

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service



## SOMERSET MARYLAND

### Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 55,657 acres in 1992 to 54,823 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 18 percent from 161 acres in 1992 to 190 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 25 percent from 219 farms in 1992 to 165 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

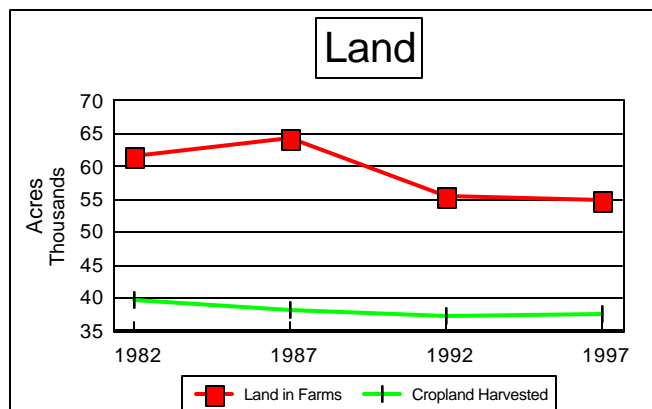
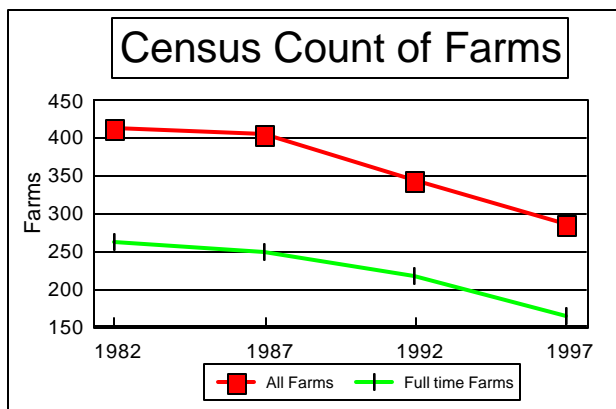
Decreased 6 percent to \$96,532,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 12 percent from \$298,206 in 1992 to \$335,182 in 1997.



# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture, Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service

## SOMERSET

## MARYLAND

### 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	96,532	4	23	540	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	83,530	4	23	256	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	13,002	16	23	1,589	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	82,261	3	23	57	2,901
Soybeans	4,580	8	23	758	2,136
Corn for grain	4,220	10	23	861	2,582
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,110	8	23	352	2,739
Wheat	1,267	11	23	819	2,578
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	42,167,603	3	21	41	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	48,140	10	22	635	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	3,441	14	23	1,369	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	926	20	23	2,837	3,063
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	1	5	129	191
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	6,989,402	3	22	39	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	48,140	8	23	589	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,080	13	23	1,331	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	1,916	20	23	2,846	3,064
Mink inventory	(D)	2	5	139	239
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	22,214	9	23	764	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	12,090	15	23	1,007	2,691
Wheat-acres	6,387	12	23	946	2,612
Hay crops-acres	1,149	21	23	2,850	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	815	11	23	509	2,741

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 .....	58	62	-6
\$10,000 or more .....	230	283	-19
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	97,724	86,408	13
Average per farm .....dollars..	339,319	250,457	35
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	(5,615)	15,040	-137
Average per farm .....dollars..	(19,498)	43,594	-145
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	245	296	-17
Partnership or corporation .....	42	45	-7
Other .....	1	4	-75
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	165	219	-25
Other .....	123	126	-2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	257	307	-16
Female .....	31	38	-18
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	274	336	-18
Black and other races .....	14	9	56
Average age of operator .....	54.7	53.3	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.