

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Montgomery, Maryland

Number of farms

577 farms in 2002, 596 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

Land in farms

75,077 acres in 2002, 79,268 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

130 acres in 2002, 133 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$41,634,000 in 2002, \$28,499,000 in 1997, up 46 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$36,239,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,395,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

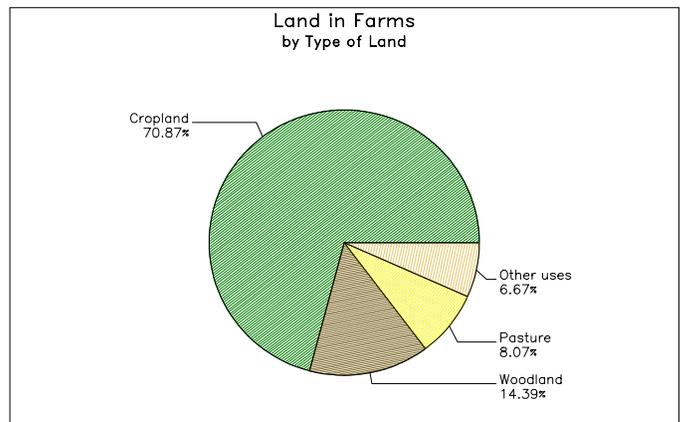
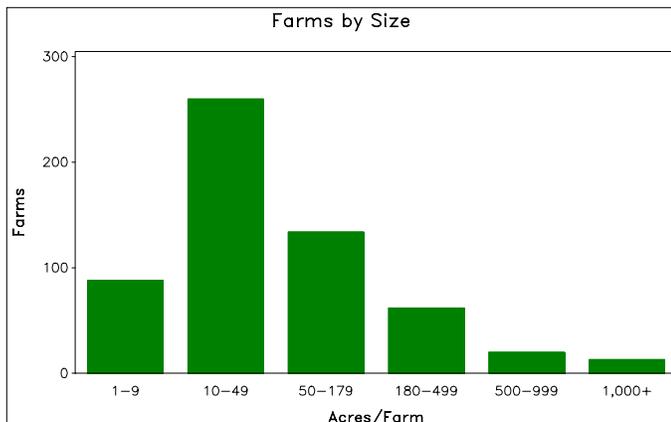
\$72,156 in 2002, \$47,817 in 1997, up 51 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,071,000 in 2002, \$506,000 in 1997, up 112 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$12,032 in 2002, \$4,913 in 1997, up 145 percent.



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

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	41,634	13	23	1,383	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	36,239	4	23	717	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,395	16	23	2,307	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	6,194	11	23	1,158	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	7	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,150	5	23	325	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	26,624	2	23	106	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	21	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,140	5	23	1,121	3,046
Poultry and eggs	48	18	23	1,474	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,467	11	23	2,357	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	127	13	22	1,385	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	112	5	23	743	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	542	7	23	337	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	16	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	7,825	9	23	2,256	3,059
Horses and ponies	2,438	3	23	335	3,065
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,260	12	23	737	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,352	15	23	1,182	2,983
Sheep and lambs	952	9	23	1,017	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	13,794	13	23	951	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,524	6	23	1,631	3,059
Corn for grain	11,121	15	23	1,012	2,592
All Wheat for grain	4,717	14	23	946	2,517
Corn for silage	1,304	10	23	971	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	207
\$1,000 to \$2,499	78
\$2,500 to \$4,999	55
\$5,000 to \$9,999	58
\$10,000 to \$19,999	61
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23
\$100,000 to \$249,999	24
\$250,000 to \$499,999	17
\$500,000 or more	14
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	49,431
Average per farm (\$)	85,520
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	23
Average per farm (\$)	39

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	291
Other	286
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	442
Female	135
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.4
All operators ² by race:	
White	877
Black or African American	10
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
Asian	13
More than one race	8
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

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

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.