

New Jersey State Flag

Garden State • Capital: Trenton • Statehood: 1787

Overview

Unusual buff background with blue shield, three ploughs, and a knight's helmet. Goddesses Liberty and Ceres flank it, while "Liberty and Prosperity" scrolls beneath. Distinctive in colour, it blends agrarian pride with classical grandeur.

Flag specifications

Adopted: 1896-05-11
Designer: Based on state seal by Pierre Eugene du Simitiere
Ratio: 3:5
Buff field with state coat of arms centered.

Colors

#F5DEB3 #002D72 #FFD700 #FFFFFF

Symbolism

buff background	Represents colors worn by New Jersey regiments in the Revolutionary War.
goddess Liberty	Symbolizes freedom.
goddess Ceres	Represents agriculture.
horse head	State crest symbolizing strength.

Historical timeline

- 1787: New Jersey ratified the Constitution.
- 1896: Official flag adopted.

Notable facts

- Only U.S. state flag with a buff-colored field.
- Known as the Garden State for its agricultural heritage.
- The buff color honors Revolutionary War uniforms.
- The state seal is the central feature of the flag.
- The helmet atop the shield represents sovereignty.
- The horse's head symbolizes speed and strength.
- The figures represent Liberty and Agriculture.
- The current flag design was officially adopted in 1896.

Seal deep dive

stateSeal
The New Jersey state seal centered on a buff-colored field.
Meaning: Agriculture, liberty, abundance, and New Jersey's statehood

plows
Three plows displayed on a shield.
Meaning: New Jersey's farming heritage and productivity

figures
Two female figures representing Liberty and Ceres.
Meaning: Political freedom and agricultural abundance

motto
The motto 'Liberty and Prosperity' displayed beneath the shield.
Meaning: Core values of freedom and economic well-being

Vexillology notes

Design type: State seal on buff field

Complexity: 8/10

Readability: 4/10

Printable reference sheet for classroom use.