

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Worcester, Maryland

### Number of farms

403 farms in 2002, 450 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

### Land in farms

131,249 acres in 2002, 114,624 acres in 1997, up 15 percent.

### Average size of farm

326 acres in 2002, 255 acres in 1997, up 28 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$123,450,000 in 2002, \$162,495,000 in 1997, down 24 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$16,186,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$107,264,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

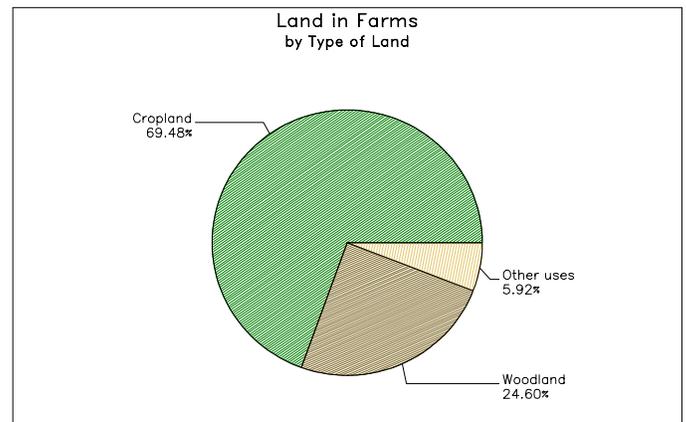
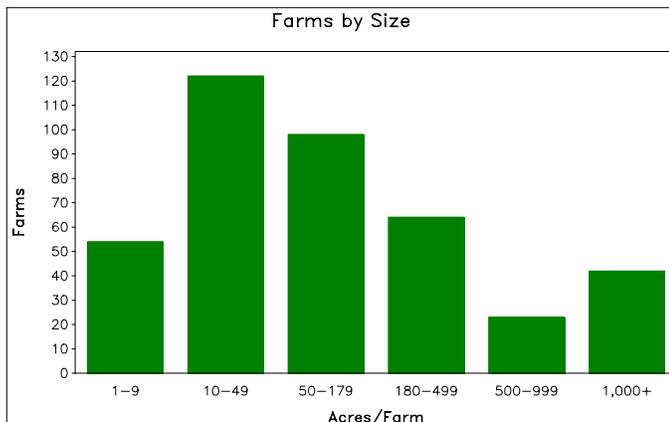
\$306,328 in 2002, \$361,099 in 1997, down 15 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,939,000 in 2002, \$1,003,000 in 1997, up 93 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$12,348 in 2002, \$8,798 in 1997, up 40 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	123,450	3	23	355	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	16,186	12	23	1,324	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	107,264	3	23	189	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	15,238	2	23	812	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	7	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	457	19	23	1,036	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	341	22	23	1,598	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	21	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	96	21	23	2,796	3,046
Poultry and eggs	106,306	3	23	45	2,918
Cattle and calves	203	21	23	2,914	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	36	19	22	1,815	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	28	19	23	2,646	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	16	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	10,437,412	2	23	26	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	7	23	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	1,399	22	23	2,880	3,059
Hogs and pigs	661	13	22	1,507	2,926
All Goats	310	11	23	1,459	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans	42,467	5	23	609	2,076
Corn for grain	40,001	2	23	573	2,592
All Wheat for grain	6,597	9	23	808	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,493	20	23	2,802	3,059
Barley	260	21	23	530	1,246

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	91
\$1,000 to \$2,499	16
\$2,500 to \$4,999	18
\$5,000 to \$9,999	23
\$10,000 to \$19,999	23
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	14
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	14
\$100,000 to \$249,999	51
\$250,000 to \$499,999	56
\$500,000 or more	89
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	95,852
Average per farm (\$)	238,437
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	30,662
Average per farm (\$)	76,274

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	258
Other	145
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	337
Female	66
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	555
Black or African American	21
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	13

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.