

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service



ST MARYS MARYLAND

Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 77,491 acres in 1992 to 71,890 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 115 acres in 1992 to 116 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 353 farms in 1992 to 327 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

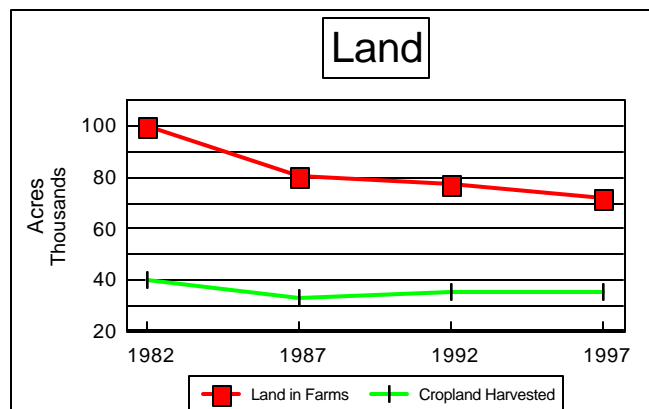
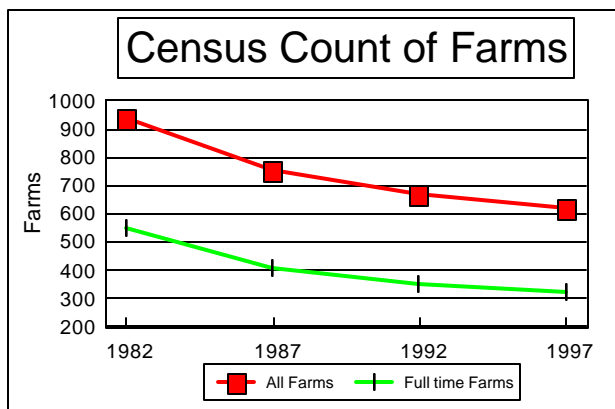
Increased 29 percent to \$21,056,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 40 percent from \$24,292 in 1992 to \$33,906 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	21,056	16	23	2,061	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	17,549	12	23	1,367	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,506	18	23	2,517	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	9,258	1	6	103	580
Soybeans	2,977	11	23	882	2,136
Corn for grain	1,928	16	23	1,129	2,582
Cattle and calves	1,456	10	23	2,353	3,063
Hogs and pigs	1,345	3	23	928	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	13,335	3	23	940	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	12	22	900	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	2,645	12	23	2,538	3,063
Turkeys sold	1,217	4	17	440	1,353
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	16	21	981	1,882
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	9,733	2	23	819	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	8,529	12	23	820	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	5,372	12	23	2,538	3,064
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	3,040	6	19	413	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	5	12	375	1,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	15,827	12	23	862	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	7,523	17	23	1,174	2,691
Wheat-acres	6,472	11	23	935	2,612
Hay crops-acres	4,611	11	23	2,338	3,061
Tobacco-acres	3,167	1	7	86	583

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	295	340	-13
\$10,000 or more	326	333	-2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	13,899	13,292	5
Average per farmdollars..	22,346	19,721	13
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,659	3,459	64
Average per farmdollars..	9,098	5,132	77
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	567	619	-8
Partnership or corporation	53	53	
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	327	353	-7
Other	294	320	-8
Operators by sex:			
Male	576	634	-9
Female	45	39	15
Operators by race:			
White	609	657	-7
Black and other races	12	16	-25
Average age of operator	54.2	52.5	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.