

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service



FREDERICK MARYLAND

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 222,768 acres in 1992 to 215,927 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Unchanged from 166 acres in 1992 to 166 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 754 farms in 1992 to 667 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

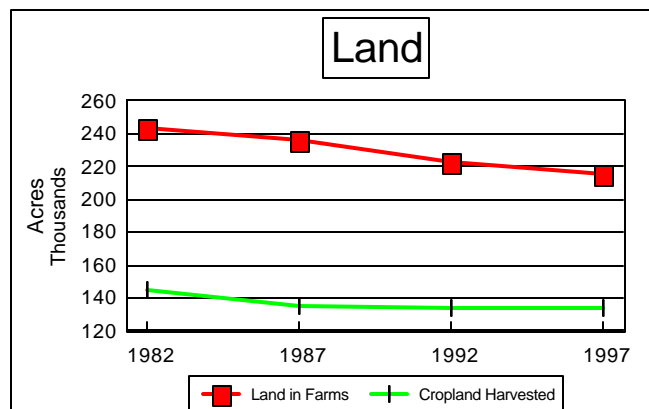
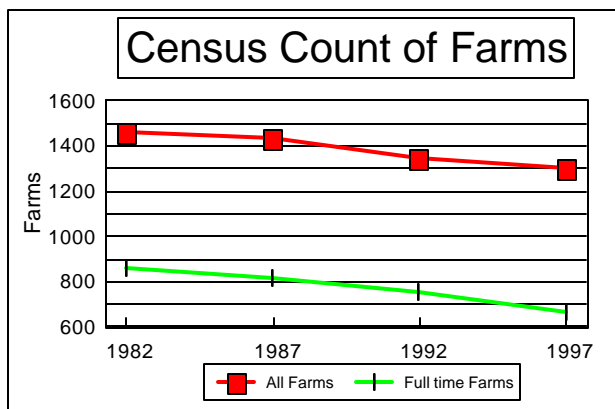
Decreased 7 percent to \$101,660,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 4 percent from \$81,127 in 1992 to \$77,960 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	101,660	3	23	496	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	84,162	3	23	252	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	17,497	13	23	1,370	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	52,561	1	21	68	2,563
Cattle and calves	12,021	1	23	759	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	11,106	11	23	415	2,901
Soybeans	4,194	9	23	784	2,136
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,938	11	23	467	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	734,373	1	17	99	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	31,573	1	23	594	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	9,205	7	23	1,042	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	2,230	2	21	431	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	15	21	965	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	4	23	224	3,002
All turkeys inventory	253,903	1	20	101	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	65,359	1	23	386	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	5,117	7	23	1,004	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,297	1	23	354	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	50,090	1	23	263	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	32,136	1	23	12	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	24,508	8	23	737	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	15,986	12	23	894	2,691
Wheat-acres	11,075	7	23	732	2,612

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	690	695	-1
\$10,000 or more	614	651	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	90,820	92,234	-2
Average per farmdollars..	69,540	68,524	1
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	10,171	12,609	-19
Average per farmdollars..	7,788	9,368	-17
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,119	1,148	-3
Partnership or corporation	180	193	-7
Other	5	5	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	667	754	-12
Other	637	592	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,165	1,200	-3
Female	139	146	-5
Operators by race:			
White	1,294	1,340	-3
Black and other races	10	6	67
Average age of operator	55.7	54.1	3

(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.