

**Table 3. Farm Production Expenses: 1997 and 1992**

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Item	Maryland	Allegany	Anne Arundel	Baltimore	Calvert	Caroline	Carroll	Cecil
Total farm production expenses . . . . . farms, 1997..	12 109	242	412	782	349	527	1 044	464
1992..	13 040	219	478	840	400	587	1 080	454
\$1,000, 1997..	1 123 200	3 185	10 449	38 501	5 109	88 472	61 215	50 294
1992..	974 511	3 260	7 380	35 511	7 020	70 104	59 750	30 752
Average per farm . . . . . dollars, 1997..	92 757	13 160	25 362	49 234	14 640	167 878	58 635	108 392
1992..	74 732	14 884	15 440	42 275	17 551	119 428	55 325	67 736
Livestock and poultry purchased . . . . . farms, 1997..	3 714	58	43	242	43	155	326	117
1992..	4 348	46	58	178	53	237	450	109
\$1,000, 1997..	129 432	333	420	1 831	96	5 859	4 192	4 810
1992..	126 429	238	172	1 884	333	6 951	5 458	1 831
Feed for livestock and poultry . . . . . farms, 1997..	6 112	129	140	320	97	208	626	207
1992..	6 929	147	126	430	131	288	706	194
\$1,000, 1997..	435 279	547	740	3 368	228	46 356	17 150	15 380
1992..	299 426	518	431	3 581	160	29 928	14 996	8 560
Commercially mixed formula feeds . . . . . farms, 1997..	4 501	67	100	181	67	177	433	162
1992..	4 111	52	69	209	73	240	336	106
\$1,000, 1997..	406 673	179	361	1 414	89	45 737	13 565	14 057
1992..	267 690	381	134	1 287	50	28 883	10 922	7 829
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees . . . . . farms, 1997..	6 893	81	222	304	230	424	517	259
1992..	8 052	110	302	414	240	458	704	310
\$1,000, 1997..	35 862	78	597	2 842	333	2 217	2 524	1 891
1992..	29 339	80	373	2 062	305	1 559	2 630	1 150
Commercial fertilizer . . . . . farms, 1997..	7 745	108	271	367	275	397	619	290
1992..	9 078	140	362	468	319	447	749	322
\$1,000, 1997..	58 488	193	983	2 207	579	4 326	3 539	2 391
1992..	59 352	238	535	1 580	1 128	4 447	4 177	2 277
Agricultural chemicals . . . . . farms, 1997..	6 851	50	202	357	259	402	496	294
1992..	8 999	156	405	511	349	473	757	265
\$1,000, 1997..	38 516	57	701	1 919	258	3 105	2 297	1 571
1992..	34 930	114	365	1 178	463	2 850	2 410	1 291
Petroleum products . . . . . farms, 1997..	11 311	220	396	705	327	491	946	446
1992..	12 224	193	465	773	357	540	1 056	418
\$1,000, 1997..	33 726	194	696	2 067	369	2 233	2 513	1 605
1992..	33 278	240	643	1 973	495	2 032	2 591	962
Gasoline and gasohol . . . . . farms, 1997..	9 096	191	351	595	278	395	764	365
1992..	10 235	190	453	681	311	470	890	330
\$1,000, 1997..	11 112	74	257	625	164	671	905	742
1992..	11 666	142	218	599	222	659	980	309
Diesel fuel . . . . . farms, 1997..	8 191	166	271	438	194	409	703	279
1992..	8 340	122	248	502	216	413	655	325
\$1,000, 1997..	15 341	83	297	700	143	1 190	1 151	582
1992..	14 252	56	183	540	188	945	1 155	451
Natural gas . . . . . farms, 1997..	224	-	2	33	-	8	4	3
1992..	337	2	10	49	16	11	22	11
\$1,000, 1997..	631	-	(D)	199	-	14	25	(D)
1992..	944	(D)	14	238	1	32	20	4
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc. . . . . farms, 1997..	8 071	140	249	497	231	372	587	321
1992..	8 990	151	288	507	244	466	778	269
\$1,000, 1997..	6 642	37	(D)	542	62	358	432	(D)
1992..	6 416	(D)	228	595	84	396	435	198
Electricity . . . . . farms, 1997..	8 246	122	277	500	185	390	712	285
1992..	9 068	157	289	568	236	462	820	290
\$1,000, 1997..	17 729	82	268	847	77	1 232	1 305	933
