

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Charles, Maryland

Number of farms

418 farms in 2002, 451 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

52,056 acres in 2002, 56,648 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Average size of farm

125 acres in 2002, 126 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$6,384,000 in 2002, \$10,623,000 in 1997, down 40 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,746,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,637,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

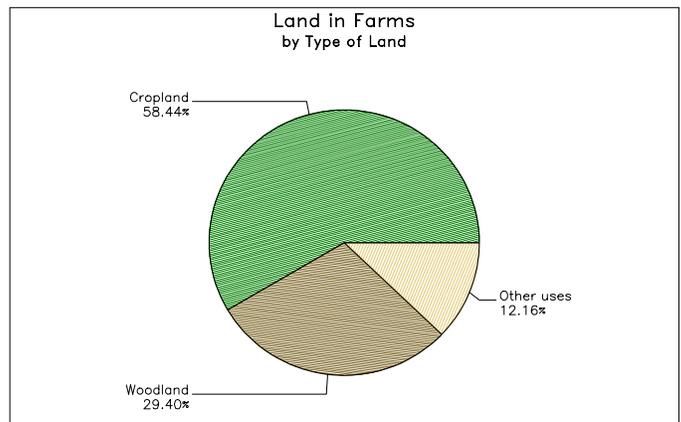
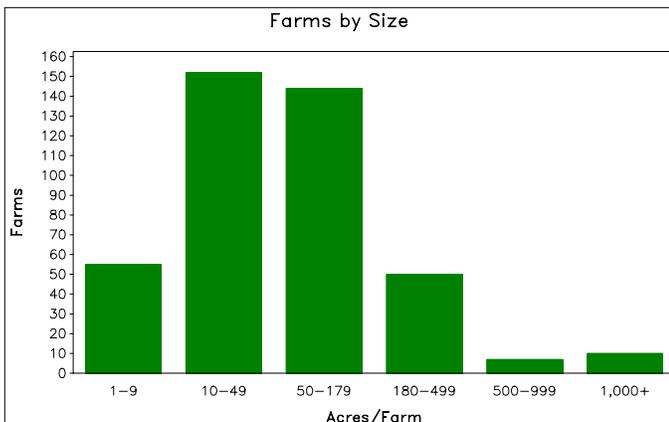
\$15,272 in 2002, \$23,555 in 1997, down 35 percent.

Government Payments

\$401,000 in 2002, \$249,000 in 1997, up 61 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,987 in 2002, \$3,149 in 1997, up 90 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service**

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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	6,384	21	23	2,690	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,746	20	23	2,103	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,637	20	23	2,776	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,849	19	23	1,592	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	7	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	885	16	23	800	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,302	16	23	979	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	21	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	290	14	23	2,321	3,046
Poultry and eggs	24	20	23	1,650	2,918
Cattle and calves	774	15	23	2,644	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	361	17	20	1,788	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	22	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	17	17	23	1,994	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	116	16	23	1,637	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	12	13	23	1,751	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	2,797	16	23	2,730	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,654	14	23	1,078	2,983
Horses and ponies	967	11	23	1,336	3,065
Turkeys	413	5	16	387	2,328
Sheep and lambs	368	14	23	1,644	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	10,760	14	23	1,015	2,076
Corn for grain	5,021	20	23	1,272	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,870	13	23	2,331	3,059
All Wheat for grain	2,972	15	23	1,129	2,517
All Vegetables harvested	335	17	23	762	2,710

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	142	Farming	235
\$1,000 to \$2,499	77	Other	183
\$2,500 to \$4,999	47		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	57	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	36	Male	340
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Female	78
\$25,000 to \$39,999	17		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	13	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	White	585
\$500,000 or more	-	Black or African American	13
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	7,110	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	17,049	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	86	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	207	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

(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.