

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 83,232 acres in 1992 to 75,795 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 99 acres in 1992 to 97 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 390 farms in 1992 to 351 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

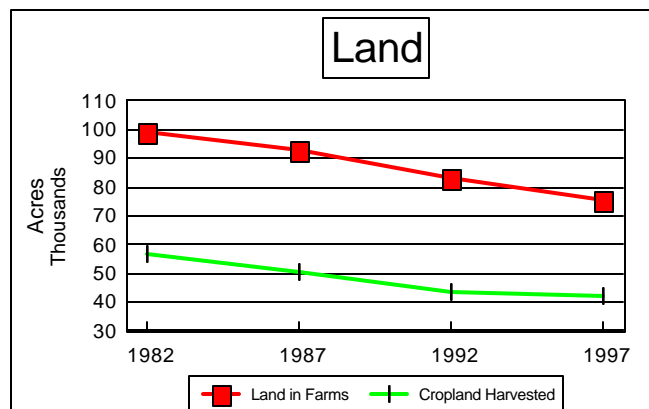
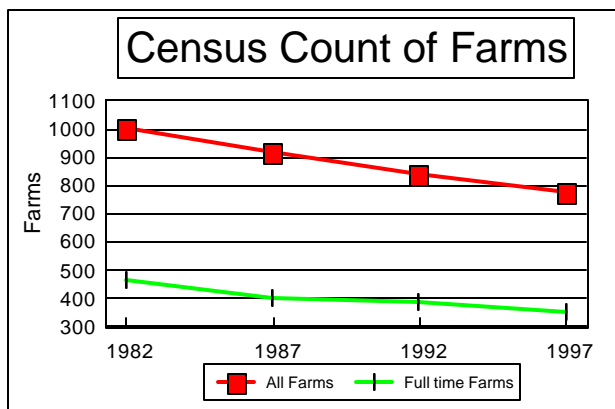
Increased 26 percent to \$51,179,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 68 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 32 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 36 percent from \$48,347 in 1992 to \$65,530 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	51,179	12	23	1,177	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	34,963	2	23	824	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	16,216	15	23	1,431	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	22,675	1	23	86	2,790
Dairy products	6,664	8	21	520	2,563
Horses and ponies	5,681	2	23	15	3,015
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	4,569	3	23	196	2,739
Corn for grain	3,417	12	23	931	2,582
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	9	22	377	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	12	21	608	1,882
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	3	21	227	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	4,558	6	23	2,235	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	2,907	15	23	1,424	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	(D)	12	22	614	2,620
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	2	22	157	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	9,642	7	23	2,178	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,004	2	23	382	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	2,840	1	23	98	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	16,088	11	23	891	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	9,072	17	23	1,029	2,144
Hay crops-acres	8,603	8	23	1,844	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	3,304	7	23	451	2,473
Wheat-acres	2,491	17	23	1,344	2,612

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 .....	487	507	-4
\$10,000 or more .....	294	333	-12
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	38,501	35,511	8
Average per farm .....dollars..	49,234	42,275	16
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	13,436	5,555	142
Average per farm .....dollars..	17,182	6,614	160
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	618	659	-6
Partnership or corporation .....	156	174	-10
Other .....	7	7	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	351	390	-10
Other .....	430	450	-4
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	636	690	-8
Female .....	145	150	-3
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	774	831	-7
Black and other races .....	7	9	-22
Average age of operator .....	56.8	54.9	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.