



Dorchester County Maryland

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	371	-12
Land in farms (acres)	132,166	+5
Average size of farm (acres)	356	+19
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	188,673,000	+1
Government payments	4,484,000	+79
Farm-related income	4,169,000	-3
Total farm production expenses	141,732,000	+3
Net cash farm income	55,594,000	(Z)
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	508,551	+15
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	17,116	+120
Farm-related income	19,483	-12
Total farm production expenses	382,027	+17
Net cash farm income	149,849	+14

8 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	31
Livestock, poultry, and products	69

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	73
Pastureland	(Z)
Woodland	21
Other	5

Acres irrigated: 29,927

23% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	38
Reduced till	16
Intensive till	15
Cover crop	28

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	166	45
\$2,500 to \$4,999	9	2
\$5,000 to \$9,999	9	2
\$10,000 to \$24,999	14	4
\$25,000 to \$49,999	16	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12	3
\$100,000 or more	145	39

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	28	8
10 to 49 acres	117	32
50 to 179 acres	96	26
180 to 499 acres	51	14
500 to 999 acres	38	10
1,000 + acres	41	11

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	188,673	5	23	567	3,077
Crops	57,550	9	23	999	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	43,387	5	23	826	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	12,303	1	23	188	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	19	23	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	17	23	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	16	20	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	(D)	21	23	(D)	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	131,123	5	23	371	3,073
Poultry and eggs	124,031	5	23	113	3,007
Cattle and calves	95	23	23	2,687	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	18	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	116	10	22	866	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	23	23	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	-	-	22	-	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	1	15	51	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	21	22	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	591	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d	
Sex		Have internet access	70	
Male	407			
Female	184	Farm organically	-	
Age		Sell directly to consumers	5	
<35	40	Hire farm labor	33	
35 – 64	335	Are family farms	95	
65 and older	216			
Race			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	4,997,456
Asian	34		Cattle and calves	260
Black or African American	16		Goats	88
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		Hogs and pigs	412
White	533		Horses and ponies	170
More than one race	8		Layers	864
Other characteristics			Pullets	-
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	13		Sheep and lambs	69
With military service	49		Turkeys	(D)
New and beginning farmers	146			

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.