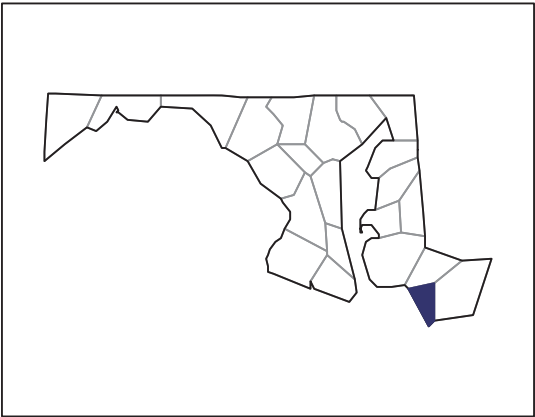


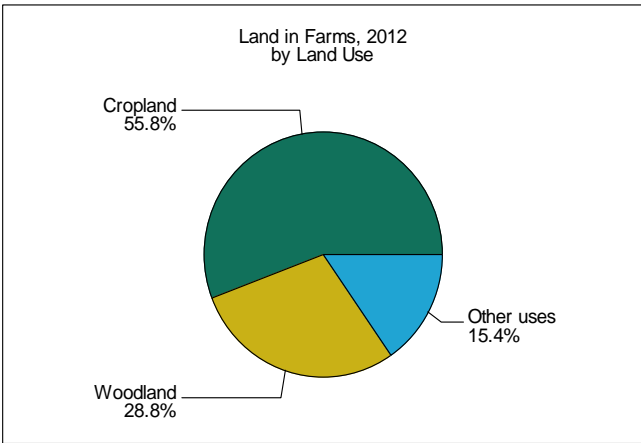
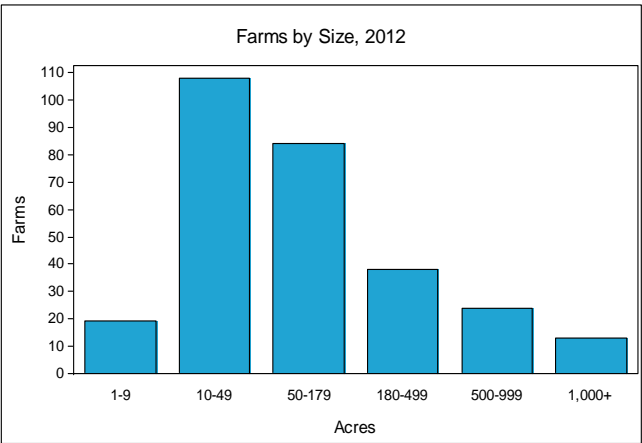
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Somerset County Maryland

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	286	329	- 13
Land in Farms	65,212 acres	60,255 acres	+ 8
Average Size of Farm	228 acres	183 acres	+ 25
Market Value of Products Sold	\$218,950,000	\$192,563,000	+ 14
Crop Sales \$26,652,000 (12 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$192,297,000 (88 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$765,558	\$585,297	+ 31
Government Payments	\$1,653,000	\$1,173,000	+ 41
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,339	\$5,560	+ 68





Somerset County – Maryland

Ranked items among the 23 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	218,950	3	23	472	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	26,652	16	23	1,557	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	192,297	1	23	186	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	22,090	13	23	1,192	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	8	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	14	23	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	4	23	23	2,544	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	14	23	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	21	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	21	23	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	191,990	1	23	37	3,013
Cattle and calves	186	20	23	2,918	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	18	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	20	23	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	17	23	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	-	-	22	-	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	6	15	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	23	23	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	16,830	11	23	983	2,162
Corn for grain	13,121	14	23	1,111	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	8,235	8	22	750	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	8,235	8	22	665	2,480
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	882	21	23	2,879	3,057
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	14,935,325	1	23	6	2,723
Layers	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	3,040
Pullets for laying flock replacement	(D)	6	21	(D)	2,637
Cattle and calves	880	21	23	2,895	3,063
Goats, all	279	14	23	1,885	2,996

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	103	Farming	159
\$1,000 to \$2,499	7	Other	127
\$2,500 to \$4,999	5	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5	Male	259
\$10,000 to \$19,999	7	Female	27
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	2	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9	Asian	31
\$100,000 to \$249,999	25	Black or African American	7
\$250,000 to \$499,999	11	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	107	White	371
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	174,848	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	611,357	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	48,395		
Average per farm (\$)	169,215		

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

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.