

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service



TALBOT MARYLAND

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 109,108 acres in 1992 to 109,572 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 436 acres in 1992 to 457 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 1 percent from 141 farms in 1992 to 139 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

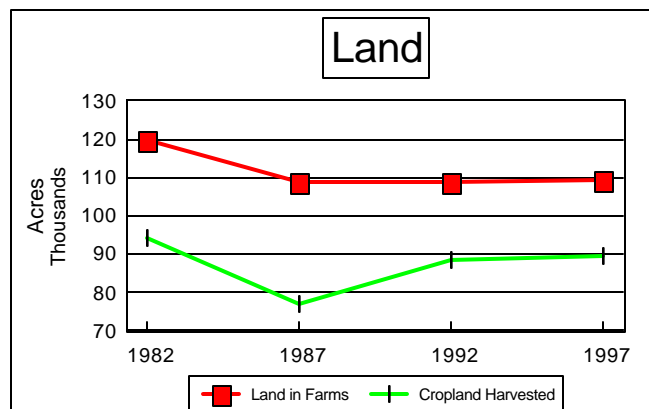
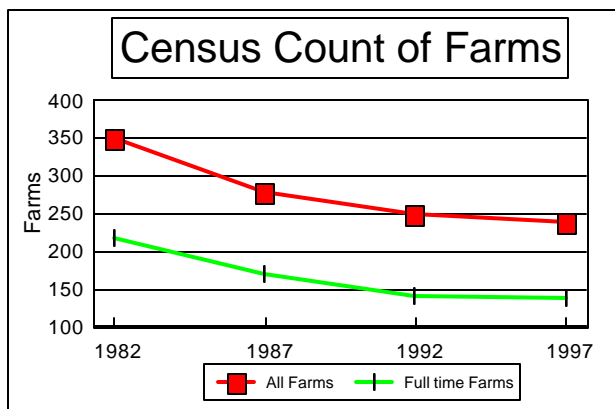
Increased 37 percent to \$48,530,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 50 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 50 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 42 percent from \$142,004 in 1992 to \$202,208 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	48,530	13	23	1,235	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	24,271	12	23	1,064	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	24,259	9	23	1,113	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	21,095	6	23	266	2,901
Soybeans	9,066	4	23	579	2,136
Corn for grain	7,815	3	23	646	2,582
Wheat	4,187	2	23	426	2,578
Dairy products	2,459	13	21	960	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	12,046,400	6	21	163	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	13	23	1,357	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	767	21	23	2,873	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	338	13	21	1,464	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	12	18	976	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	2,298,824	6	22	143	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	2,212	17	23	2,812	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	14	23	1,384	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	514	12	23	1,396	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	193	21	23	2,606	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	48,075	4	23	528	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	33,697	4	23	635	2,691
Wheat-acres	21,038	3	23	520	2,612
Barley-acres	2,577	7	22	247	1,411
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,171	9	23	411	2,741

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	64	59	8
\$10,000 or more	176	191	-8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	39,538	31,325	26
Average per farmdollars..	164,057	124,802	31
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,146	6,890	4
Average per farmdollars..	29,653	27,451	8
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	174	179	-3
Partnership or corporation	63	68	-7
Other	3	3	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	139	141	-1
Other	101	109	-7
Operators by sex:			
Male	220	227	-3
Female	20	23	-13
Operators by race:			
White	235	248	-5
Black and other races	5	2	150
Average age of operator	55.0	52.4	5

(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.