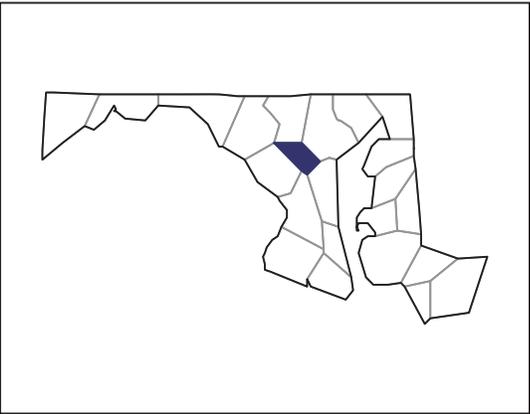


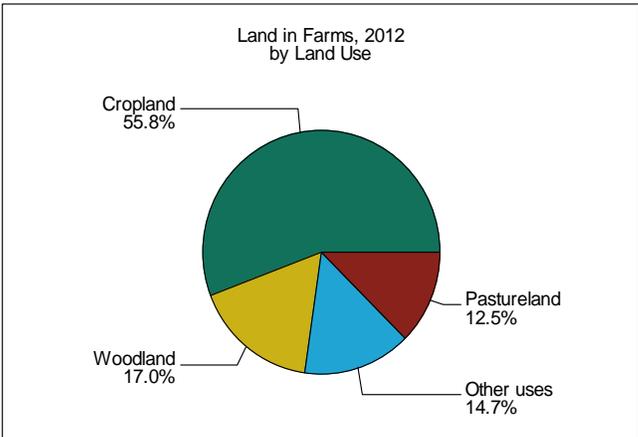
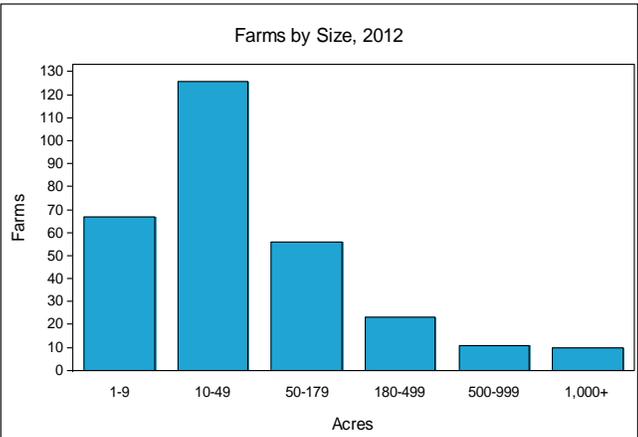
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Howard County Maryland

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	293	335	- 13
<b>Land in Farms</b>	37,475 acres	29,371 acres	+ 28
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	128 acres	88 acres	+ 45
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$31,883,000	\$22,685,000	+ 41
Crop Sales \$27,700,000 (87 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$4,183,000 (13 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$108,817	\$67,717	+ 61
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$309,000	\$246,000	+ 26
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$5,059	\$5,725	- 12





## Howard County – Maryland

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

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	31,883	16	23	2,101	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	27,700	15	23	1,530	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,183	17	23	2,527	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	11,741	17	23	1,455	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	8	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	692	20	23	975	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,143	6	23	455	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	13,349	7	23	211	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	105	4	21	275	1,530
Other crops and hay	671	13	23	2,225	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	14	23	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	597	14	23	2,751	3,056
Milk from cows	2,106	12	18	1,014	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	14	23	(D)	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	204	6	23	786	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	706	6	22	380	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	13	15	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	118	9	23	1,009	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	6,444	18	23	1,345	2,638
Soybeans for beans	6,195	17	23	1,231	2,162
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,007	12	23	2,347	3,057
Wheat for grain, all	3,501	17	22	1,128	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	3,501	17	22	1,049	2,480
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Turkeys	(D)	2	18	(D)	2,416
Cattle and calves	1,826	15	23	2,755	3,063
Layers	1,446	14	23	1,565	3,040
Horses and ponies	1,377	8	23	812	3,072
Sheep and lambs	1,048	6	23	861	2,897

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	90	Farming	111
\$1,000 to \$2,499	32	Other	182
\$2,500 to \$4,999	34	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	42	Male	227
\$10,000 to \$19,999	16	Female	66
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	16	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7	Asian	4
\$100,000 to \$249,999	16	Black or African American	7
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
\$500,000 or more	17	White	477
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	30,860	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	105,323	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	11
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,023		
Average per farm (\$)	13,732		

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.

<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.