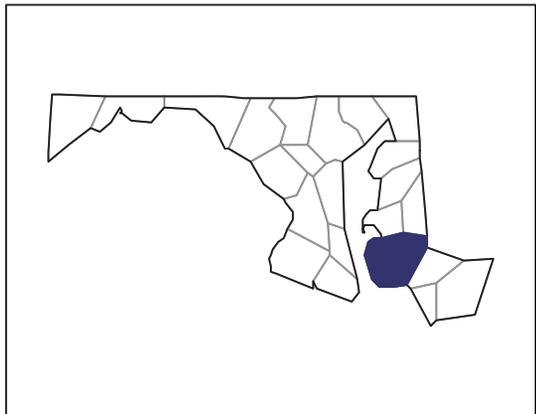


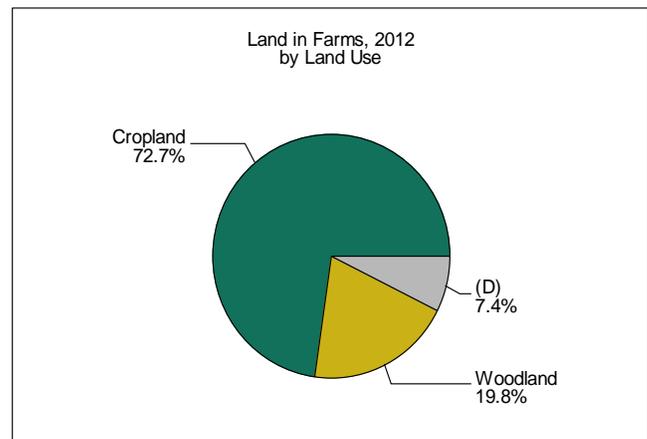
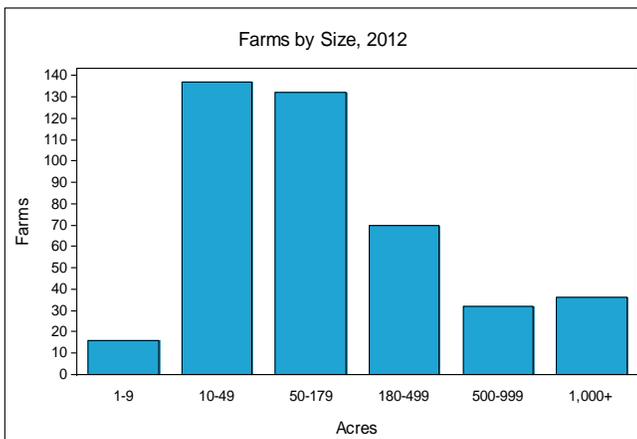
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE



Dorchester County Maryland

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	423	424	0
Land in Farms	126,420 acres	133,188 acres	- 5
Average Size of Farm	299 acres	314 acres	- 5
Market Value of Products Sold	\$187,057,000	\$166,732,000	+ 12
Crop Sales \$69,700,000 (37 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$117,356,000 (63 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$442,214	\$393,235	+ 12
Government Payments	\$2,501,000	\$2,900,000	- 14
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,792	\$9,509	- 18





Dorchester County – Maryland

Ranked items among the 23 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	187,057	5	23	602	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	69,700	6	23	909	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	117,356	5	23	370	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	57,024	5	23	760	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	8	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	11,752	2	23	188	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	26	22	23	2,036	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	19	23	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	20	21	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	(D)	23	23	(D)	3,049
Poultry and eggs	111,731	5	23	105	3,013
Cattle and calves	119	22	23	2,954	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	18	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	12	23	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	11	23	23	2,644	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	22	22	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	1	15	61	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	11	23	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	41,565	4	23	677	2,162
Corn for grain	26,762	8	23	857	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	17,067	5	22	519	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	17,067	5	22	427	2,480
Vegetables harvested, all	6,193	2	23	138	2,801
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	5,389,300	5	23	84	2,723
Ducks	(D)	2	17	(D)	2,480
Colonies of bees	(D)	3	23	(D)	2,761
Hogs and pigs	(D)	9	23	(D)	2,889
Layers	285	23	23	2,642	3,040

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	179	Farming	229
\$1,000 to \$2,499	9	Other	194
\$2,500 to \$4,999	9	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	10	Male	370
\$10,000 to \$19,999	9	Female	53
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	61.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	12	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	14	Asian	12
\$100,000 to \$249,999	34	Black or African American	16
\$250,000 to \$499,999	21	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	114	White	573
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	138,071	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	326,408	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	55,791		
Average per farm (\$)	131,894		

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

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

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.