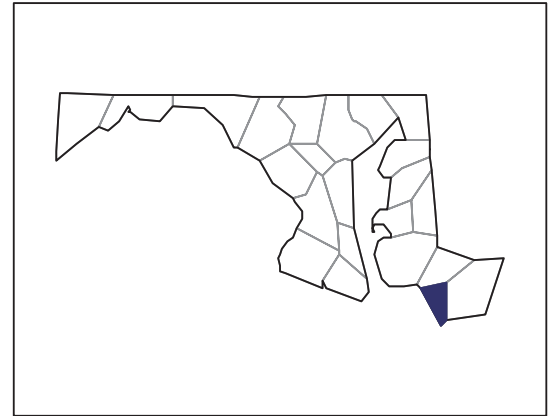


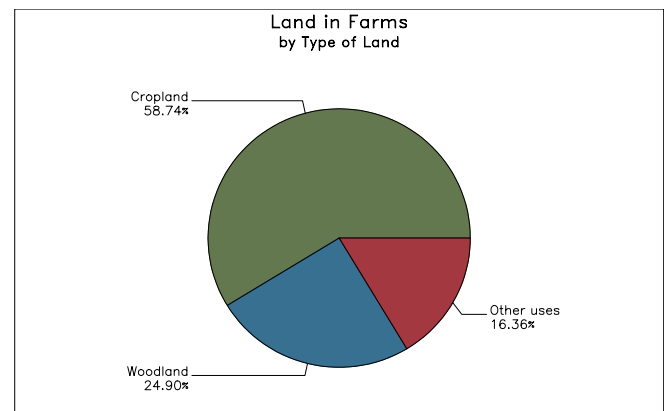
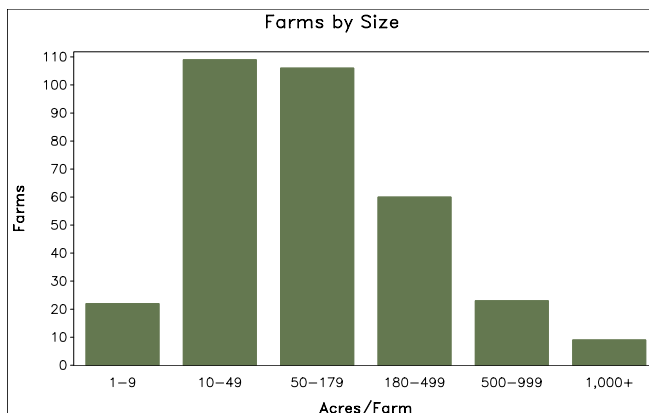
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Somerset County Maryland



	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	329	301	+ 9
Land in Farms	60,255 acres	56,650 acres	+ 6
Average Size of Farm	183 acres	188 acres	- 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$192,563,000	\$127,277,000	+ 51
Crop Sales \$14,929,000 (8 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$177,634,000 (92 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$585,297	\$422,848	+ 38
Government Payments	\$1,173,000	\$1,027,000	+ 14
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,560	\$7,439	- 25



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Somerset 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	192,563	2	23	347	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	14,929	18	23	1,633	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	177,634	1	23	155	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	12,730	12	23	1,154	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	9	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,503	10	23	673	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	22	23	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	20	23	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	22	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	21	23	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	176,470	1	23	32	3,020
Cattle and calves	543	16	23	2,768	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	20	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	24	19	23	1,884	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	23	18	23	2,197	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	96	20	23	1,728	3,024
Aquaculture	478	3	17	332	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(Z)	23	23	2,722	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	15,237	13	23	1,035	2,634
Soybeans for beans	14,386	11	23	937	2,039
Wheat for grain, all	4,147	13	23	1,057	2,481
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,116	22	23	2,862	3,060
Barley for grain	360	17	23	411	1,154
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	12,077,883	1	23	20	2,476
Layers	(D)	8	23	(D)	3,024
Cattle and calves	1,351	19	23	2,861	3,060
Hogs and pigs	(D)	11	23	(D)	2,958
Goats, all	256	18	23	2,052	3,023

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	112	Farming	155
\$1,000 to \$2,499	13	Other	174
\$2,500 to \$4,999	3	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	17	Male	281
\$10,000 to \$19,999	15	Female	48
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	8	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12	Asian	9
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	Black or African American	8
\$250,000 to \$499,999	22	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	102	White	439
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	140,683	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	427,608	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	54,718		
Average per farm (\$)	166,317		

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.