

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

St. Mary's, Maryland

Number of farms

577 farms in 2002, 658 farms in 1997, down 12 percent.

Land in farms

68,153 acres in 2002, 71,920 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

118 acres in 2002, 109 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$12,196,000 in 2002, \$20,630,000 in 1997, down 41 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$8,989,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,207,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

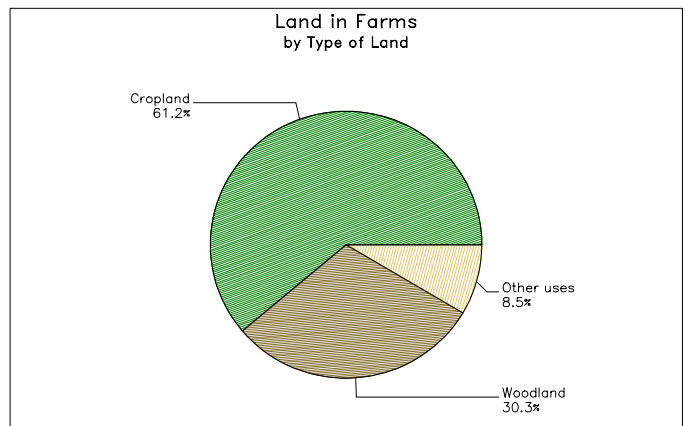
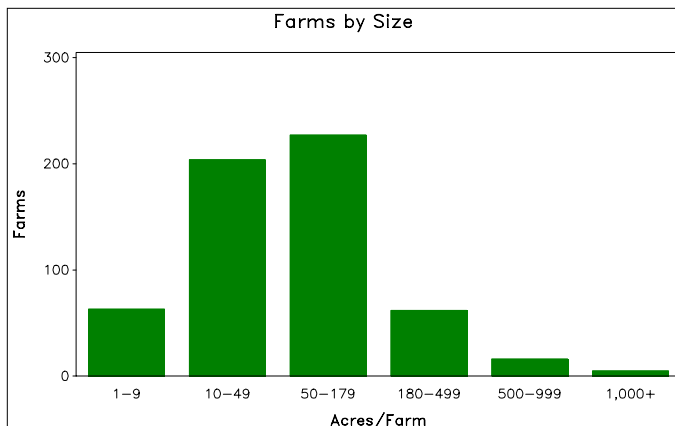
\$21,137 in 2002, \$31,353 in 1997, down 33 percent.

Government Payments

\$655,000 in 2002, \$195,000 in 1997, up 236 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$6,482 in 2002, \$2,008 in 1997, up 223 percent.



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Ranked items among the 23 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	12,196	19	23	2,401	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	8,989	18	23	1,727	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,207	18	23	2,553	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,539	16	23	1,359	2,871
Tobacco	1,676	1	7	212	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,612	10	23	604	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	272	11	23	772	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,508	14	23	925	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	73	11	21	521	1,774
Other crops and hay	308	13	23	2,288	3,046
Poultry and eggs	60	17	23	1,421	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,496	9	23	2,349	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	686	14	20	1,520	2,493
Hogs and pigs	739	4	22	947	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	29	13	23	1,654	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	106	17	23	1,725	3,014
Aquaculture	71	7	16	645	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	21	8	23	1,512	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	4,636	13	23	2,559	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	2,988	10	23	884	2,983
Hogs and pigs	2,321	8	22	1,100	2,926
Horses and ponies	1,193	9	23	1,040	3,065
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	745	13	23	976	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	16,438	11	23	902	2,076
Corn for grain	9,093	16	23	1,086	2,592
All Wheat for grain	5,268	10	23	902	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,256	10	23	2,280	3,059
Barley	1,193	10	23	273	1,246

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	180
\$1,000 to \$2,499	59
\$2,500 to \$4,999	71
\$5,000 to \$9,999	59
\$10,000 to \$19,999	63
\$20,000 to \$24,999	20
\$25,000 to \$39,999	41
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15
\$50,000 to \$99,999	41
\$100,000 to \$249,999	24
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3
\$500,000 or more	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	15,517
Average per farm (\$)	27,032
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-2,071
Average per farm (\$)	-3,609

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	370
Other	207
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	509
Female	68
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.3
All operators ² by race:	
White	820
Black or African American	20
American Indian or Alaska Native	7
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	3
More than one race	2
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.