

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Talbot, Maryland

### Number of farms

288 farms in 2002, 254 farms in 1997, up 13 percent.

### Land in farms

105,729 acres in 2002, 111,144 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

### Average size of farm

367 acres in 2002, 438 acres in 1997, down 16 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$33,451,000 in 2002, \$48,822,000 in 1997, down 31 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$14,327,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$19,124,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

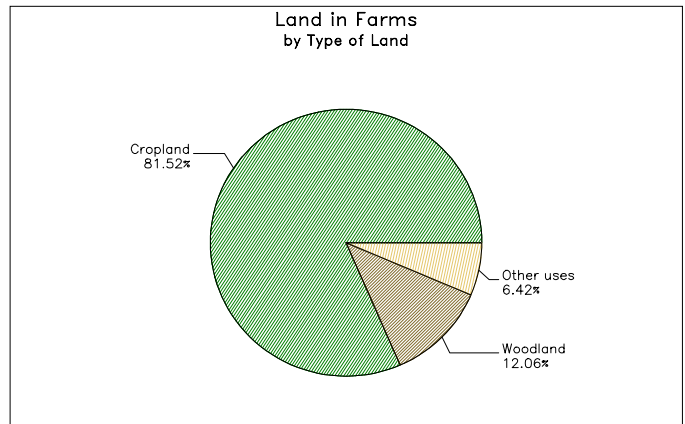
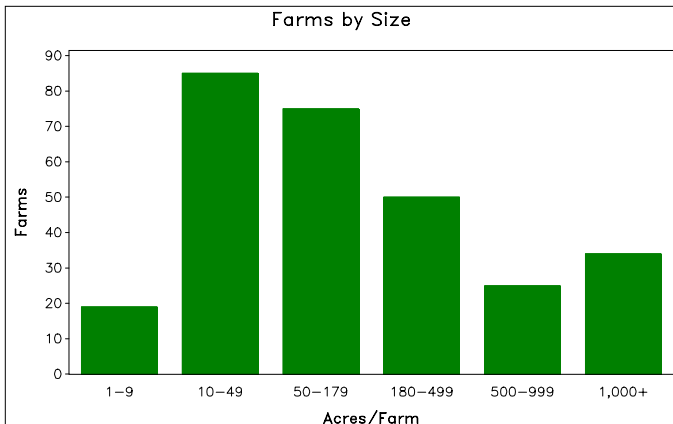
\$116,149 in 2002, \$192,212 in 1997, down 40 percent.

### Government Payments

\$2,035,000 in 2002, \$1,162,000 in 1997, up 75 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$10,942 in 2002, \$8,936 in 1997, up 22 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	33,451	14	23	1,599	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	14,327	13	23	1,418	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	19,124	12	23	1,337	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	12,922	5	23	892	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	7	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	302	21	23	1,189	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,023	18	23	1,084	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	21	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	26	23	23	2,962	3,046
Poultry and eggs	16,507	7	23	343	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,353	13	20	1,219	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	22	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	20	15	23	1,901	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	16	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,052,300	6	23	192	2,599
Quail	(D)	2	11	(D)	1,412
Pheasants	(D)	2	12	(D)	1,541
Ducks	(D)	2	20	(D)	2,630
Cattle and calves	1,408	21	23	2,876	3,059
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans	42,769	4	23	607	2,076
Corn for grain	32,151	4	23	639	2,592
All Wheat for grain	16,151	3	23	503	2,517
Barley	1,502	9	23	243	1,246
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	748	22	23	2,922	3,059

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	90	Farming	164
\$1,000 to \$2,499	32	Other	124
\$2,500 to \$4,999	25		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	17	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	14	Male	267
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Female	21
\$25,000 to \$39,999	10		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	20		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	28	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	23	White	415
\$500,000 or more	19	Black or African American	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	33,380	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	115,502	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,265	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	11,299	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	10

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.