

**Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics:
2002 and 1997**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Maryland	Allegany	Anne Arundel	Baltimore	Calvert	Caroline	Carroll	Cecil
FARMS								
Land in farms farms, 2002	12,198	278	432	784	321	506	1,058	468
1997	13,254	274	465	889	383	556	1,159	510
acres, 2002	2,077,630	39,379	35,218	71,227	30,032	114,843	147,252	77,089
1997	2,193,063	43,944	36,438	79,479	35,274	112,545	167,871	86,419
Harvested cropland farms, 2002	8,335	203	306	484	234	386	732	323
1997	10,027	218	337	582	311	452	905	370
acres, 2002	1,282,004	10,123	18,817	38,495	13,546	88,174	99,790	48,525
1997	1,377,747	10,535	17,124	42,604	13,448	91,747	104,516	50,411
TENURE								
Full owners farms, 2002	8,479	205	339	582	234	329	725	328
1997	8,530	213	326	642	251	326	730	348
acres, 2002	758,901	24,171	17,365	31,664	(D)	30,063	46,939	29,658
1997	766,823	27,912	18,267	33,081	17,352	25,874	51,304	34,843
Harvested cropland farms, 2002	5,035	138	228	319	155	217	439	193
1997	5,741	161	218	391	187	233	509	223
acres, 2002	271,769	(D)	5,544	8,555	3,620	16,488	20,502	10,378
1997	295,951	5,026	4,477	8,004	4,082	15,322	18,565	12,677
Part owners farms, 2002	2,704	58	65	143	64	146	241	108
1997	3,315	53	89	169	96	187	314	131
acres, 2002	1,067,489	11,656	15,957	34,929	11,562	74,158	83,198	36,423
1997	1,135,080	13,514	15,692	38,165	13,772	73,315	96,272	43,183
Owned land in farms acres, 2002	449,016	6,948	5,445	13,898	4,995	27,304	32,413	14,466
1997	462,879	7,774	6,102	13,290	7,336	27,773	36,257	17,400
Rented land in farms acres, 2002	618,473	4,708	10,512	21,031	6,567	46,854	50,785	21,957
1997	672,201	5,740	9,590	24,875	6,436	45,542	60,015	25,783
Harvested cropland farms, 2002	2,462	54	61	123	59	138	218	103
1997	3,053	51	80	135	90	178	292	118
acres, 2002	804,855	4,229	12,102	26,870	7,330	61,574	65,737	28,882
1997	853,268	4,940	10,751	28,125	6,957	63,954	71,434	31,118
Tenants farms, 2002	1,015	15	28	59	23	31	92	32
1997	1,409	8	50	78	36	43	115	31
acres, 2002	251,240	3,552	1,896	4,634	(D)	10,622	17,115	11,008
1997	291,160	2,518	2,479	8,233	4,150	13,356	20,295	8,393
Harvested cropland farms, 2002	838	11	17	42	20	31	75	27
1997	1,233	6	39	56	34	41	104	29
acres, 2002	205,380	(D)	1,171	3,070	2,596	10,112	13,551	9,265
1997	228,528	569	1,896	6,475	2,409	12,471	14,517	6,616
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS								
Total operators number	18,596	406	642	1,208	475	712	1,638	751
Farms by number of operators:								
1 operator	7,115	181	265	455	192	324	583	250
2 operators	4,145	76	135	264	112	163	399	171
3 operators	679	15	23	44	9	14	51	35
4 operators	186	4	8	14	8	5	21	9
5 or more operators	73	2	1	7	-	-	4	3
Total women operators number	5,530	98	221	456	137	165	540	223
Farms by number of women operators:								
1 operator	4,616	88	180	352	123	159	462	177
2 operators	353	5	16	42	7	3	36	15
3 operators	47	-	3	5	-	-	2	4
4 operators	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
5 or more operators	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS								
Sex of operator:								
Male farms, 2002	10,281	258	319	577	275	461	880	407
1997	11,640	256	381	706	335	514	1,020	433
acres, 2002	1,944,528	36,363	29,919	62,762	28,210	111,090	136,716	72,315
1997	2,079,826	42,098	31,820	70,901	28,640	111,126	161,552	75,853
Female farms, 2002	1,917	20	113	207	46	45	178	61
