

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 11 percent from 37,802 acres in 1992 to 41,928 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 1 percent from 173 acres in 1992 to 175 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 110 farms in 1992 to 103 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

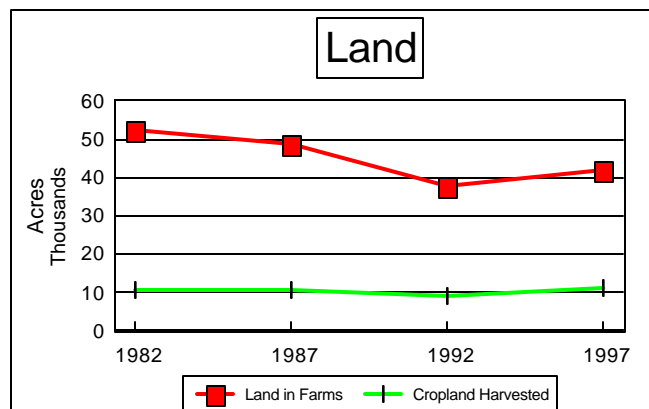
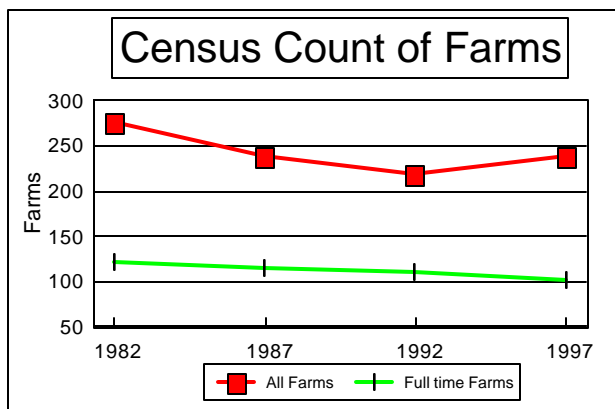
Decreased 3 percent to \$3,322,000 in 1997.

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

Decreased 11 percent from \$15,667 in 1992 to \$13,899 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	3,322	23	23	2,860	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	2,172	20	23	2,699	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,150	23	23	2,692	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	1,096	13	23	2,500	3,063
Dairy products	961	14	21	1,434	2,563
Fruits, nuts, berries	(D)	6	23	457	2,547
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	315	15	23	2,032	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	99	21	23	1,381	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	2,636	13	23	2,540	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	11	21	925	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	212	23	23	2,379	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	211	15	21	1,699	2,765
All goats sold	(D)	16	23	1,552	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	5,341	13	23	2,542	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	387	22	23	1,886	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	17	22	1,365	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	241	18	23	1,775	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	201	19	23	2,580	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	10,063	7	23	1,721	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	488	23	23	2,064	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	381	15	23	1,551	2,473
Land in orchards-acres	238	7	22	700	2,693
All nursery-acres	168	15	23	981	2,619

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	181	168	8
\$10,000 or more .....	58	51	14
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	3,185	3,260	-2
Average per farm .....dollars..	13,160	14,884	-12
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	130	1,173	-89
Average per farm .....dollars..	538	5,358	-90
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	227	195	16
Partnership or corporation .....	11	18	-39
Other .....	1	6	-83
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	103	110	-6
Other .....	136	109	25
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	223	200	12
Female .....	16	19	-16
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	239	219	9
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	58.0	57.8	0

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

\* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.