

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service



HARFORD MARYLAND

Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 97,312 acres in 1992 to 94,112 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 140 acres in 1992 to 145 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 338 farms in 1992 to 313 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

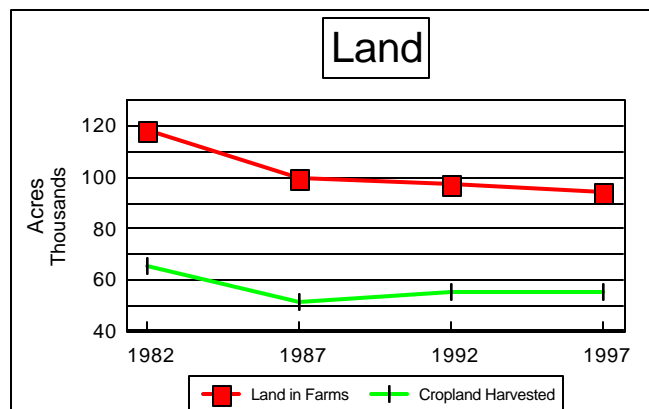
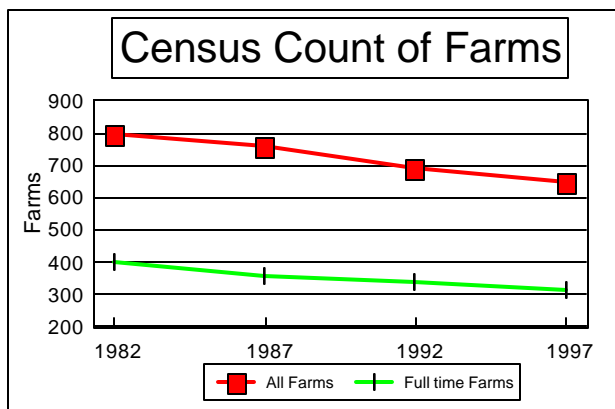
Increased 35 percent to \$38,807,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 42 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 58 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 44 percent from \$41,345 in 1992 to \$59,612 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	38,807	14	23	1,470	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	22,508	13	23	1,128	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	16,299	15	23	1,429	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	8,970	2	23	987	3,063
Dairy products	8,645	6	21	423	2,563
Corn for grain	5,554	7	23	768	2,582
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,298	9	23	376	2,790
Horses and ponies	3,655	3	23	21	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	11	21	585	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	17,770	3	23	1,105	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	8,063	9	23	1,079	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	633	9	21	1,105	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	231	15	21	1,128	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	11	22	583	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	17,433	5	23	1,672	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	3,190	10	23	1,174	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,824	3	23	406	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	1,795	6	23	265	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	24,051	6	23	752	2,691
Hay crops-acres	13,182	5	23	1,414	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	9,750	15	23	1,005	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	5,057	5	23	307	2,473
Wheat-acres	4,024	15	23	1,161	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	390	433	-10
\$10,000 or more	261	262	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	29,799	25,983	15
Average per farmdollars..	45,633	37,332	22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	8,912	3,134	184
Average per farmdollars..	13,647	4,503	203
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	559	598	-7
Partnership or corporation	90	95	-5
Other	2	2	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	313	338	-7
Other	338	357	-5
Operators by sex:			
Male	579	598	-3
Female	72	97	-26
Operators by race:			
White	645	682	-5
Black and other races	6	13	-54
Average age of operator	55.9	55.5	1

(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.