

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service



PRINCE GEORGES MARYLAND

Land in farms

Decreased 13 percent from 54,459 acres in 1992 to 47,572 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 99 acres in 1992 to 101 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 23 percent from 256 farms in 1992 to 198 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

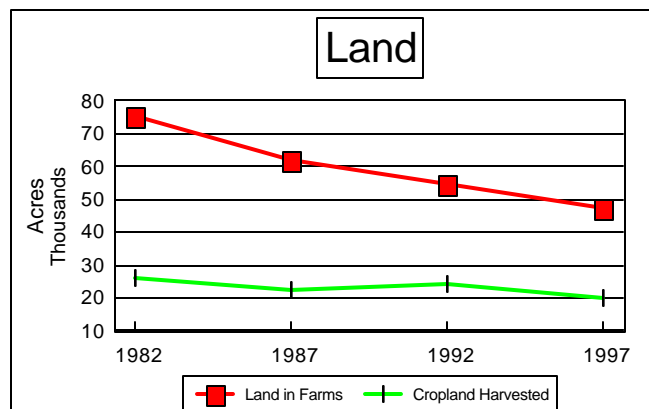
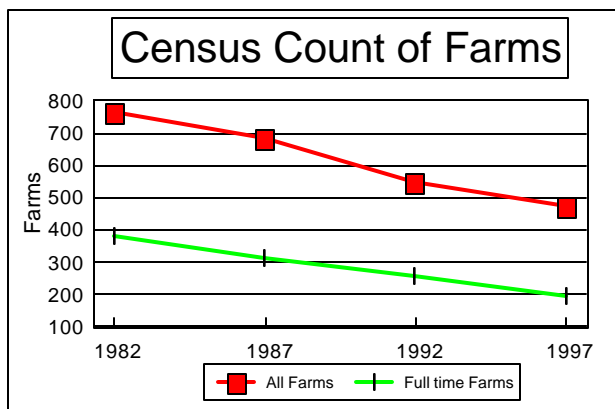
Decreased 15 percent to \$18,708,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased slightly from \$39,869 in 1992 to \$39,553 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	18,708	19	23	2,158	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	16,721	14	23	1,407	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,988	21	23	2,729	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	8,679	6	23	246	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	3,618	4	23	234	2,739
Tobacco	(D)	5	6	264	580
Soybeans	931	19	23	1,199	2,136
Corn for grain	808	21	23	1,403	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	266,700	10	21	567	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	1,294	17	23	2,775	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,016	19	23	1,806	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	13	22	1,026	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	623	10	21	1,113	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	52,602	9	22	551	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	3,109	16	23	2,733	3,064
All turkeys inventory	(D)	2	20	373	2,361
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,068	8	22	665	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	1,019	10	23	721	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	5,731	18	23	1,167	2,144
Hay crops-acres	4,544	12	23	2,349	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	4,427	21	23	1,370	2,691
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,837	7	23	304	2,741
Wheat-acres	1,671	21	23	1,500	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	312	397	-21
\$10,000 or more	161	154	5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	13,538	14,764	-8
Average per farmdollars..	28,562	26,843	6
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,894	6,365	-23
Average per farmdollars..	10,324	11,572	-11
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	394	477	-17
Partnership or corporation	70	62	13
Other	9	12	-25
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	198	256	-23
Other	275	295	-7
Operators by sex:			
Male	407	477	-15
Female	66	74	-11
Operators by race:			
White	427	487	-12
Black and other races	46	64	-28
Average age of operator	57.8	56.1	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.