1992..	18 192	69	264	744	93	1 034	1 130	840
Hired farm labor . . . . . farms, 1997..	4 814	59	137	291	171	206	384	126
1992..	4 875	96	161	303	190	205	323	182
\$1,000, 1997..	102 425	256	1 816	10 113	765	5 294	6 577	7 759
1992..	93 631	417	917	8 659	1 170	3 906	6 728	3 656
Contract labor . . . . . farms, 1997..	1 045	7	39	61	17	68	76	17
1992..	1 335	18	24	89	27	53	101	67
\$1,000, 1997..	5 685	10	131	339	28	442	614	579
1992..	7 688	47	114	808	46	599	485	632
Repair and maintenance . . . . . farms, 1997..	10 455	203	348	650	263	446	907	406
1992..	11 052	171	404	729	343	527	967	404
\$1,000, 1997..	60 624	450	1 181	2 844	524	4 126	4 897	3 587
1992..	55 156	307	649	3 049	805	3 082	3 822	2 055
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment. . . . . farms, 1997..	4 036	54	83	158	73	263	227	149
1992..	4 733	50	113	143	134	298	377	196
\$1,000, 1997..	13 376	74	103	481	129	1 076	767	523
1992..	13 471	68	97	574	137	910	879	528
Interest . . . . . farms, 1997..	4 219	41	100	133	75	267	316	138
1992..	4 602	39	122	188	124	326	343	139
\$1,000, 1997..	45 896	153	652	1 616	333	3 847	2 713	1 678
1992..	42 938	221	429	1 586	426	3 702	3 278	1 582
Interest paid on debt:								
Secured by real estate . . . . . farms, 1997..	2 880	19	67	95	53	199	186	85
1992..	3 148	31	54	123	64	229	216	57
\$1,000, 1997..	30 699	92	424	1 108	253	2 800	1 862	1 062
1992..	30 743	107	212	1 174	293	3 053	2 111	1 092
Not secured by real estate . . . . . farms, 1997..	2 364	33	45	66	45	132	172	96
1992..	2 515	18	70	109	73	174	183	103
\$1,000, 1997..	15 197	60	228	509	80	1 047	852	616
1992..	12 195	114	217	413	132	649	1 166	490
Cash rent . . . . . farms, 1997..	3 133	37	86	151	54	153	318	146
1992..	3 632	69	125	213	99	201	371	108
\$1,000, 1997..	36 106	78	453	1 728	454	2 120	3 127	1 580
1992..	36 065	102	282	1 336	232	2 117	2 947	1 155
Property taxes paid . . . . . farms, 1997..	11 088	235	367	727	318	488	955	442
1992..	11 734	204	403	762	364	536	991	421
\$1,000, 1997..	23 776	242	809	1 702	514	969	2 360	1 237
1992..	20 879	184	633	1 589	498	880	1 763	954
All other farm production expenses . . . . . farms, 1997..	10 879	180	368	675	288	482	923	406
1992..	11 904	201	444	774	364	555	1 006	409
\$1,000, 1997..	86 280	439	898	4 599	424	5 272	6 640	4 771
1992..	103 737	415	1 477	4 908	729	6 106	6 456	3 281

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Item	Charles	Dorchester	Frederick	Garrett	Harford	Howard	Kent	Montgomery
Total farm production expenses . . . . . farms, 1997..	411	298	1 306	650	653	319	315	526
1992..	496	346	1 346	633	696	383	319	562
\$1,000, 1997..	8 109	69 980	90 820	19 658	29 799	16 144	55 535	23 958
1992..	6 592	49 541	92 234	15 968	25 983	15 819	47 777	25 157
Average per farm . . . . . dollars, 1997..	19 730	234 833	69 540	30 243	45 633	50 609	176 303	45 548
1992..	13 290	143 182	68 524	25 226	37 332	41 303	149 771	44 763
Livestock and poultry purchased . . . . . farms, 1997..	98	100	446	221	201	75	47	94
1992..	110	75	628	269	237	115	64	165
\$1,000, 1997..	355	11 893	8 227	2 145	3 289	1 198	1 270	1 120
1992..	337	7 390	11 393	2 032	974	1 095	1 290	828
Feed for livestock and poultry . . . . . farms, 1997..	142	108	894	401	423	150	103	238
1992..	203	116	961	425	400	285	112	307
\$1,000, 1997..	309	26 572	29 584	6 024	4 041	1 677	14 647	2 292
1992..	479	15 296	24 027	4 351	3 755	1 396	8 390	1 805
