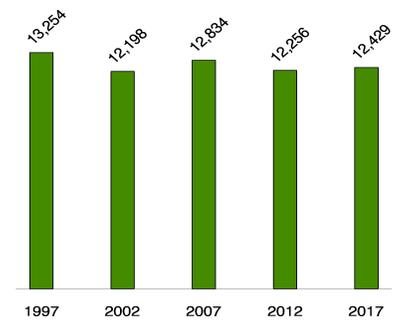


# Maryland

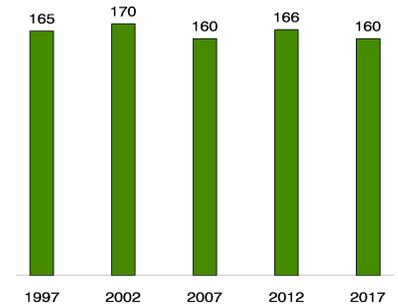
## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

|   | 2017          | % change since 2012 |
|---|---------------|---------------------|
| Number of farms                                     | 12,429        | +1                  |
| Land in farms (acres)                               | 1,990,122     | -2                  |
| Average size of farm (acres)                        | 160           | -3                  |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>(\$)</b>   |                     |
| Market value of products sold                       | 2,472,805,000 | +9                  |
| Government payments                                 | 44,410,000    | +23                 |
| Farm-related income                                 | 110,281,000   | (Z)                 |
| Total farm production expenses                      | 1,968,797,000 | +1                  |
| Net cash farm income                                | 658,699,000   | +38                 |
| <b>Per farm average</b>                             | <b>(\$)</b>   |                     |
| Market value of products sold                       | 198,954       | +7                  |
| Government payments<br>(average per farm receiving) | 12,471        | +60                 |
| Farm-related income                                 | 21,397        | (Z)                 |
| Total farm production expenses                      | 158,404       | (Z)                 |
| Net cash farm income                                | 52,997        | +36                 |

## Number of Farms, 1997-2017



## Average Farm Size, 1997-2017 (acres)



## Farms by Value of Sales

|                      | Number | Percent of Total <sup>a</sup> |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$2,500    | 4,907  | 39                            |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999   | 1,218  | 10                            |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999   | 1,101  | 9                             |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 1,379  | 11                            |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 819    | 7                             |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 653    | 5                             |
| \$100,000 or more    | 2,352  | 19                            |

## Farms by Size

|                  | Number | Percent of Total <sup>a</sup> |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1 to 9 acres     | 2,244  | 18                            |
| 10 to 49 acres   | 4,559  | 37                            |
| 50 to 179 acres  | 3,332  | 27                            |
| 180 to 499 acres | 1,402  | 11                            |
| 500 to 999 acres | 490    | 4                             |
| 1,000 + acres    | 402    | 3                             |

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

|  | Sales<br>(\$1,000) | Rank<br>in<br>U.S. <sup>b</sup> | States<br>Producing<br>Item |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>2,472,805</b>   | <b>36</b>                       | <b>50</b>                   |
| <b>Crops</b>   | <b>948,125</b>     | <b>36</b>                       | <b>50</b>                   |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas                  | 575,218            | 27                              | 50                          |
| Tobacco  | 1,416              | 14                              | 18                          |
| Cotton and cottonseed                                  | -                  | -                               | 17                          |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes           | 71,357             | 30                              | 50                          |
| Fruits, tree nuts, berries                             | 23,704             | 28                              | 50                          |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod                 | 230,493            | 21                              | 50                          |
| Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops | 2,021              | 20                              | 50                          |
| Other crops and hay                                    | 43,917             | 42                              | 50                          |
| <b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>                | <b>1,524,681</b>   | <b>35</b>                       | <b>50</b>                   |
| Poultry and eggs                                       | 1,180,970          | 16                              | 50                          |
| Cattle and calves                                      | 75,040             | 40                              | 50                          |
| Milk from cows   | 174,468            | 28                              | 50                          |
| Hogs and pigs  | 7,250              | 33                              | 50                          |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk                       | 3,747              | 39                              | 50                          |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys                 | 22,715             | 14                              | 50                          |
| Aquaculture  | 18,232             | 21                              | 50                          |
| Other animals and animal products                      | 42,260             | 10                              | 50                          |

**1** Percent of U.S. agriculture sales

**Share of Sales by Type (%)**

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Crops                            | 38 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 62 |

**Land in Farms by Use (acres)**

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| Cropland    | 1,426,671 |
| Pastureland | 133,321   |
| Woodland    | 316,647   |
| Other       | 113,483   |

**Top Counties: Land in Farms (acres)**

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| Frederick    | 188,576 |
| Queen Anne S | 163,001 |
| Carroll      | 146,778 |
| Kent         | 134,262 |
| Dorchester   | 132,166 |

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

**21,279**

| <b>Sex</b>                       |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Male                             | 13,131 |
| Female                           | 8,148  |
| <b>Age</b>                       |        |
| <35                              | 2,047  |
| 35 – 64                          | 12,331 |
| 65 and older                     | 6,901  |
| <b>Race</b>                      |        |
| American Indian/Alaska Native    | 66     |
| Asian                            | 288    |
| Black or African American        | 277    |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 19     |
| White                            | 20,512 |
| More than one race               | 117    |
| <b>Other characteristics</b>     |        |
| Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin | 267    |
| With military service            | 2,054  |
| New and beginning farmers        | 5,764  |

**Percent of farms that:**

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Have internet access       | <b>77</b> |
| Farm organically           | <b>1</b>  |
| Sell directly to consumers | <b>11</b> |
| Hire farm labor            | <b>27</b> |
| Are family farms           | <b>96</b> |

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

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Soybeans for beans           | 512,697 |
| Corn for grain               | 439,538 |
| Forage (hay/haylage), all    | 184,714 |
| Wheat for grain, all         | 164,831 |
| Corn for silage or greenchop | 33,382  |

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

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | 59,518,315 |
| Cattle and calves                     | 185,281    |
| Goats                                 | 13,833     |
| Hogs and pigs                         | 18,379     |
| Horses and ponies                     | 27,635     |
| Layers                                | 2,971,918  |
| Pullets                               | (D)        |
| Sheep and lambs                       | 23,399     |
| Turkeys                               | 54,875     |

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 states 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.