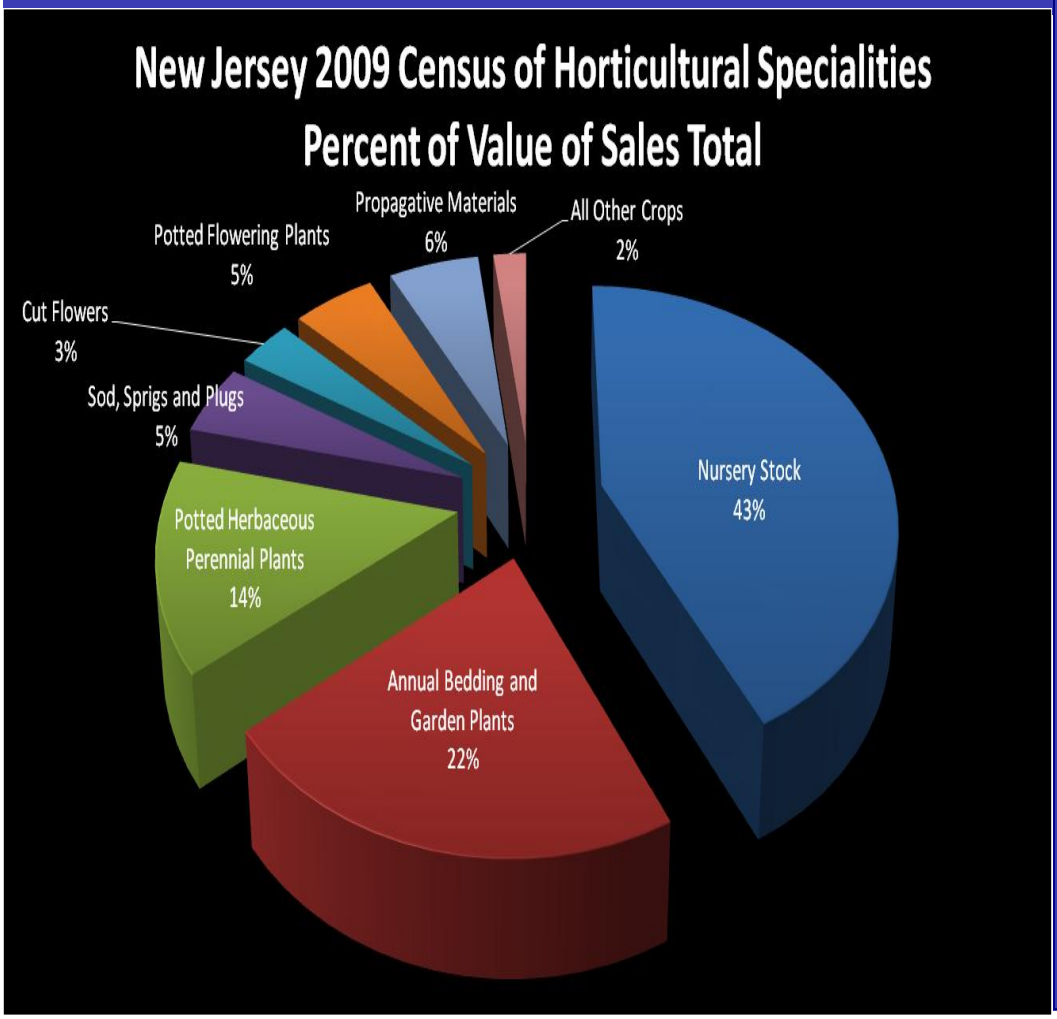

The 2009 Census of Horticulture counted 623 operations in New Jersey with sales of $347,601,000 a decrease of 122 operations since the 1998 Census of Horticulture. However, sales of horticulture crops increased by 44 percent over this same time period.

Categories where sales increased from the previous Census of Horticultural, included Nursery Stock, Annual Bedding and Garden Plants, Cut Flowers, Transplants for Commercial Vegetable Production, Potted Herbaceous Perennial Plants, and Propagative Materials.

Categories with a lower sales from the previous Census of Horticulture, included Sod, Sprigs and Plugs, Potted Flowering Plants, Cut Christmas Trees, Foliage Plants, and Food Crops Under Protection.

Horticulture Crops by Value of Sales and United States Rank

Horticulture Crops	Value of Sales ($1,000)[1]		New Jersey's Ranking by Categories for Value of Sales
	1998	2009	
Nursery Stock	76,163	147,872	6
Annual Bedding and Garden Plants	58,535	75,573	11
Potted Herbaceous Perennial Plants	19,548	49,052	5
Sod, Sprigs and Plugs	22,008	16,855	14
Cut Flowers	9,243	11,887	4
Potted Flowering Plants	28,114	18,224	12
Propagative Materials	10,440	20,191	9
Transplants for Commercial Vegetable and Strawberry Production	333	2,518	7
Cut Christmas Trees	2,030	1,776	20
Foliage Plants	8,282	2,542	10
Food Crops Under Protection	1,671	532	27
All Horticulture	**240,921**	**347,601**	**8**

[1] All Horticulture will not add

Source: USDA - NASS: Census of Horticultural Specialties, 1998
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2010 Farm Labor

Northeast II

Workers Up 5 Percent, Wages Up 6 Percent

Workers: There were 37,000 hired workers on Northeast II Region farms and ranches the week of October 10, 2010, through October 16, 2010, unchanged from a year ago. States included in the Northeast Region II are Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Hours worked during the reference week averaged 41.9 compared to 41.0 the previous year.