Commercially mixed formula feeds . . . . . farms, 1997..	60	96	646	232	312	123	78	162
1992..	113	107	554	189	157	121	73	141
\$1,000, 1997..	67	26 521	23 658	4 021	3 041	1 145	13 362	1 397
1992..	258	15 112	16 291	2 423	1 756	731	7 480	764
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees . . . . . farms, 1997..	243	241	825	344	323	111	256	211
1992..	304	274	845	367	385	111	285	234
\$1,000, 1997..	492	2 030	2 445	404	1 413	1 243	2 905	2 241
1992..	338	1 558	2 090	346	1 114	654	2 843	1 937
Commercial fertilizer . . . . . farms, 1997..	305	222	876	435	375	183	240	278
1992..	392	276	1 007	453	478	193	283	346
\$1,000, 1997..	1 092	4 503	5 001	1 121	2 921	1 000	4 438	1 606
1992..	865	4 069	5 055	961	2 108	818	5 805	2 211
Agricultural chemicals . . . . . farms, 1997..	275	236	763	268	335	140	225	225
1992..	390	295	924	328	398	223	258	270
\$1,000, 1997..	734	3 484	2 783	289	1 631	575	2 614	1 248
1992..	401	2 653	3 003	272	1 305	450	2 835	1 129
Petroleum products . . . . . farms, 1997..	374	277	1 264	620	598	269	308	507
1992..	463	331	1 256	600	661	359	310	481
\$1,000, 1997..	665	1 960	2 906	772	1 266	844	1 840	1 101
1992..	495	1 486	3 208	892	1 296	979	2 136	1 238
Gasoline and gasohol . . . . . farms, 1997..	297	213	1 032	519	479	252	226	378
1992..	397	272	1 014	500	532	295	233	416
\$1,000, 1997..	298	512	1 186	274	448	292	519	428
1992..	228	419	1 145	315	449	362	552	417
Diesel fuel . . . . . farms, 1997..	285	241	971	389	401	173	257	359
1992..	317	268	886	450	415	224	254	314
\$1,000, 1997..	252	1 014	1 261	367	535	243	880	443
1992..	177	764	1 555	401	573	283	1 194	474
Natural gas . . . . . farms, 1997..	14	9	19	10	2	3	9	22
1992..	9	2	33	9	3	3	9	14
\$1,000, 1997..	26	110	12	7	(D)	3	4	26
1992..	15	(D)	54	(D)	13	14	28	141
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc. . . . . farms, 1997..	225	250	982	461	412	167	260	342
1992..	315	279	996	437	430	274	221	318
\$1,000, 1997..	89	324	446	124	(D)	305	437	204
1992..	76	(D)	454	(D)	261	319	363	205
Electricity . . . . . farms, 1997..	226	202	876	555	446	242	223	337
1992..	305	231	1 003	482	420	275	250	363
\$1,000, 1997..	168	924	1 834	566	552	397	758	526
1992..	157	719	2 054	519	540	378	963	450
Hired farm labor . . . . . farms, 1997..	157	146	533	213	254	96	127	230
1992..	207	142	548	192	252	160	115	222
\$1,000, 1997..	850	3 773	9 315	1 583	4 042	3 590	10 099	4 920
1992..	625	3 357	11 081	884	3 804	3 784	9 519	5 591
Contract labor . . . . . farms, 1997..	39	30	108	41	61	31	38	53
1992..	26	46	149	44	77	34	42	72
\$1,000, 1997..	86	233	312	77	198	123	154	297
1992..	74	505	428	118	134	685	100	258
Repair and maintenance . . . . . farms, 1997..	340	278	1 221	550	529	276	273	429
1992..	425	299	1 079	538	617	302	263	430
\$1,000, 1997..	979	2 994	6 485	1 688	2 492	1 225	3 447	2 001
1992..	749	2 234	6 542	1 582	2 640	990	3 317	2 386
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment. . . . . farms, 1997..	96	169	545	230	202	58	181	119
1992..	149	140	474	288	284	62	138	167
\$1,000, 1997..	132	860	1 245	363	436	297	941	315
1992..	147	582	1 802	261	517	160	967	427
Interest . . . . . farms, 1997..	110	185	424	251	186	61	132	154
1992..	95	195	485	193	175	93	134	162
\$1,000, 1997..	571	3 576	5 189	1 215	1 381	559	3 095	1 399
1992..	319	2 342	5 209	918	1 329	714	2 161	1 285
