

2002 Census of Agriculture State Profile

Maryland

Number of farms

12,198 farms in 2002, 13,254 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

2,077,630 acres in 2002, 2,193,063 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

170 acres in 2002, 165 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$1,293,303,000 in 2002, \$1,371,374,000 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$450,202,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$843,101,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

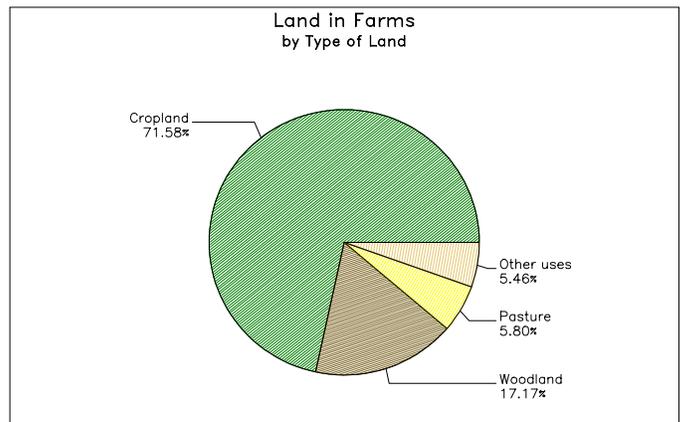
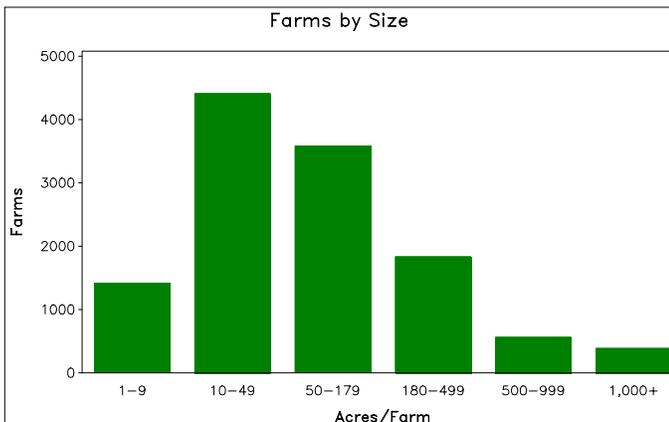
\$106,026 in 2002, \$103,469 in 1997, up 2 percent.

Government Payments

\$33,131,000 in 2002, \$14,470,000 in 1997, up 129 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,825 in 2002, \$5,281 in 1997, up 86 percent.



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Ranked items within U.S., 2002

Item	Quantity	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)			
Total value of agricultural products sold	1,293,303	36	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	450,202	36	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	843,101	34	50
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	167,555	27	50
Tobacco	2,713	16	23
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	60,488	26	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	12,967	29	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	188,484	23	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	2,313	20	50
Other crops and hay	15,682	41	50
Poultry and eggs	583,343	14	50
Cattle and calves	50,570	40	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	169,458	27	50
Hogs and pigs	8,268	32	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	1,179	39	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	23,760	11	50
Aquaculture	1,459	42	50
Other animals and other animal products	5,065	34	50
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	51,135,826	7	50
Layers 20 weeks old and older	3,172,376	28	50
Cattle and calves	240,918	41	50
Turkeys	108,550	25	50
Quail	52,557	15	50
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)			
Soybeans	465,780	20	41
Corn for grain	406,841	22	49
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	227,727	41	50
All Wheat for grain	162,062	27	48
Corn for silage	72,988	23	49

Other State Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	3,633
\$1,000 to \$2,499	1,483
\$2,500 to \$4,999	1,199
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1,067
\$10,000 to \$19,999	1,006
\$20,000 to \$24,999	313
\$25,000 to \$39,999	531
\$40,000 to \$49,999	197
\$50,000 to \$99,999	670
\$100,000 to \$249,999	814
\$250,000 to \$499,999	630
\$500,000 or more	655
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	1,127,590
Average per farm (\$)	92,585
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	246,383
Average per farm (\$)	20,230

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	6,977
Other	5,221
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	10,281
Female	1,917
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.9
All operators ² by race:	
White	17,740
Black or African American	296
American Indian or Alaska Native	71
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	6
Asian	49
More than one race	57
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	164

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.