

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Somerset, Maryland

Number of farms

301 farms in 2002, 314 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

Land in farms

56,650 acres in 2002, 56,424 acres in 1997, up slightly.

Average size of farm

188 acres in 2002, 180 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$127,277,000 in 2002, \$107,839,000 in 1997, up 18 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$8,894,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$118,384,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

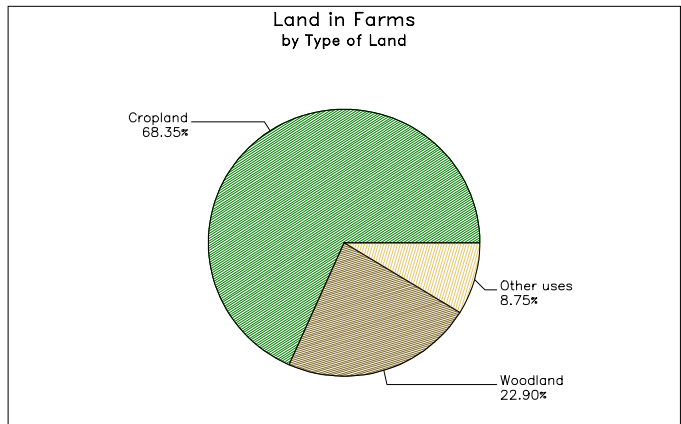
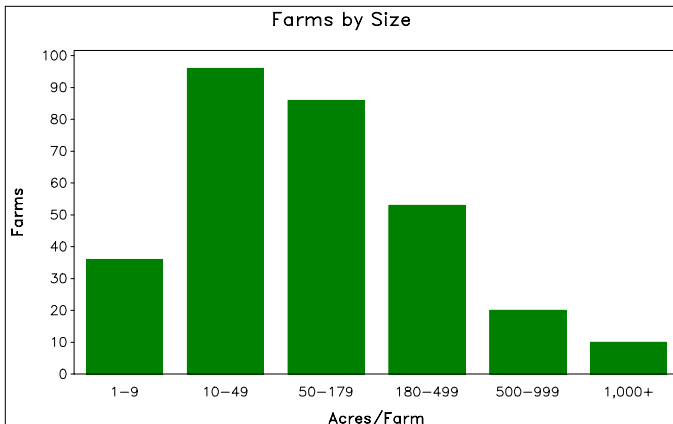
\$422,848 in 2002, \$343,435 in 1997, up 23 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,027,000 in 2002, \$446,000 in 1997, up 130 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,439 in 2002, \$4,746 in 1997, up 57 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	127,277	2	23	336	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	8,894	19	23	1,739	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	118,384	2	23	161	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	6,166	12	23	1,163	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	7	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,668	9	23	591	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	19	23	23	1,979	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	869	19	23	1,154	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	21	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	171	18	23	2,599	3,046
Poultry and eggs	118,089	2	23	35	2,918
Cattle and calves	262	19	23	2,877	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	20	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	5	20	22	2,495	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	4	20	23	2,617	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	9,648,375	3	23	29	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	9	23	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	2,366	19	23	2,777	3,059
All Goats	260	14	23	1,613	2,971
Horses and ponies	112	22	23	2,942	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	19,175	10	23	857	2,076
Corn for grain	13,196	13	23	948	2,592
All Wheat for grain	4,793	13	23	940	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,409	21	23	2,818	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	399	16	23	713	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	67	Farming	196
\$1,000 to \$2,499	13	Other	105
\$2,500 to \$4,999	14		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	13	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	19	Male	254
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3	Female	47
\$25,000 to \$39,999	5		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	20	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	44	White	427
\$500,000 or more	91	Black or African American	17
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	107,061	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	359,264	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	20,973	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	70,379	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.