

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 91,254 acres in 1992 to 90,656 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 17 percent from 133 acres in 1992 to 156 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 380 farms in 1992 to 351 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

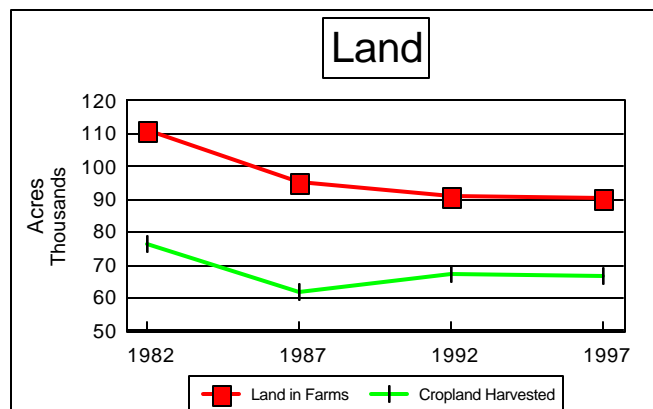
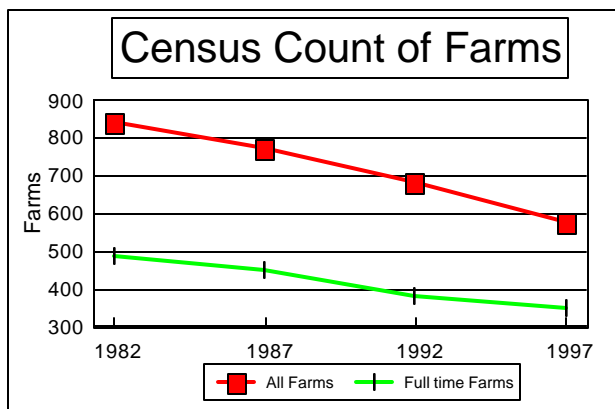
Increased 13 percent to \$186,294,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 33 percent from \$240,763 in 1992 to \$321,197 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	186,294	1	23	154	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	156,402	1	23	78	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	29,892	5	23	939	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	154,348	1	23	19	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	9,936	5	23	204	2,790
Corn for grain	7,172	4	23	678	2,582
Soybeans	6,149	6	23	688	2,136
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	3,454	6	23	246	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	76,432,601	1	21	10	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	837,124	1	22	105	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	6,088	11	23	1,177	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	1,295	16	23	2,773	3,063
Mink and their pelts sold	(D)	2	5	135	191
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	12,675,801	1	22	10	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	274,629	6	23	250	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	266,008	1	12	54	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	99,003	2	19	142	2,549
Hogs and pigs inventory	3,526	9	23	1,127	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	34,489	7	23	638	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	21,995	7	23	782	2,691
Wheat-acres	11,136	6	23	729	2,612
Hay crops-acres	2,192	18	23	2,676	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	2,191	6	23	271	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	110	155	-29
\$10,000 or more	470	529	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	160,364	138,824	16
Average per farmdollars..	276,013	202,959	36
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	20,552	26,052	-21
Average per farmdollars..	35,373	38,088	-7
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	486	587	-17
Partnership or corporation	89	91	-2
Other	5	6	-17
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	351	380	-8
Other	229	304	-25
Operators by sex:			
Male	506	603	-16
Female	74	81	-9
Operators by race:			
White	566	672	-16
Black and other races	14	12	17
Average age of operator	54.7	52.8	4

(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.