

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Washington, Maryland

### Number of farms

775 farms in 2002, 823 farms in 1997, down 6 percent.

### Land in farms

125,159 acres in 2002, 126,467 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

161 acres in 2002, 154 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$59,577,000 in 2002, \$58,979,000 in 1997, up 1 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$11,072,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$48,505,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

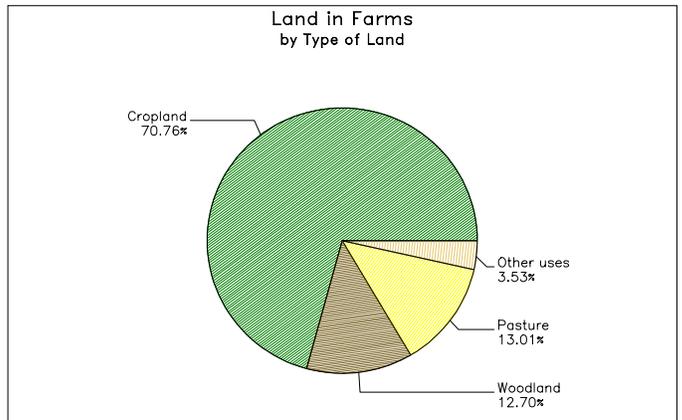
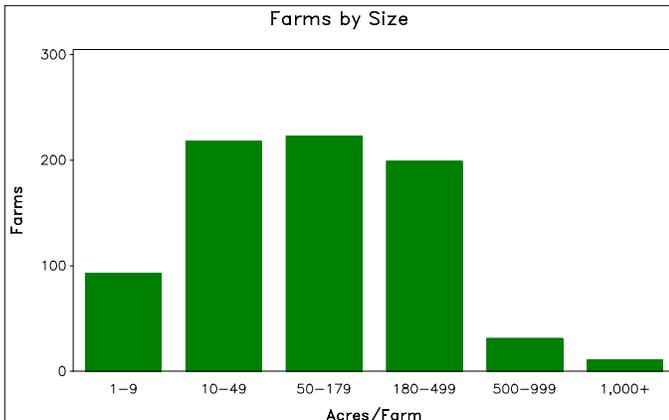
\$76,874 in 2002, \$71,663 in 1997, up 7 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,809,000 in 2002, \$603,000 in 1997, up 200 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,776 in 2002, \$4,219 in 1997, up 132 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	59,577	12	23	963	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	11,072	15	23	1,586	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	48,505	7	23	573	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	7	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	707	17	23	880	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	3,336	1	23	187	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,380	15	23	956	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	21	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,029	6	23	1,214	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3,438	12	23	700	2,918
Cattle and calves	6,643	2	23	1,290	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	36,741	2	20	125	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1,333	2	22	806	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	121	4	23	700	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	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>					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	267,961	5	23	234	2,983
Cattle and calves	42,681	2	23	710	3,059
Hogs and pigs	5,718	1	22	868	2,926
Colonies of bees	(D)	(D)	21	(D)	2,392
Sheep and lambs	1,489	6	23	717	2,867
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	27,658	2	23	806	3,059
Corn for silage	16,831	2	23	73	2,307
Corn for grain	14,014	12	23	920	2,592
Soybeans	9,932	16	23	1,037	2,076
All Wheat for grain	5,044	12	23	919	2,517

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	185
\$1,000 to \$2,499	93
\$2,500 to \$4,999	76
\$5,000 to \$9,999	50
\$10,000 to \$19,999	61
\$20,000 to \$24,999	29
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	51
\$100,000 to \$249,999	102
\$250,000 to \$499,999	69
\$500,000 or more	15
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	51,094
Average per farm (\$)	65,928
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	10,215
Average per farm (\$)	13,180

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	479
Other	296
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	670
Female	105
Average age of principal operator (years)	53.6
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,201
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	4
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1

(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.