1997	1,614	18	84	183	48	42	139	77
acres, 2002	133,102	3,016	5,299	8,465	1,822	3,753	10,536	4,774
1997	113,237	1,846	4,618	8,578	6,634	1,419	6,319	10,566
Primary occupation:								
Farming 2002	6,977	126	230	442	174	321	592	255
1997	6,523	110	219	383	169	334	516	248
Other 2002	5,221	152	202	342	147	185	466	213
1997	6,731	164	246	506	214	222	643	262
Place of residence ¹ :								
On farm operated 2002	10,225	228	348	678	275	433	953	399
1997	10,109	205	355	735	298	395	957	402
Not on farm operated 2002	1,973	50	84	106	46	73	105	69
1997	2,074	48	73	100	60	111	132	74
Days worked off farm ¹ :								
None 2002	5,861	115	211	395	143	238	486	244
1997	5,160	90	171	340	116	221	440	195
Any 2002	6,337	163	221	389	178	268	572	224
1997	7,217	163	272	508	239	288	655	282
1 to 49 days 2002	750	23	30	31	13	28	52	29
1997	684	10	21	41	16	36	37	17
50 to 99 days 2002	385	15	21	24	17	22	23	14
1997	375	8	22	24	7	21	19	26
100 to 199 days 2002	868	21	30	57	32	48	78	26
1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more 2002	4,334	104	140	277	116	170	419	155
1997	4,962	123	172	361	175	190	492	204

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Item	Charles	Dorchester	Frederick	Garrett	Harford	Howard	Kent	Montgomery
FARMS								
Land in farms farms, 2002	418	351	1,273	634	683	346	318	577
1997	451	308	1,429	718	733	369	325	596
acres, 2002	52,056	125,385	195,827	101,444	81,409	37,582	117,372	75,077
1997	56,648	122,443	218,044	111,829	94,806	41,501	117,905	79,268
Harvested cropland farms, 2002	278	192	936	518	456	191	246	330
1997	376	257	1,141	616	517	229	283	388
acres, 2002	22,810	79,571	121,411	37,136	45,457	20,621	87,261	44,161
1997	23,365	94,188	134,073	39,396	54,496	23,621	91,493	47,193
TENURE								
Full owners farms, 2002	304	247	848	435	488	276	219	426
1997	287	166	872	474	486	275	205	401
acres, 2002	29,799	39,824	74,331	51,201	29,318	17,185	41,976	23,935
1997	33,535	33,472	70,774	58,937	30,449	15,078	40,110	23,814
Harvested cropland farms, 2002	189	93	569	340	292	141	151	217
1997	221	118	633	391	307	152	166	241
acres, 2002	6,284	14,286	31,065	15,288	8,841	5,859	23,319	6,417
1997	8,559	20,083	27,935	16,705	9,805	4,592	24,786	7,043
Part owners farms, 2002	76	85	292	169	150	50	64	110
1997	108	111	344	190	189	69	75	138
acres, 2002	18,327	70,962	95,442	45,027	46,035	16,887	48,613	40,346
1997	(D)	77,356	102,404	45,677	54,195	22,615	49,392	44,038
Owned land in farms acres, 2002	5,533	35,354	36,736	28,308	20,573	5,745	22,433	10,776
1997	7,386	32,958	41,432	28,109	20,691	9,260	20,890	13,059
Rented land in farms acres, 2002	12,794	35,608	58,706	16,719	25,462	11,142	26,180	29,570
1997	11,068	44,398	60,972	17,568	33,504	13,355	28,502	30,979
Harvested cropland farms, 2002	60	82	259	155	133	35	61	84
1997	106	109	323	182	165	53	75	100
acres, 2002	13,523	51,766	72,008	19,129	32,173	12,310	39,436	30,739
1997	11,762	62,661	74,768	19,410	37,111	15,944	41,649	32,579
Tenants farms, 2002	38	19	133	30	45	20	35	41
1997	56	31	213	54	58	25	45	57
acres, 2002	3,930	14,599	26,054	5,216	6,056	3,510	26,783	10,796
1997	4,659	11,615	44,866	7,215	10,162	3,808	28,403	11,416
Harvested cropland farms, 2002	29	17	108	23	31	15	34	29
1997	49	30	185	43	45	24	42	47
acres, 2002	3,003	13,519	18,338	2,719	4,443	2,452	24,506	7,005
1997	3,044	11,444	31,370	3,281	7,580	3,085	25,058	7,571
