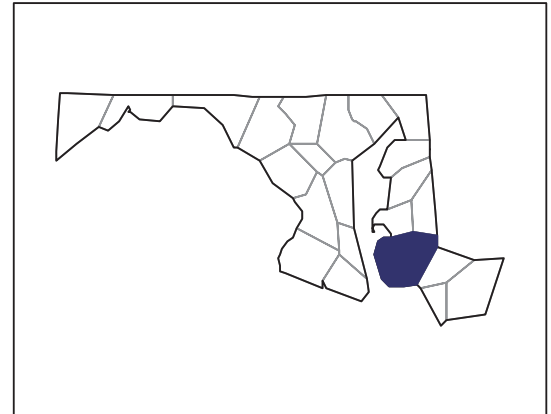


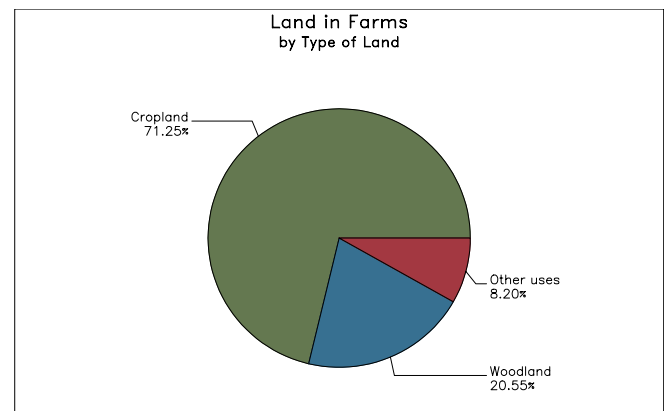
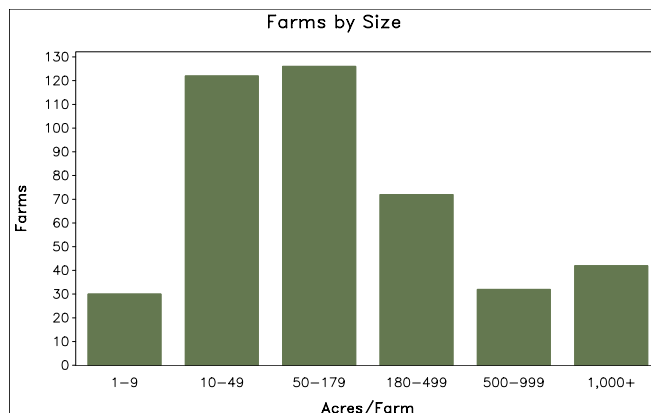
# 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## County Profile

### Dorchester County Maryland



	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	424	351	+ 21
<b>Land in Farms</b>	133,188 acres	125,385 acres	+ 6
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	314 acres	357 acres	- 12
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$166,732,000	\$83,866,000	+ 99
Crop Sales \$43,344,000 (26 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$123,387,000 (74 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$393,235	\$238,934	+ 65
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$2,900,000	\$1,752,000	+ 66
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$9,509	\$8,186	+ 16



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### Dorchester County – Maryland

#### Ranked items among the 23 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	166,732	5	23	455	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	43,344	7	23	962	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	123,387	5	23	276	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	28,100	3	23	845	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	9	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	13,367	1	23	150	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	21	23	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,399	18	23	963	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	21	22	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	17	23	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	122,079	5	23	75	3,020
Cattle and calves	(D)	23	23	(D)	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	20	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	629	6	23	989	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	2	23	23	2,929	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	8	23	23	2,869	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	2	17	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	45	12	23	1,409	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans for beans	38,043	3	23	619	2,039
Corn for grain	33,111	6	23	734	2,634
Wheat for grain, all	15,446	4	23	569	2,481
Vegetables harvested for sale	8,933	1	23	104	2,794
Sweet corn	2,421	2	23	60	2,384
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	11,207,974	3	23	24	2,476
Hogs and pigs	1,934	6	23	1,066	2,958
Ducks	(D)	4	23	(D)	2,733
Layers	396	22	23	2,319	3,024
Cattle and calves	255	23	23	2,996	3,060

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	164	Farming	249
\$1,000 to \$2,499	16	Other	175
\$2,500 to \$4,999	17		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	19	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	10	Male	376
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Female	48
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	29		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	15	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	36	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$500,000 or more	91	Asian	7
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	131,466	Black or African American	19
Average per farm (\$)	310,062	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	580
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	40,817	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	96,267	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	5

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

<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.