

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service



## MONTGOMERY MARYLAND

### Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 82,470 acres in 1992 to 77,266 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Unchanged from 147 acres in 1992 to 147 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 253 farms in 1992 to 221 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

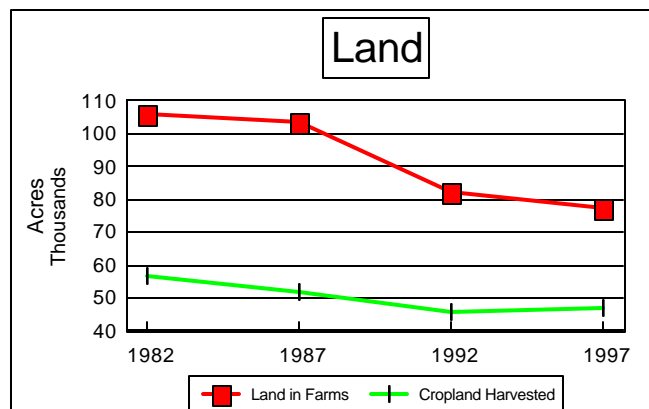
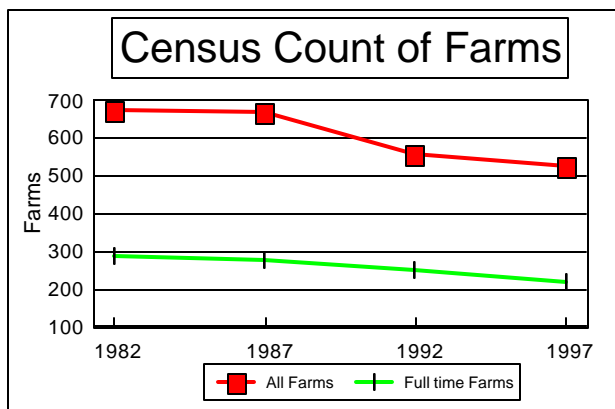
Increased 3 percent to \$28,563,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 10 percent from \$49,407 in 1992 to \$54,303 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	28,563	15	23	1,789	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	19,832	11	23	1,265	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	8,731	16	23	1,967	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	10,957	4	23	187	2,790
Dairy products	3,687	10	21	770	2,563
Horses and ponies	2,776	4	23	29	3,015
Soybeans	2,717	14	23	907	2,136
Corn for grain	2,653	13	23	1,021	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	4,335	8	23	2,267	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	943	20	23	1,827	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	774	7	21	967	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	171	5	23	449	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	15	22	1,283	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	8,543	8	23	2,278	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	2,035	5	23	210	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	905	8	23	1,026	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	676	18	23	1,448	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	666	20	23	1,773	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	16,047	11	23	860	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	12,097	14	23	1,005	2,691
Hay crops-acres	12,060	6	23	1,504	3,061
Wheat-acres	5,279	14	23	1,037	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	2,425	9	23	591	2,473

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 .....	344	375	-8
\$10,000 or more .....	182	186	-2
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	23,958	25,157	-5
Average per farm .....dollars..	45,548	44,763	2
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,385	2,066	64
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,436	3,677	75
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	436	454	-4
Partnership or corporation .....	84	102	-18
Other .....	6	5	20
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	221	253	-13
Other .....	305	308	-1
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	424	461	-8
Female .....	102	100	2
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	513	549	-7
Black and other races .....	13	12	8
Average age of operator .....	56.8	56.7	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.