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS								
Total operators number	607	492	2,005	974	1,042	563	481	946
Farms by number of operators:								
1 operator	259	238	706	365	394	179	191	306
2 operators	135	93	455	215	241	132	105	210
3 operators	18	14	77	37	36	26	13	45
4 operators	6	4	21	17	6	5	6	11
5 or more operators	-	2	14	-	6	4	3	5
Total women operators number	172	128	589	261	345	210	119	352
Farms by number of women operators:								
1 operator	154	108	497	228	290	175	102	261
2 operators	9	7	38	12	24	16	4	27
3 operators	-	2	1	3	1	1	3	8
4 operators	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
5 or more operators	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS								
Sex of operator:								
Male farms, 2002	340	311	1,080	585	566	246	274	442
1997	404	295	1,264	670	648	298	288	469
acres, 2002	48,051	118,742	181,420	96,592	75,048	31,425	112,005	68,641
1997	52,380	120,920	205,801	106,769	90,252	37,184	110,707	73,224
Female farms, 2002	78	40	193	49	117	100	44	135
1997	47	13	165	48	85	71	37	127
acres, 2002	4,005	6,643	14,407	4,852	6,361	6,157	5,367	6,436
1997	4,268	1,523	12,243	5,060	4,554	4,317	7,198	6,044
Primary occupation:								
Farming 2002	235	193	714	344	365	171	211	291
1997	209	189	684	322	332	139	197	237
Other 2002	183	158	559	290	318	175	107	286
1997	242	119	745	396	401	230	128	359
Place of residence ¹ :								
On farm operated 2002	353	249	1,108	536	606	320	252	480
1997	336	191	1,107	575	580	322	229	473
Not on farm operated 2002	65	102	165	98	77	26	66	97
1997	78	73	221	103	85	22	66	87
Days worked off farm ¹ :								
None 2002	191	181	589	249	308	156	185	248
1997	144	135	541	266	288	133	148	213
Any 2002	227	170	684	385	375	190	133	329
1997	275	139	787	425	399	222	145	357
1 to 49 days 2002	18	26	73	41	52	21	22	48
1997	26	22	76	47	28	17	20	33
50 to 99 days 2002	11	11	34	22	20	10	15	20
1997	15	12	36	22	14	8	12	28
100 to 199 days 2002	32	16	99	57	43	32	25	29
1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more 2002	166	117	478	265	260	127	71	232
1997	183	88	556	294	299	156	86	225

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Item		Prince George's	Queen Anne's	St. Mary's	Somerset	Talbot	Washington	Wicomico	Worcester
FARMS									
Land in farms	farms, 2002	452	443	577	301	288	775	512	403
	1997	526	440	658	314	254	823	624	450
	acres, 2002	45,462	155,566	68,153	56,650	105,729	125,159	88,470	131,249
	1997	49,257	166,756	71,920	56,424	111,144	126,467	92,057	114,624
	Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	334	474	153	182	607	260	197
	1997	424	370	595	179	207	672	369	229
	acres, 2002	17,266	124,465	34,134	34,792	80,219	73,310	56,311	85,609
	1997	20,212	136,327	34,685	37,938	88,962	73,968	67,375	80,070
TENURE									
Full owners	farms, 2002	322	289	356	205	196	457	376	293
	1997	341	245	400	202	143	498	407	292
	acres, 2002	25,757	43,949	31,437	(D)	36,723	39,892	23,819	38,063
	1997	27,699	53,922	35,660	15,923	26,810	46,921	17,609	27,477
	Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	219	164	63	103	315	132	94
	1997	263	183	343	73	101	371	171	85
	acres, 2002	5,389	26,276	7,318	(D)	18,696	15,792	5,892	8,185
	1997	5,977	35,281	10,279	6,385	16,090	21,115	5,603	7,560
Part owners	farms, 2002	96	103	135	87	60	203	111	88
	1997	126	118	163	96	68	191	162	128
	acres, 2002	13,706	84,872	28,497	37,935	55,904	63,109	56,646	77,298