Wages: Farm operators in the Northeast Region II paid their hired workers an average wage of $12.05 per hour during the October 2010 reference week, up 1.17 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of $11.84 per hour, up 1.56 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned $10.17 per hour compared with $9.50 a year earlier.

Hours Worked: The number of hours worked averaged 41.9 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 2 percent from a year ago.

United States

Workers Up 4 Percent, Wage Rates Up 2 Percent

Workers: There were 1,157,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 10-16, 2010, up 4 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 826,000 were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 331,000 workers.

Wages: Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of $11.13 per hour during the October 2010 reference week, up 20 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of $10.49 per hour, up 27 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned $10.27 per hour compared with $10.28 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at $10.43 per hour, was up 19 cents from last year.

Hours Worked: The number of hours worked averaged 41.7 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 7 percent from a year ago.

Farm Labor & Wage Rates: Northeast II Region and United States [1]

Items	Northeast II [2]			United States [3]		
	Oct. 11-17, 2009	July 11-17, 2010	Oct. 10-16, 2010	Oct. 11-17, 2009	July 11-17, 2010	Oct. 10-16, 2010
	Thousand workers			Thousand workers		
Hired Workers	37	37	37	829	885	826
150 Days or More	28	25	28	605	627	588
149 Days or Less	9	12	9	224	258	238
	Dollars Per Week			Dollars Per Week		
Average Hours Worked (All Hired Farm Workers)[1]	41.0	39.2	41.9	39.0	40.7	41.7
	Dollars Per Hour			Dollars Per Hour		
Average Wage Rate (All Hired Farm Workers)[1]	10.88	11.10	12.05	10.93	10.79	11.13
By Type of Workers Field	10.28	10.55	11.84	10.22	10.09	10.49
Livestock	9.50	9.09	10.17	10.28	10.15	10.27

Source: USDA - NASS: Farm Labor, November 2010

[1] Excludes agricultural service workers. [2] Includes Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. [3] Excludes Alaska [4] Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers bu the values are not included in the wage rates.

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November Farm Prices Received Index Up 4 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 159 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 4 points (2.6 percent) from October. The Crop Index is up 9 points (5.4 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for soybeans, corn, lettuce, and eggs and lower prices for hogs, milk, apples, and cucumbers. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of milk, cotton, cattle, and corn offset decreased marketings of soybeans, potatoes, peanuts, and lettuce.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 23 points (17 percent) from November 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 155, increased 3 points (2.0 percent) from last month and increased 19 points (14 percent) from November 2009.

November Prices Paid Index Up 2 Points

The November Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 188 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is up 2 points (1.1 percent) from October and 10 points (5.6 percent) above November 2009. Higher prices in November for complete feeds, nitrogen, and supplements more than offset lower prices for other services, feeder pigs, and hay & forages.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Nov 2009	Oct 2010	Nov 2010
	dollars		
Field Crops			
Corn, per Bushel	3.65	4.32	4.59
Hay, All, Baled, per Ton[1]	105.00	113.00	111.00
Alfalfa[1]	109.00	118.00	117.00
Other[1]	97.90	96.90	95.50
Soybeans, per Bushel	9.53	10.20	11.20
Winter Wheat, per Bushel	4.60	5.80	6.04
Fruit, Fresh			
Apples, per Lb[2]	0.333	0.349	0.321
Peaches, per Ton[2]	S	S	S
Vegetables, Fresh[6]			
Corn, Sweet, per Cwt	19.80	28.00	19.70
Lettuce, per Cwt	49.60	20.20	35.80
Tomatoes, per Cwt	73.70	32.40	35.70
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, all, per Cwt	79.60	93.10	94.10
Steers and Heifers, per Cwt	85.40	98.80	100.00
Cows, per Cwt[3]	41.70	52.70	51.90
Calves, per Cwt	104.00	120.00	122.00
Broilers, live, per Lb[4]	0.410	0.470	0.470
Eggs, all, per Dozen[1]	1.010	0.813	1.130
Milk, all, per Cwt[5]	15.40	18.50	17.90
Fat Test, All Milk per %	3.77	3.72	3.76

Source: USDA - NASS: Agricultural Prices, November 2010

1 Mid-Month Price
2 Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, NY, and WA. Prices as sold for other states.
3 Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.
4 Equivalent live weight price.
5 Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.
S Insufficient sales to establish a price.

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