



# Caroline County Maryland

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

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	588	-11
Land in farms (acres)	128,052	-15
Average size of farm (acres)	218	-5
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	277,428,000	+8
Government payments	3,482,000	+4
Farm-related income	4,064,000	-60
Total farm production expenses	192,116,000	-10
Net cash farm income	92,858,000	+62
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	471,816	+20
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	12,660	+54
Farm-related income	14,568	-49
Total farm production expenses	326,727	(Z)
Net cash farm income	157,922	+82

**11** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	26
Livestock, poultry, and products	74

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	85
Pastureland	1
Woodland	11
Other	3

**Acres irrigated: 32,420**

25% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	43
Reduced till	17
Intensive till	11
Cover crop	30

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	172	29
\$2,500 to \$4,999	43	7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	35	6
\$10,000 to \$24,999	54	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	31	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	25	4
\$100,000 or more	228	39

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	77	13
10 to 49 acres	207	35
50 to 179 acres	159	27
180 to 499 acres	64	11
500 to 999 acres	52	9
1,000 + acres	29	5

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>277,428</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>70,845</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	53,161	3	23	733	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	10,728	3	23	213	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	550	9	23	631	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	5,857	12	23	348	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	20	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	550	16	23	2,284	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>206,582</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	193,346	4	23	50	3,007
Cattle and calves	6,574	4	23	1,534	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	9	18	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	12	18	22	1,531	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	31	19	23	2,016	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	3	22	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	15	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	106	11	22	733	2,878

**Total Producers <sup>c</sup>**

<b>Sex</b>	<b>904</b>
Male	609
Female	295
<b>Age</b>	
<35	47
35 – 64	562
65 and older	295
<b>Race</b>	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	7
Black or African American	3
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	891
More than one race	3
<b>Other characteristics</b>	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	13
With military service	125
New and beginning farmers	225

**Percent of farms that:**

Have internet access	<b>69</b>
Farm organically	<b>1</b>
Sell directly to consumers	<b>5</b>
Hire farm labor	<b>27</b>
Are family farms	<b>97</b>

**Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>**

Soybeans for beans	49,254
Corn for grain	36,408
Wheat for grain, all	17,982
Vegetables harvested, all	6,673
Barley for grain	4,059

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)**

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	11,420,218
Cattle and calves	3,714
Goats	132
Hogs and pigs	95
Horses and ponies	613
Layers	2,608
Pullets	359
Sheep and lambs	306
Turkeys	-

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

<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](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> 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.