

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 10 percent from 131,283 acres in 1992 to 117,526 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 413 acres in 1992 to 374 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 205 farms in 1992 to 193 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

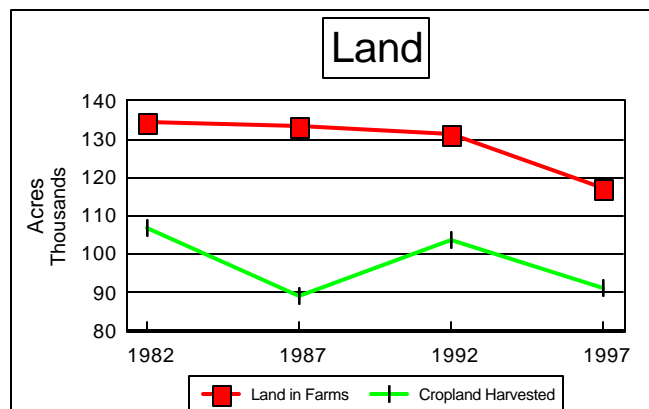
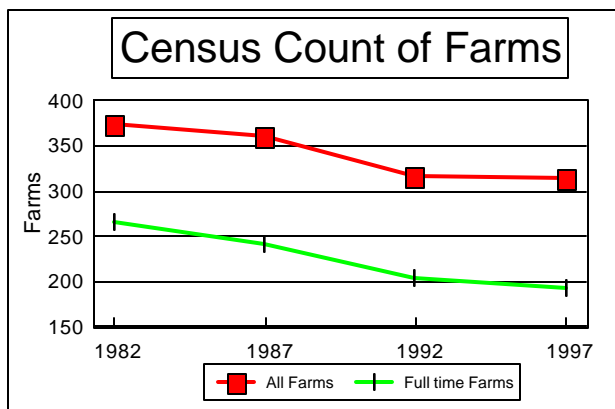
Increased 12 percent to \$60,957,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 56 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 44 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 13 percent from \$171,317 in 1992 to \$194,131 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	60,957	9	23	967	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	34,020	4	23	849	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	26,937	10	23	967	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	15,154	2	23	141	2,790
Poultry & poultry products	13,155	9	23	372	2,901
Dairy products	10,882	5	21	350	2,563
Corn for grain	7,088	5	23	681	2,582
Soybeans	5,883	7	23	707	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	3,585,800	8	21	305	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	2	22	149	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	6	23	1,014	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	3,997	9	23	2,320	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	688	8	21	1,045	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	722,300	8	22	276	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	3	23	139	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	5	19	192	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	8,388	9	23	2,291	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	4	23	922	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	39,205	2	23	590	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	35,245	6	23	629	2,144
Wheat-acres	15,214	5	23	620	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	5,429	4	23	277	2,473
Hay crops-acres	4,275	14	23	2,389	3,061

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	90	59	53
\$10,000 or more	224	259	-14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	55,535	47,777	16
Average per farmdollars..	176,303	149,771	18
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,268	6,288	-32
Average per farmdollars..	13,548	19,712	-31
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	225	249	-10
Partnership or corporation	85	68	25
Other	4	1	300
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	193	205	-6
Other	121	113	7
Operators by sex:			
Male	279	285	-2
Female	35	33	6
Operators by race:			
White	311	318	-2
Black and other races	3	-	
Average age of operator	57.2	54.8	4

(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.