Interest paid on debt:								
Secured by real estate . . . . . farms, 1997..	74	121	282	188	110	48	83	98
1992..	75	134	289	111	136	64	93	111
\$1,000, 1997..	416	2 115	3 336	899	944	359	1 621	870
1992..	268	1 526	3 424	566	847	476	1 426	873
Not secured by real estate . . . . . farms, 1997..	44	122	259	135	131	29	75	72
1992..	46	135	306	136	79	45	93	87
\$1,000, 1997..	155	1 462	1 853	316	438	201	1 473	529
1992..	51	816	1 785	353	482	237	735	412
Cash rent . . . . . farms, 1997..	86	143	393	146	152	23	74	136
1992..	132	128	380	128	179	56	91	115
\$1,000, 1997..	278	2 406	4 050	529	1 827	328	1 997	1 268
1992..	331	2 521	3 710	384	1 429	562	2 480	1 479
Property taxes paid . . . . . farms, 1997..	372	290	1 148	614	623	302	277	501
1992..	450	307	1 196	584	681	376	281	482
\$1,000, 1997..	626	792	2 902	631	1 304	949	800	1 443
1992..	603	649	2 395	459	1 553	838	855	1 148
All other farm production expenses . . . . . farms, 1997..	369	291	1 173	578	569	294	291	459
1992..	446	339	1 221	549	619	354	303	507
\$1,000, 1997..	771	3 979	8 542	2 250	3 007	2 139	6 534	2 181
1992..	671	4 182	10 237	1 991	3 486	2 315	4 117	2 984

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Item	Prince George's	Queen Anne's	St. Mary's	Somerset	Talbot	Washington	Wicomico	Worcester
Total farm production expenses . . . . . farms, 1997..	474	420	622	288	241	770	581	415
1992..	550	414	674	345	251	809	684	474
\$1,000, 1997..	13 538	57 637	13 899	97 724	39 538	50 569	160 364	118 702
1992..	14 764	46 652	13 292	86 408	31 325	45 305	138 824	105 093
Average per farm . . . . . dollars, 1997..	28 562	137 230	22 346	339 319	164 057	65 674	276 013	286 029
1992..	26 843	112 687	19 721	250 457	124 802	56 002	202 959	221 714
Livestock and poultry purchased . . . . . farms, 1997..	62	84	155	175	60	281	357	274
1992..	47	72	150	198	51	316	399	321
\$1,000, 1997..	586	2 504	673	24 339	2 498	3 675	27 649	20 471
1992..	269	1 889	1 323	21 122	1 500	3 620	31 669	22 834
Feed for livestock and poultry . . . . . farms, 1997..	135	127	232	188	73	508	377	286
1992..	125	150	221	211	67	576	429	319
\$1,000, 1997..	901	13 843	720	54 581	17 916	16 914	93 008	68 483
1992..	627	8 695	1 450	39 418	6 675	14 116	64 429	46 343
Commercially mixed formula feeds . . . . . farms, 1997..	57	100	148	183	62	419	354	282
1992..	67	78	113	195	53	406	368	291
\$1,000, 1997..	455	12 909	366	54 491	17 537	11 168	92 914	68 217
1992..	332	7 750	353	38 686	6 520	10 307	63 624	45 817
Seeds, bulbs, plants, and trees . . . . . farms, 1997..	257	327	418	117	163	515	294	211
1992..	269	347	475	198	199	527	409	285
\$1,000, 1997..	886	3 175	845	881	1 444	1 531	1 874	1 571
1992..	846	2 733	483	784	1 581	1 271	1 381	1 221
Commercial fertilizer . . . . . farms, 1997..	304	336	535	143	190	547	278	171
1992..	420	341	560	144	212	550	376	240
\$1,000, 1997..	780	7 068	1 817	1 051	3 769	3 152	2 382	2 568
1992..	887	6 675	1 733	1 172	3 975	2 888	2 923	2 822
Agricultural chemicals . . . . . farms, 1997..	225	331	466	148	182	503	282	187
1992..	380	342	564	204	238	575	412	282
\$1,000, 1997..	586	4 137	891	1 273	1 846	1 876	2 294	2 349
1992..	590	3 465	788	1 145	2 443	1 479	2 422	1 879
Petroleum products . . . . . farms, 1997..	473	388	616	259	219	747	498	363
1992..	520	398	659	316	245	760	627	436
\$1,000, 1997..	660	2 266	1 155	1 615	1 053	1 653	2 335	1 960
