

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service



## WORCESTER MARYLAND

### Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 107,519 acres in 1992 to 111,835 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 19 percent from 227 acres in 1992 to 269 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 302 farms in 1992 to 282 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

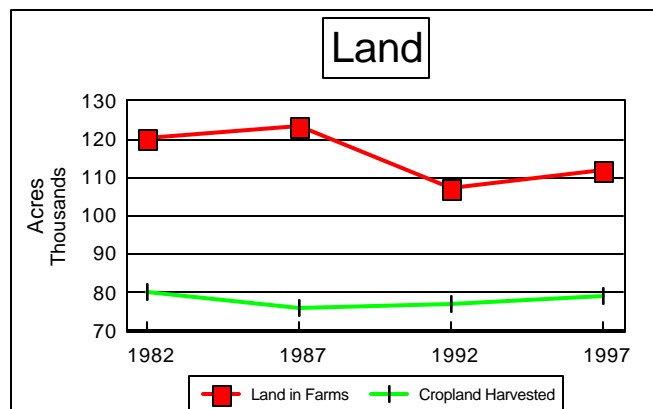
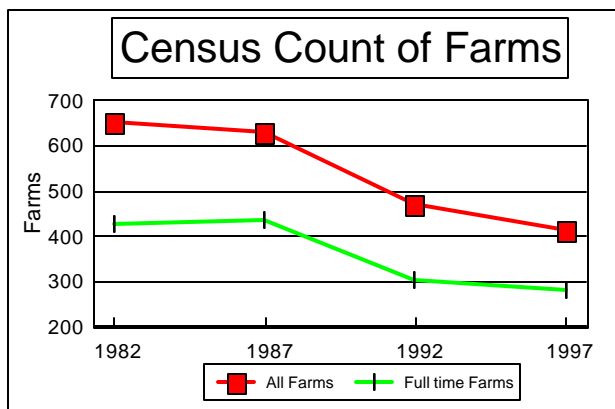
Increased 12 percent to \$147,553,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 28 percent from \$277,009 in 1992 to \$355,548 in 1997.



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### 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	147,553	2	23	250	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	123,060	2	23	125	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	24,492	8	23	1,110	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	119,348	2	23	32	2,901
Corn for grain	12,663	2	23	489	2,582
Soybeans	8,120	5	23	609	2,136
Wheat	2,019	7	23	657	2,578
Aquaculture	(D)	1	20	84	1,505
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	56,651,265	2	21	19	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	4	22	188	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	12,315	5	23	970	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	6	21	694	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	946	19	23	2,832	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	10,021,828	2	22	16	2,620
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	3	12	181	1,790
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	48,233	7	23	588	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	6,094	6	23	967	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	1,762	21	23	2,862	3,064
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	40,267	5	23	592	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	36,354	3	23	613	2,691
Wheat-acres	10,836	8	23	741	2,612
Hay crops-acres	1,093	22	23	2,858	3,061
Potatoes-acres	(D)	3	22	240	1,733

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 .....	68	85	-20
\$10,000 or more .....	347	389	-11
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	118,702	105,093	13
Average per farm .....dollars..	286,029	221,714	29
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	26,364	23,724	11
Average per farm .....dollars..	63,527	50,051	27
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	338	396	-15
Partnership or corporation .....	71	77	-8
Other .....	6	1	500
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	282	302	-7
Other .....	133	172	-23
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	357	417	-14
Female .....	58	57	2
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	397	454	-13
Black and other races .....	18	20	-10
Average age of operator .....	53.2	52.9	1

(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.