	1997	15,809	83,548	28,405	38,621	63,429	54,007	64,291	78,926
	Owned land in farms	acres, 2002	6,168	33,543	9,755	19,771	34,294	24,244	33,564
	1997	5,806	32,204	12,386	17,818	16,445	27,917	27,205	33,381
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002	7,538	51,329	18,742	18,164	39,154	28,815	32,402	43,734
	1997	10,003	51,344	16,019	20,803	46,984	26,090	37,086	45,545
	Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	84	101	133	84	56	187	87
	1997	109	115	159	93	67	177	105	121
	acres, 2002	6,771	74,040	20,967	29,081	48,732	42,294	43,455	61,707
	1997	10,101	74,267	18,715	29,833	53,957	34,957	52,604	65,761
Tenants	farms, 2002	34	51	86	9	32	115	25	22
	1997	59	77	95	16	43	134	55	30
	acres, 2002	5,999	26,745	8,219	(D)	13,102	22,158	8,005	15,888
	1997	5,749	29,286	7,855	1,880	20,905	25,539	10,157	8,221
	Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	31	48	77	23	105	23	16
	1997	52	72	93	13	39	124	43	23
	acres, 2002	5,106	24,149	5,849	(D)	12,791	15,224	6,964	15,717
	1997	4,134	26,779	5,691	1,720	19,005	17,896	9,168	6,749
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS									
Total operators	number	695	657	878	445	427	1,231	739	582
Farms by number of operators:									
1 operator		277	269	348	180	177	401	316	259
2 operators		133	141	183	98	92	310	169	113
3 operators		29	26	26	23	14	51	25	28
4 operators		6	7	16	-	2	8	-	2
5 or more operators		7	-	4	-	3	5	2	1
Total women operators	number	202	158	229	124	88	376	191	146
Farms by number of women operators:									
1 operator		148	141	162	110	72	316	173	138
2 operators		17	7	24	7	3	21	9	4
3 operators		-	1	5	-	2	6	-	-
4 operators		5	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
5 or more operators		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS									
Sex of operator:									
Male	farms, 2002	391	390	509	254	267	670	442	337
	1997	451	399	606	277	231	759	545	391
	acres, 2002	42,536	152,006	62,317	52,155	103,345	117,999	82,138	122,733
	1997	45,750	163,674	67,352	52,907	109,325	120,155	89,315	112,121
Female	farms, 2002	61	53	68	47	21	105	70	66
	1997	75	41	52	37	23	64	79	59
	acres, 2002	2,926	3,560	5,836	4,495	2,384	7,160	6,332	8,516
	1997	3,507	3,082	4,568	3,517	1,819	6,312	2,742	2,503
Primary occupation:									
Farming	2002	250	257	370	196	164	479	339	258
	1997	214	272	333	178	142	425	371	300
Other	2002	202	186	207	105	124	296	173	145
	1997	312	168	325	136	112	398	253	150
Place of residence ¹ :									
On farm operated	2002	344	353	477	247	219	644	416	307
	1997	395	297	481	240	161	639	433	303
Not on farm operated	2002	108	90	100	54	69	131	96	96
	1997	94	85	121	48	62	113	126	92
Days worked off farm ¹ :									
None	2002	244	238	230	175	131	398	272	234
	1997	198	208	236	147	116	328	267	219
Any	2002	208	205	347	126	157	377	240	169
	1997	299	195	380	149	121	437	293	187
1 to 49 days	2002	22	35	50	11	31	46	31	17
	1997	28	32	46	12	20	47	22	30
50 to 99 days	2002	10	7	21	18	8	19	10	13
	1997	9	14	26	5	7	15	19	6
100 to 199 days	2002	21	31	44	13	21	69	31	13
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002	155	132	232	84	97	243	168	126
	1997	216	112	224	106	65	313	197	125

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Item		Maryland	Allegany	Anne Arundel	Baltimore	Calvert	Caroline	Carroll	Cecil
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.									
