

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 10 percent from 37,320 acres in 1992 to 33,450 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 93 acres in 1992 to 96 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 18 percent from 196 farms in 1992 to 160 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

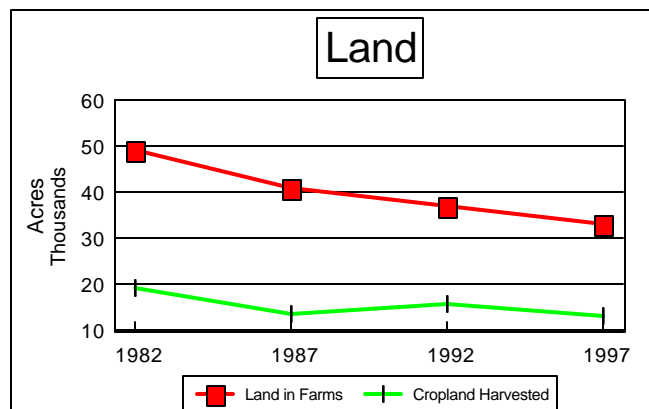
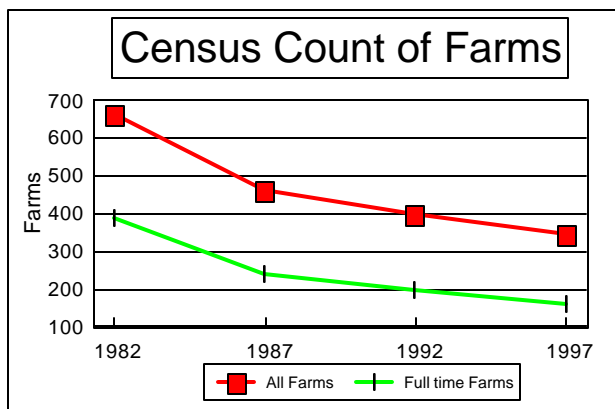
Increased 13 percent to \$7,704,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 30 percent from \$16,987 in 1992 to \$22,075 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	7,704	22	23	2,622	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	6,868	21	23	1,963	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	836	23	23	2,907	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	3,385	3	6	194	580
Corn for grain	951	20	23	1,353	2,582
Soybeans	(D)	20	23	1,208	2,136
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	822	11	23	597	2,739
Wheat	368	20	23	1,303	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	732	22	23	2,881	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	14	22	1,098	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	13	21	1,092	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	248	21	23	2,328	2,976
Turkeys sold	(D)	9	17	539	1,353
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	1,550	22	23	2,886	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	516	12	23	1,549	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	480	20	23	1,721	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	332	15	22	1,240	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	177	20	23	1,919	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	4,348	21	23	1,239	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	3,554	22	23	1,458	2,691
Wheat-acres	2,456	18	23	1,348	2,612
Hay crops-acres	1,842	19	23	2,737	3,061
Tobacco-acres	1,657	2	7	151	583

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	210	262	-20
\$10,000 or more	139	138	1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	5,109	7,020	-27
Average per farmdollars..	14,640	17,551	-17
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,693	2,369	-29
Average per farmdollars..	4,852	5,922	-18
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	326	367	-11
Partnership or corporation	23	30	-23
Other	-	3	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	160	196	-18
Other	189	204	-7
Operators by sex:			
Male	305	342	-11
Female	44	58	-24
Operators by race:			
White	321	361	-11
Black and other races	28	39	-28
Average age of operator	56.6	55.1	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.