

1997 Census of Agriculture State Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 2,223,476 acres in 1992 to 2,154,875 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 171 acres in 1992 to 178 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 6,980 farms in 1992 to 6,235 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

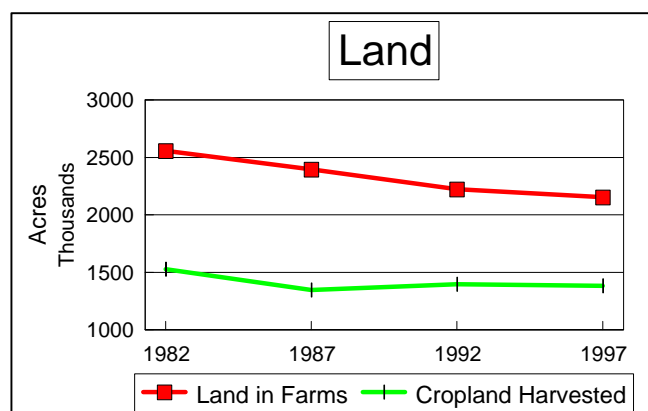
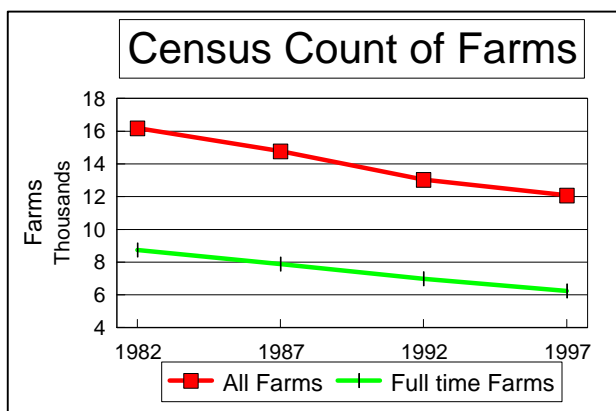
Increased 12 percent to \$1,312,086,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 35 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 65 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 21 percent from \$89,693 in 1992 to \$108,580 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	1,312,086	36	50
Value of livestock and poultry	853,367	32	50
Value of crops including nursery	458,719	37	50
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)			
Poultry & poultry products	568,987	14	50
Dairy products	174,946	27	50
Nursery and greenhouse crops	120,007	24	50
Soybeans	100,579	19	40
Corn for grain	97,630	24	48
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	256,926,521	8	50
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	3,751,337	22	50
Turkeys sold	750,971	24	49
Hogs and pigs sold	149,472	32	50
Cattle and calves sold	136,747	41	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)			
Broiler inventory	45,227,080	7	50
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	4,120,639	21	50
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	536,224	25	50
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	519,043	26	50
Cattle and calves inventory	261,324	41	50
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA			
Soybeans for beans-acres	509,683	19	42
Corn for grain-acres	405,451	21	48
Hay crops-acres	223,014	41	50
Wheat-acres	199,351	28	46
Corn for silage-acres	93,117	20	49

Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	6,013	6,505	-8
\$10,000 or more	6,071	6,532	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,123,200	974,511	15
Average per farmdollars..	92,757	74,732	24
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	172,948	186,174	-7
Average per farmdollars..	14,283	14,277	0
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	10,229	11,129	-8
Partnership or corporation	1,765	1,823	-3
Other	90	85	6
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	6,235	6,980	-11
Other	5,849	6,057	-3
Operators by sex:			
Male	10,694	11,500	-7
Female	1,390	1,537	-10
Operators by race:			
White	11,837	12,736	-7
Black and other races	247	301	-18
Average age of operator	55.2	53.9	2

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.