

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 59,389 acres in 1992 to 55,928 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 13 percent from 120 acres in 1992 to 136 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 246 farms in 1992 to 197 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

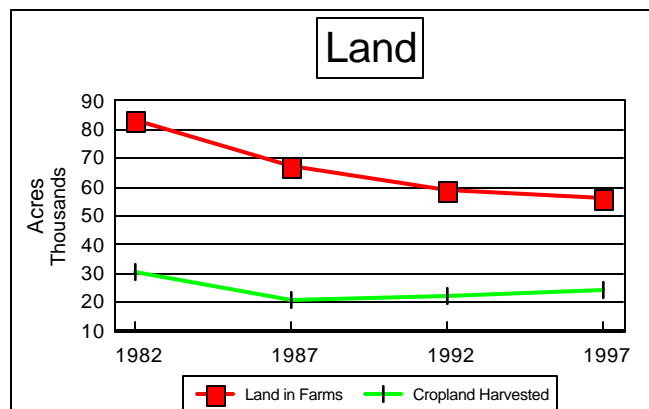
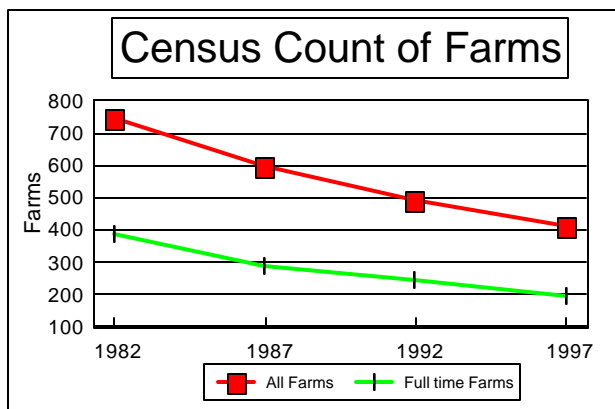
Increased 9 percent to \$10,816,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 32 percent from \$20,037 in 1992 to \$26,381 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	10,816	21	23	2,464	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	9,364	20	23	1,800	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,452	22	23	2,814	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	3,705	2	6	187	580
Soybeans	1,742	17	23	1,023	2,136
Corn for grain	1,421	17	23	1,225	2,582
Nursery and greenhouse crops	802	17	23	1,080	2,790
Cattle and calves	772	14	23	2,649	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	1,848	18	23	1,588	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	1,588	14	23	2,713	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	1,313	1	18	168	1,593
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	908	7	21	791	2,200
Turkeys sold	(D)	8	17	503	1,353
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	3,174	14	23	2,727	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,553	15	23	1,438	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,204	6	22	617	2,884
Rabbit inventory	1,012	1	23	87	2,456
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	688	17	23	1,430	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	9,313	16	23	1,014	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	5,859	18	23	1,255	2,691
Hay crops-acres	4,395	13	23	2,374	3,061
Wheat-acres	3,442	16	23	1,220	2,612
Tobacco-acres	1,550	3	7	157	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	251	308	-19
\$10,000 or more	159	188	-15
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	8,109	6,592	23
Average per farmdollars..	19,730	13,290	48
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,698	1,366	98
Average per farmdollars..	6,565	2,754	138
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	366	433	-15
Partnership or corporation	42	57	-26
Other	2	6	-67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	197	246	-20
Other	213	250	-15
Operators by sex:			
Male	366	439	-17
Female	44	57	-23
Operators by race:			
White	385	461	-16
Black and other races	25	35	-29
Average age of operator	54.1	54.0	0

(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.