1992..	814	2 187	758	1 796	1 505	1 536	2 192	1 825
Gasoline and gasohol . . . . . farms, 1997..	392	308	489	184	162	552	400	274
1992..	442	321	534	269	188	604	538	355
\$1,000, 1997..	212	632	422	338	309	424	843	537
1992..	228	647	347	997	408	498	887	638
Diesel fuel . . . . . farms, 1997..	309	301	465	208	183	578	364	247
1992..	286	348	406	224	232	575	363	297
\$1,000, 1997..	347	1 183	522	758	613	935	867	974
1992..	323	1 193	308	443	896	692	783	675
Natural gas . . . . . farms, 1997..	4	11	10	16	1	9	27	8
1992..	9	11	3	5	16	52	25	13
\$1,000, 1997..	(D)	14	3	8	(D)	17	66	30
1992..	86	29	6	31	17	81	40	24
LP gas, fuel oil, kerosene, motor oil, grease, etc. . . . . farms, 1997..	283	310	405	204	163	501	430	279
1992..	342	334	482	224	209	586	493	347
\$1,000, 1997..	(D)	437	207	511	(D)	276	560	418
1992..	176	319	98	325	185	264	482	488
Electricity . . . . . farms, 1997..	264	305	343	236	176	549	459	336
1992..	279	310	363	257	176	628	536	368
\$1,000, 1997..	287	718	285	1 251	451	1 193	1 815	1 258
1992..	227	602	182	985	397	1 133	2 055	2 658
Hired farm labor . . . . . farms, 1997..	173	210	284	119	95	347	276	180
1992..	142	180	239	135	104	348	253	176
\$1,000, 1997..	3 548	6 277	1 914	1 918	2 021	3 770	8 707	3 520
1992..	4 457	4 376	1 155	2 824	2 543	3 456	6 681	4 041
Contract labor . . . . . farms, 1997..	55	40	42	52	21	44	75	30
1992..	65	17	56	66	21	104	64	73
\$1,000, 1997..	98	217	300	273	145	314	571	145
1992..	228	255	410	685	65	250	636	127
Repair and maintenance . . . . . farms, 1997..	382	348	524	266	221	679	528	388
1992..	458	360	534	320	208	656	592	426
\$1,000, 1997..	1 342	3 810	1 474	2 021	1 873	4 134	3 815	3 235
1992..	1 207	3 134	1 389	2 137	1 929	3 576	4 225	3 348
Customwork, machine hire, and rental of machinery and equipment. . . . . farms, 1997..	73	181	163	161	86	317	238	210
1992..	88	186	235	204	107	354	319	227
\$1,000, 1997..	434	925	242	541	447	1 152	905	988
1992..	564	840	309	554	727	1 022	754	645
Interest . . . . . farms, 1997..	58	213	180	178	99	331	367	220
1992..	113	195	204	216	169	260	351	281
\$1,000, 1997..	413	3 639	901	1 900	1 544	2 293	4 503	2 725
1992..	445	3 331	860	2 253	1 841	2 231	3 352	3 125
Interest paid on debt:								
Secured by real estate . . . . . farms, 1997..	17	134	121	169	55	184	295	197
1992..	79	128	178	174	119	168	265	250
\$1,000, 1997..	269	2 085	532	1 582	1 164	1 302	3 490	2 114
1992..	242	2 119	755	1 898	1 461	1 471	2 796	2 552
Not secured by real estate . . . . . farms, 1997..	46	148	109	79	71	218	165	72
1992..	38	120	73	91	108	132	195	101
\$1,000, 1997..	144	1 554	368	318	380	992	1 013	611
1992..	203	1 212	105	355	381	760	556	573
Cash rent . . . . . farms, 1997..	98	128	104	106	78	236	163	122
1992..	80	156	152	112	134	262	211	130
\$1,000, 1997..	416	3 385	341	1 066	1 982	2 128	2 185	2 381
1992..	302	3 256	367	1 265	2 799	2 711	1 550	2 747
Property taxes paid . . . . . farms, 1997..	407	370	549	278	214	674	550	387
1992..	457	362	563	321	230	693	639	431
\$1,000, 1997..	749	1 079	871	506	609	1 119	890	673
1992..	675	824	800	530	368	1 079	975	626
All other farm production expenses . . . . . farms, 1997..	395	389	580	269	231	698	558	413
1992..	448	398	580	329	248	745	626	439
\$1,000, 1997..	1 852	4 594	1 470	4 507	1 937	5 666	7 432	6 376
1992..	2 626	4 390	1 285	9 737	2 976	4 938	13 580	10 851