

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Howard, Maryland

Number of farms

346 farms in 2002, 369 farms in 1997, down 6 percent.

Land in farms

37,582 acres in 2002, 41,501 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Average size of farm

109 acres in 2002, 112 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$21,661,000 in 2002, \$19,707,000 in 1997, up 10 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$16,421,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,240,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

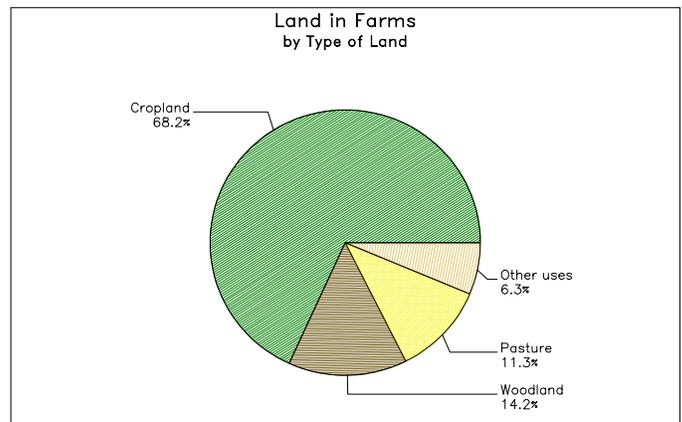
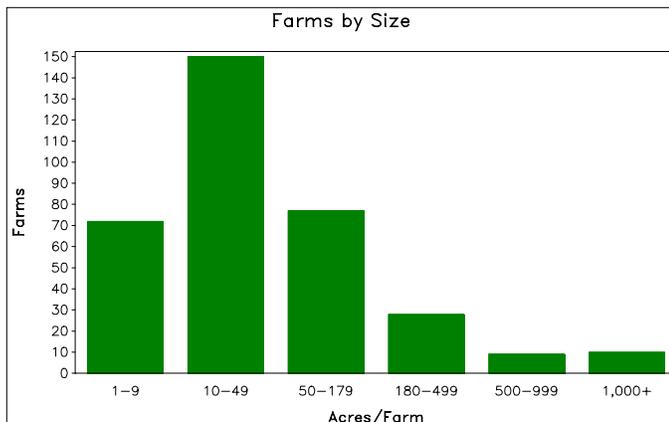
\$62,603 in 2002, \$53,408 in 1997, up 17 percent.

Government Payments

\$569,000 in 2002, \$180,000 in 1997, up 216 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,628 in 2002, \$4,865 in 1997, up 77 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	21,661	16	23	2,027	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	16,421	11	23	1,315	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,240	17	23	2,328	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	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	897	6	23	380	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	11,537	8	23	227	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	220	4	21	249	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	13	21	23	1,906	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,419	12	20	937	2,493
Hogs and pigs	69	16	22	1,590	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	50	9	23	1,268	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,716	4	23	62	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	4,266	14	23	2,593	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,382	8	23	857	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	987	17	23	1,403	2,983
Sheep and lambs	780	10	23	1,147	2,867
Hogs and pigs	263	18	22	1,904	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Corn for grain	7,162	17	23	1,150	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,170	12	23	2,294	3,059
Soybeans	4,234	20	23	1,236	2,076
All Wheat for grain	1,942	17	23	1,308	2,517
Corn for silage	965	12	23	1,121	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	137	Farming	171
\$1,000 to \$2,499	27	Other	175
\$2,500 to \$4,999	51		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	36	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	30	Male	246
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Female	100
\$25,000 to \$39,999	8		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	14		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	12	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9	White	531
\$500,000 or more	8	Black or African American	8
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	22,382	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Average per farm (\$)	64,315	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,236	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	6,426	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.