

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 123,932 acres in 1992 to 126,292 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 153 acres in 1992 to 164 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 475 farms in 1992 to 422 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

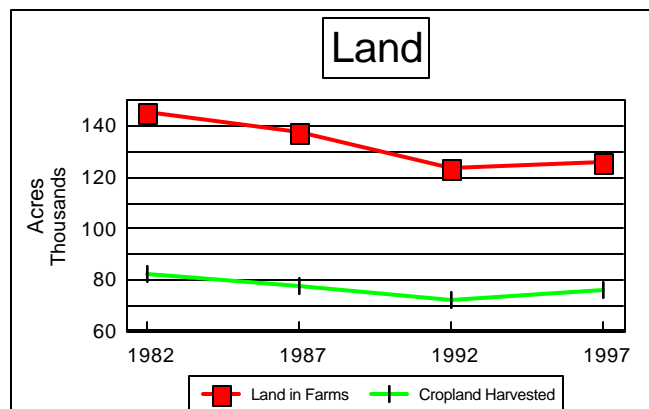
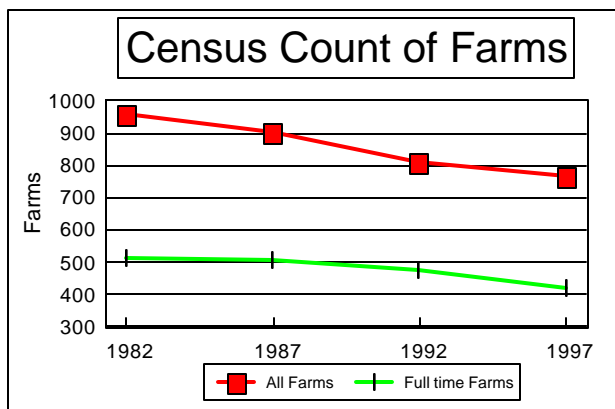
Increased 4 percent to \$60,604,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 21 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 79 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 9 percent from \$72,115 in 1992 to \$78,912 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	60,604	10	23	974	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	47,807	7	23	548	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	12,797	17	23	1,603	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	35,937	2	21	121	2,563
Cattle and calves	5,283	5	23	1,429	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	4,621	12	23	621	2,901
Fruits, nuts, berries	4,113	1	23	164	2,547
Soybeans	2,747	13	23	901	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	5	22	237	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	17,881	2	23	847	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	16,241	4	23	1,170	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	14	21	755	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	984	5	21	819	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	302,039	5	23	227	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	41,519	2	23	781	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	10,575	1	23	781	3,005
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	1	23	233	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,451	6	23	710	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	25,120	4	23	812	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	15,821	13	23	897	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	15,573	2	23	55	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	11,147	14	23	964	2,144
Wheat-acres	6,264	13	23	959	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	380	384	-1
\$10,000 or more	388	425	-9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	50,569	45,305	12
Average per farmdollars..	65,674	56,002	17
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	14,459	14,733	-2
Average per farmdollars..	18,778	18,212	3
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	668	722	-7
Partnership or corporation	97	82	18
Other	3	5	-40
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	422	475	-11
Other	346	334	4
Operators by sex:			
Male	710	736	-4
Female	58	73	-21
Operators by race:			
White	766	805	-5
Black and other races	2	4	-50
Average age of operator	52.4	51.0	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.