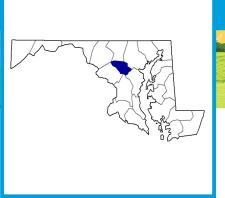


# Howard County Maryland



### Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	321	+10
Land in farms (acres)	32,436	-13
Average size of farm (acres)	101	-21
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	27,259,000	-15
Government payments	240,000	-22
Farm-related income	3,988,000	+48
Total farm production expenses	29,396,000	-5
Net cash farm income	2,091,000	-48
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	84,919	-22
Government payments		
(average per farm receiving)	7,062	+40
Farm-related income	38,344	+52
Total farm production expenses	91,578	-13
Net cash farm income	6,513	-53

## Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales I	by Type (%)	
Crops	86	
Livestock, poultry, and products		
Land in Farms I	oy Use (%) a	
Cropland	55	
Pastureland	14	
Woodland	17	
Other	14	
Acres irrigated: 4	18	
	1% of land in farms	
Land Use Pract	ices (% of farms)	
No till	17	
Reduced till	6	
Intensive till	3	
Cover crop	10	

Farms by Value of Sal	es		Farms by Size		
	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>		Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	177	55	1 to 9 acres	131	41
\$2,500 to \$4,999	22	7	10 to 49 acres	103	32
\$5,000 to \$9,999	32	10	50 to 179 acres	49	15
\$10,000 to \$24,999	22	7	180 to 499 acres	26	8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	21	7	500 to 999 acres	7	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12	4	1,000 + acres	5	2
\$100,000 or more	35	11			

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#### **Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

		Rank	Counties	Rank	Counties
	Sales	in	Producing	in	Producing
	(\$1,000)	State <sup>b</sup>	Item	U.S. b	Item
Total	27,259	17	23	2,198	3,077
Crops	23,517	15	23	1,549	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	4,972	19	23	1,651	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	867	17	23	788	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	6	23	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	14,240	6	23	184	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation					
woody crops	248	3	20	157	1,384
Other crops and hay	(D)	10	23	(D)	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	3,742	19	23	2,561	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	21	23	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	1,024	11	23	2,384	3,055
Milk from cows	1,198	12	18	902	1,892
Hogs and pigs	65	15	22	1,018	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	212	4	23	754	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	1,139	7	22	155	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	15	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	14	22	(D)	2,878

Total Producers <sup>c</sup>	513	Percent of farms	s that:	Top Crops in Acres d	
Sex Male Female	292 221	Have internet access	86	Forage (hay/haylage), all Corn for grain Soybeans for beans Wheat for grain, all	5,297 4,669 (D) 984
<b>Age</b> <35 35 – 64 65 and older	19 316 178	Farm organically	-	Corn for silage or greenchop	222
Race American Indian/Alaska Native Asian Black or African American	- 9 5	Sell directly to consumers	16	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)  Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,020
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander White More than one race	494 5	Hire farm labor	35	Cattle and calves Goats Hogs and pigs Horses and ponies	2,567 427 377 1,356
Other characteristics Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin With military service New and beginning farmers	7 35 107	Are family farms	94	Layers Pullets Sheep and lambs Turkeys	2,197 130 969 20

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. <sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. <sup>e</sup> Position below the line does not indicate rank.

<sup>(</sup>D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.