

"An Ideal Location for Every Worthy Purpose"

Residentially Superb - Agriculturally a Leader - Industrially Active - Commercially Awake

Gloucester County typifies New Jersey in its versatility of opportunities for profitable agriculture and extensive manufacturing. It also offers a fertile field for business activity and appeals as a location for the home.

Bordering the busy Delaware and within a short distance of the world's greatest coast resorts, Gloucester County has enjoyed a healthy growth. Due to its advantageous geographical position it is destined to become a greater center for all lines of endeavor.

Government

Gloucester County is well and wisely governed by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, composed of twenty-one members, representing the various townships and municipalities. The ranking member is a director chosen each year by the entire body.

The regular meeting is held the third Thursday of each month at which time all matters concerning the administration of county affairs are brought before the Board for discussion and action.

County Buildings

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Residential Sections

phia, one of the leading metropolitan areas in a thriving community away from the home nearby, Westville, Woodbury, Weno. Each municipality has an unusually school system, fine churches, progressive transportation facilities, all within an hour's cities invite inspection of the prospective

School System

requirements of the State Department. They serve each community and six high schools easily accessible from all parts of the county. The school is under the supervision of 604 teachers. The school buildings have a total valuation of \$1,000,000.

Industrial Center

Some of the leading organizations in the state have large plants located in Gloucester County. There is an opportunity along the Delaware and the tributary inland waterways for any industry requiring a waterfront location. The degree to which these arteries of travel have been developed affords world-wide shipping direct from the plant. There is available skilled and unskilled labor, both male and female, and the excellent transportation to any point makes commutation easily possible.

Within the county there are now plants manufacturing and supplying world markets with a variance of commodities. Among them are water filters and softeners, trunks, silk stockings, brushes, soap products, canned products, building materials and explosives. The world manufacturing explosives is also

Road System

Nearly one hundred years ago in the days of the toll turnpike roads, a visiting newspaper editor wrote of the splendid roads in the County and their effect upon the development of this section. These roads were all constructed of gravel. The first of these roads was the one from the County seat to the waterfalls. It was a wide telford macadam pavement ten feet in width. Several roads of this type were constructed with a number of gravel roads. With the coming of the motor-vehicle and the automobile, the gravel roads were replaced by the concrete and asphalt pavement. Beginning of 1909 the ten-foot-wide stone pavements were reconstructed and extended to a width of twenty feet and surfaced with bituminous concrete, and a few years later the gravel roads were replaced by the concrete and asphalt pavement. Since 1918 reinforced concrete has been the type of pavement mostly used in the surface road construction by the County. As road building methods progressed so also did the equipment and machinery used in road building over Gloucester County on roads comparable to the best in the County.

A Leader in Agriculture

Favored with excellent soil, good climate and proximity to great consuming markets, Gloucester County ranks among the first fifteen in the United States in the raising of farm products. There are 122,166 acres of land under cultivation, comprising 2347 farms. The average size of each farm is 51.7 acres of which 1985 are operated by owners, 319 by tenants and 20 by managers.

Gloucester County leads the entire State in the production of sweet potatoes, peppers, asparagus, market tomatoes and miscellaneous vegetables. It also ranks second in the raising of apples and peaches, and fourth in the growing of canhouse tomatoes. All are marketed under favorable conditions. Half of the sweet potatoes raised in the state are produced in Gloucester County. Approximately 7000 acres are under cultivation. More than 9500 acres are planted in market and canhouse tomatoes.

Peppers of many varieties thrive in this county, about 660,000 bushels being shipped mainly to the New England States. Asparagus is one of the most profitable crops, there being 2863 acres under cultivation with an average yield of 1500 bunches per acre. Cabbage, cantaloupes, onions, sweet corn, beans, peas, cucumbers, watermelons and eggplants are the most important vegetable crops grown in large quantities.



Some of the largest and most successful orchards in the United States make this county a fruit-producing center. The climate and soil are particularly adapted for the growing of practically all varieties of apples and peaches. The average yield of apples is 137 bushels per acre and peaches 207 crates per acre.



The poultry industry is in its infancy but is becoming a very important one and extends into every section of the county. Generally carried on in conjunction with other farming operations, it has proven a very profitable venture for most farmers. An annual income of approximately \$800,000 from eggs and poultry meat is received.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY

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OF

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

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HIGHWAYS AND BOUNDARIES OF
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HISTORICAL SKETCH AND INFORMATIONAL DATA

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