Charles County
Maryland

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	385	+1
Land in farms (acres)	41,021	-12
Average size of farm (acres)	107	-13
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	14,065,000	+18
Government payments	789,000	+55
Farm-related income	1,291,000	+1
Total farm production expenses	16,899,000	+1
Net cash farm income	-754,000	+74
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	36,533	+17
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	11,600	+99
Farm-related income	11,740	+24
Total farm production expenses	43,893	+1
Net cash farm income	-1,957	+74

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	88
Livestock, poultry, and products	12

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	63
Pastureland	8
Woodland	22
Other	7

Acres irrigated: 543

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	21
Reduced till	8
Intensive till	21
Cover crop	18

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	175	45
$2,500 to $4,999	56	15
$5,000 to $9,999	31	8
$10,000 to $24,999	54	14
$25,000 to $49,999	24	6
$50,000 to $99,999	18	5
$100,000 or more	27	7

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	72	19
10 to 49 acres	154	40
50 to 179 acres	104	27
180 to 499 acres	39	10
500 to 999 acres	11	3
1,000 + acres	5	1

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales ($1,000)	Rank in State [b]	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. [b]	Counties Producing Item
Total	**14,065**	**21**	**23**	**2,546**	**3,077**
Crops	**12,439**	**20**	**23**	**1,933**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	8,292	17	23	1,450	2,916
Tobacco	(D)	4	5	239	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	2,065	13	23	557	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	15	23	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	899	18	23	884	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	17	20	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	843	13	23	2,031	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**1,626**	**21**	**23**	**2,768**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	214	17	23	887	3,007
Cattle and calves	462	17	23	2,548	3,055
Milk from cows	324	16	18	1,043	1,892
Hogs and pigs	93	12	22	936	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	13	23	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	115	15	22	1,356	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	8	15	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	69	13	22	876	2,878

Total Producers [c] — 640

Sex
Male — 401
Female — 239

Age
<35 — 62
35 – 64 — 364
65 and older — 214

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native — 4
Asian — 2
Black or African American — 19
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander — -
White — 607
More than one race — 8

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin — 4
With military service — 111
New and beginning farmers — 175

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **76**

Farm organically **1**

Sell directly to consumers **12**

Hire farm labor **17**

Are family farms **96**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Soybeans for beans — 8,842
Wheat for grain, all — 5,203
Corn for grain — 4,936
Forage (hay/haylage), all — 3,932
Sorghum for grain — 1,243

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens — 6,108
Cattle and calves — 1,788
Goats — 517
Hogs and pigs — 159
Horses and ponies — 790
Layers — 13,916
Pullets — 126
Sheep and lambs — 329
Turkeys — (D)

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.
[a] May not add to 100% due to rounding. [b] Among counties whose rank can be displayed. [c] Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.
[d] Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. [e] Position below the line does not indicate rank.
(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.