Years on present farm ¹ :									
2 years or less	2002	531	20	22	23	8	21	43	25
	1997	563	9	14	34	18	30	43	16
3 or 4 years	2002	813	12	31	49	9	23	53	27
	1997	775	20	32	44	16	41	67	33
5 to 9 years	2002	1,810	39	57	94	38	101	159	68
	1997	1,645	31	45	135	31	69	148	65
10 years or more	2002	9,044	207	322	618	266	361	803	348
	1997	8,037	159	287	557	248	323	745	307
Average years on present farm	2002	21.2	21.1	21.0	22.5	25.1	20.3	21.1	21.8
	1997	20.1	21.3	19.9	19.7	23.2	19.8	19.5	19.7
Age group:									
Under 25 years	2002	94	2	3	5	-	4	9	4
	1997	107	-	-	-	2	5	13	2
25 to 34 years	2002	490	18	12	17	5	30	41	18
	1997	745	16	19	26	25	33	49	22
35 to 44 years	2002	1,998	43	64	109	55	83	193	53
	1997	2,430	29	74	166	67	124	228	84
45 to 54 years	2002	3,127	64	104	181	85	135	285	120
	1997	3,391	65	135	232	91	156	299	138
55 to 59 years	2002	1,701	37	74	97	42	78	133	79
	1997	1,739	51	60	117	39	57	149	62
60 to 64 years	2002	1,549	37	53	108	34	53	118	54
	1997	1,417	26	51	102	47	54	148	63
65 to 69 years	2002	1,146	30	39	82	31	48	130	43
	1997	1,191	28	42	74	23	31	108	55
70 years and over	2002	2,093	47	83	185	69	75	149	97
	1997	2,234	59	84	172	89	96	165	84
Average age	2002	55.9	56.2	57.0	58.5	57.6	54.9	55.0	57.3
	1997	54.9	57.7	56.1	56.2	56.1	53.5	54.3	56.0
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION									
Family or individual	farms, 2002	10,577	264	365	656	290	446	940	391
	1997	11,308	261	407	710	358	475	1,039	423
	acres, 2002	1,493,644	37,388	26,298	46,730	27,115	85,250	(D)	50,134
	1997	1,516,796	38,155	28,336	51,810	30,653	82,021	119,252	55,160
Partnership	farms, 2002	763	5	24	45	22	23	62	44
	1997	1,039	7	24	70	23	38	70	42
	acres, 2002	275,994	679	6,288	8,018	2,784	6,993	15,887	16,186
	1997	336,919	(D)	3,563	8,584	(D)	8,751	22,461	12,967
Corporation:									
Family-held	farms, 2002	642	6	33	74	6	32	48	23
	1997	741	5	24	97	2	35	39	38
	acres, 2002	244,323	1,072	2,066	16,038	124	21,980	26,307	8,604
	1997	295,203	(D)	3,421	18,167	(D)	20,860	24,445	16,687
Other than family held	farms, 2002	84	3	3	6	3	2	7	7
	1997	71	-	7	4	-	2	3	4
	acres, 2002	19,064	240	54	267	9	(D)	2,933	1,170
	1997	8,605	-	(D)	187	-	(D)	124	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	132	-	7	3	-	3	1	3
	1997	95	1	3	8	-	6	8	3
	acres, 2002	44,605	-	512	174	-	(D)	(D)	995
	1997	35,540	(D)	(D)	731	-	(D)	1,589	(D)

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**Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics:
2002 and 1997 - Con.**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item		Charles	Dorchester	Frederick	Garrett	Harford	Howard	Kent	Montgomery
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.									
Years on present farm ¹ :									
2 years or less	2002	20	19	61	27	23	17	12	15
	1997	22	11	70	34	24	14	9	24
3 or 4 years	2002	29	34	107	40	41	27	19	41
	1997	18	13	91	39	32	23	22	40
5 to 9 years	2002	74	53	178	116	90	54	41	71
	1997	67	38	193	87	101	52	51	73
10 years or more	2002	295	245	927	451	529	248	246	450
	1997	258	184	880	450	434	222	199	382
Average years on present farm	2002	20.4	20.5	21.1	20.4	21.6	20.3	22.1	21.2
	1997	19.0	20.5	20.1	20.9	20.2	20.3	20.5	19.5
Age group:									
Under 25 years	2002	1	-	9	8	4	2	-	-
	1997	4	2	1	8	2	6	1	5
25 to 34 years	2002	9	28	38	42	19	9	10	11
	1997	45	15	82	68	27	8	16	20
35 to 44 years	2002	73	41	216	135	116	53	42	79
	1997	69	67	238	149	155	63	49	85
45 to 54 years	2002	96	93	334	174	188	91	84	152
	1997	107	82	395	172	177	93	79	165
55 to 59 years	2002	69	48	194	88	71	53	56	91
	1997	80	46	169	98	91	57	47	92
60 to 64 years	2002	52	46	150	62	93	49	41	88
	1997	40	35	160	68	79	27	30	55
65 to 69 years	2002	36	38	138	54	58	26	24	55
	1997	43	24	112	48	70	44	38	68
70 years and over	2002	82	57	194	71	134	63	61	101
	1997	63	37	272	107	132	71	65	106
Average age	2002	56.7	56.0	56.0	52.6	56.5	56.5	57.1	57.4
	1997	53.6	53.3	55.7	52.7	55.4	56.4	56.9	56.3
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION									
Family or individual	farms, 2002	385	296	1,095	581	623	292	235	497
	1997	405	252	1,235	637	637	289	236	500
	acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	138,618	86,155	63,552	(D)	70,742	59,689
	1997	41,130	77,031	162,064	90,371	64,744	23,970	68,583	53,752
Partnership	farms, 2002	17	16	106	40	25	22	31	33
	1997	27	26	117	60	59	31	42	37
	acres, 2002	9,027	17,054	30,271	10,895	12,710	9,378	18,283	8,902
	1997	9,353	(D)	28,983	15,450	21,770	8,844	13,612	14,203
Corporation:									
Family-held	farms, 2002	14	32	61	9	24	27	34	31
	1997	15	29	59	17	28	40	38	49
	acres, 2002	4,550	23,519	22,522	3,929	3,885	4,111	19,004	4,663
	1997	5,519	25,350	20,993	5,382	7,073	7,264	33,334	9,353
Other than family held	farms, 2002	-	4	4	1	5	4	6	6
	1997	2	1	13	-	6	4	5	3
	acres, 2002	-	373	(D)	(D)	174	44	3,951	648
	1997	(D)	(D)	593	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	2	3	7	3	6	1	12	10
	1997	2	-	5	4	3	5	4	7
	acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1,088	(D)	5,392	1,175
	1997	(D)	-	5,411	626	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item		Prince George's	Queen Anne's	St. Mary's	Somerset	Talbot	Washington	Wicomico	Worcester
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.									
