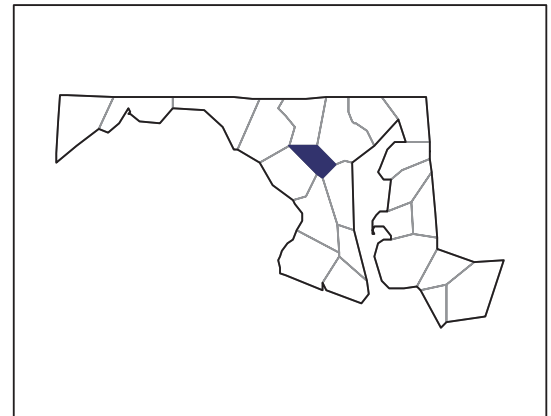


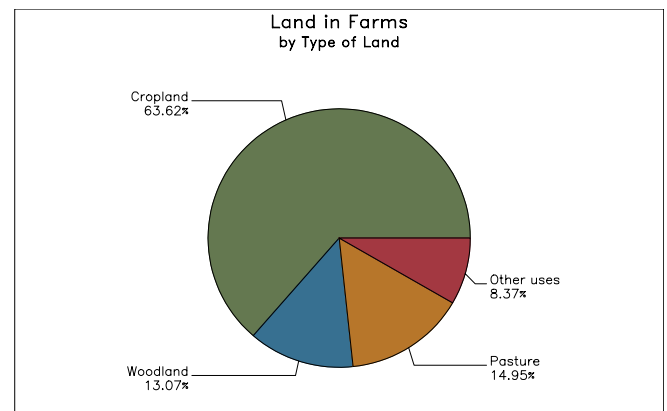
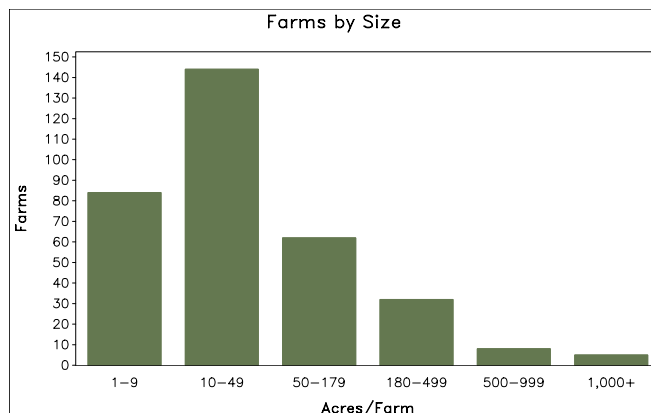
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Howard County Maryland



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	335	346	- 3
Land in Farms	29,371 acres	37,582 acres	- 22
Average Size of Farm	88 acres	109 acres	- 19
Market Value of Products Sold	\$22,685,000	\$21,661,000	+ 5
Crop Sales \$17,892,000 (79 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$4,793,000 (21 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$67,717	\$62,603	+ 8
Government Payments	\$246,000	\$569,000	- 57
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,725	\$8,628	- 34



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Howard County – Maryland

Ranked items among the 23 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	22,685	17	23	2,176	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	17,892	15	23	1,519	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,793	17	23	2,462	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,940	18	23	1,668	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	9	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	510	20	23	1,062	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	360	12	23	827	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	13,441	6	23	231	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	47	10	22	624	1,710
Other crops and hay	594	14	23	2,021	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	15	23	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	917	14	23	2,642	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,979	12	20	1,082	2,493
Hogs and pigs	30	16	23	1,789	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	9	23	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,245	7	23	162	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	17	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	26	14	23	1,671	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	4,898	18	23	1,420	2,634
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,430	14	23	2,386	3,060
Soybeans for beans	2,676	20	23	1,342	2,039
Wheat for grain, all	1,531	19	23	1,455	2,481
Corn for silage	911	11	23	1,046	2,263
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	(D)	2	18	273	2,371
Cattle and calves	3,121	14	23	2,652	3,060
Horses and ponies	1,432	7	23	917	3,066
Sheep and lambs	1,330	7	23	703	2,891
Layers	805	21	23	1,820	3,024

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	120	Farming	132
\$1,000 to \$2,499	45	Other	203
\$2,500 to \$4,999	34	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	37	Male	241
\$10,000 to \$19,999	29	Female	94
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10	Asian	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	9	Black or African American	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	9	White	544
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	28,866	More than one race	11
Average per farm (\$)	86,167	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-2,635		
Average per farm (\$)	-7,865		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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.