

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 12 percent from 126,981 acres in 1992 to 111,316 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 216 acres in 1992 to 212 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 357 farms in 1992 to 325 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

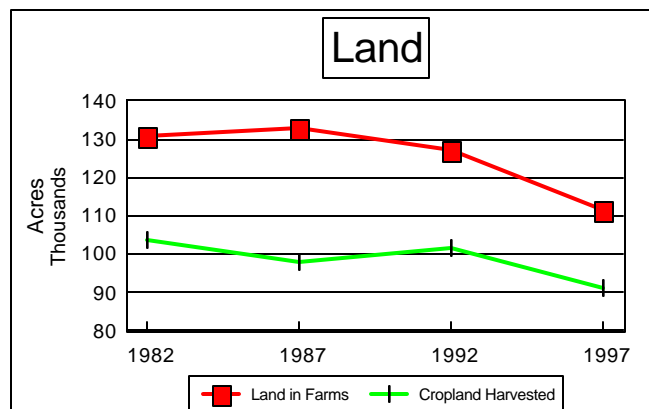
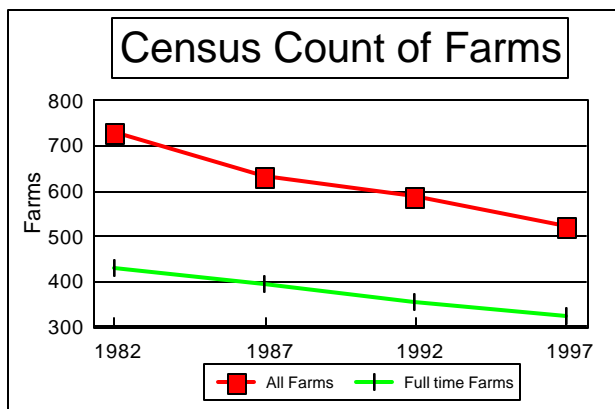
Increased 12 percent to \$95,120,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 25 percent from \$144,647 in 1992 to \$181,181 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	95,120	5	23	556	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	66,401	5	23	346	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	28,719	6	23	972	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	61,094	4	23	91	2,901
Soybeans	9,234	3	23	570	2,136
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	5,707	2	23	168	2,739
Corn for grain	5,367	8	23	782	2,582
Wheat	3,754	3	23	460	2,578
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	34,951,281	4	21	55	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	177,539	8	22	355	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	12,472	4	23	961	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	5	21	588	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	1,387	15	23	2,752	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	6,201,011	4	22	48	2,620
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	3	19	171	2,549
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	47,836	9	23	595	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	4	12	292	1,790
Hogs and pigs inventory	6,098	5	23	966	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	49,631	3	23	517	2,144
Wheat-acres	21,452	2	23	517	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	20,547	8	23	807	2,691
Barley-acres	8,394	1	22	146	1,411
Land used for vegetables-acres	6,500	2	23	106	2,741

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 .....	162	179	-9
\$10,000 or more .....	363	409	-11
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	88,472	70,104	26
Average per farm .....dollars..	167,878	119,428	41
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	4,452	13,741	-68
Average per farm .....dollars..	8,447	23,408	-64
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	447	504	-11
Partnership or corporation .....	73	82	-11
Other .....	5	2	150
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	325	357	-9
Other .....	200	231	-13
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	487	540	-10
Female .....	38	48	-21
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	524	578	-9
Black and other races .....	1	10	-90
Average age of operator .....	54.0	51.8	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.