Years on present farm ¹ :									
2 years or less	2002	11	23	21	30	22	26	19	23
	1997	21	27	35	16	21	42	15	14
3 or 4 years	2002	18	26	31	24	29	84	46	13
	1997	26	32	35	20	17	41	45	28
5 to 9 years	2002	63	63	83	39	53	127	82	67
	1997	50	52	78	51	23	89	78	38
10 years or more	2002	360	331	442	208	184	538	365	300
	1997	329	242	375	176	148	506	360	266
Average years on present farm	2002	23.8	20.6	20.9	20.0	18.8	19.8	21.2	22.3
	1997	22.6	19.3	19.5	20.1	19.4	19.6	20.0	21.1
Age group:									
Under 25 years	2002	2	6	7	3	1	14	7	3
	1997	-	12	13	5	1	15	7	3
25 to 34 years	2002	10	9	35	14	16	57	31	11
	1997	24	32	56	19	11	66	32	34
35 to 44 years	2002	58	80	117	52	46	137	92	61
	1997	79	86	131	59	57	155	121	95
45 to 54 years	2002	100	128	131	84	84	194	119	101
	1997	119	100	139	78	61	235	168	105
55 to 59 years	2002	50	59	74	29	31	103	82	63
	1997	59	51	77	32	31	122	71	81
60 to 64 years	2002	65	48	84	46	37	109	65	57
	1997	73	48	66	36	33	67	76	33
65 to 69 years	2002	58	49	35	34	18	61	36	23
	1997	72	53	62	31	19	52	56	38
70 years and over	2002	109	64	94	39	55	100	80	84
	1997	100	58	114	54	41	111	93	61
Average age	2002	59.4	55.1	54.3	55.1	55.6	53.6	54.9	56.8
	1997	57.6	53.7	53.7	54.3	54.7	52.5	54.1	53.2
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION									
Family or individual	farms, 2002	389	354	531	254	218	693	433	349
	1997	441	336	601	269	184	722	524	367
	acres, 2002	31,721	109,565	56,588	(D)	67,536	107,624	66,355	83,655
	1997	28,982	107,873	60,717	38,587	58,516	102,966	63,130	68,993
Partnership	farms, 2002	19	36	34	22	36	43	33	25
	1997	42	48	49	23	34	72	57	41
	acres, 2002	2,083	18,494	7,271	11,103	21,386	8,787	9,827	23,688
	1997	7,116	30,133	6,403	11,080	32,303	16,650	16,684	21,426
Corporation:									
Family-held	farms, 2002	22	36	5	17	24	26	32	26
	1997	32	41	7	19	28	26	37	36
	acres, 2002	2,916	22,435	1,509	10,410	10,290	6,736	10,188	17,465
	1997	4,530	25,744	(D)	6,732	18,395	6,615	11,878	18,360
Other than family held	farms, 2002	2	4	2	4	4	3	3	1
	1997	7	7	-	2	5	-	1	-
	acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	(D)	757	103	51	373	(D)
	1997	613	1,858	-	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	-
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	20	13	5	4	6	10	11	2
	1997	9	8	1	1	3	3	5	6
	acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	6,414	1,961	1,727	(D)
	1997	8,016	1,148	(D)	(D)	(D)	236	(D)	5,845

¹ Data for 1997 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.