

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Dorchester, Maryland

Number of farms

351 farms in 2002, 308 farms in 1997, up 14 percent.

Land in farms

125,385 acres in 2002, 122,443 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

357 acres in 2002, 398 acres in 1997, down 10 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$83,866,000 in 2002, \$88,820,000 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$25,666,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$58,200,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

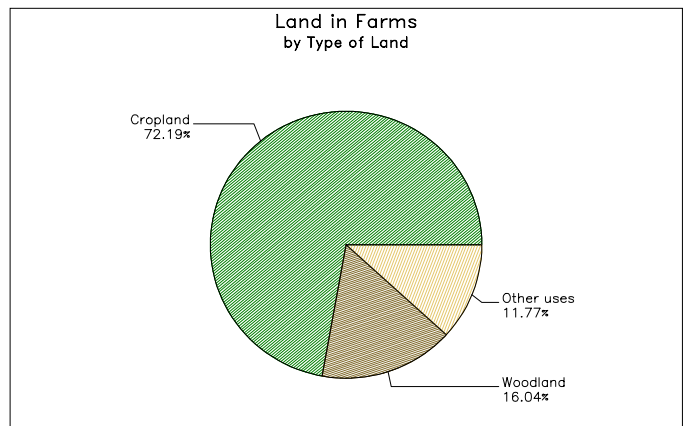
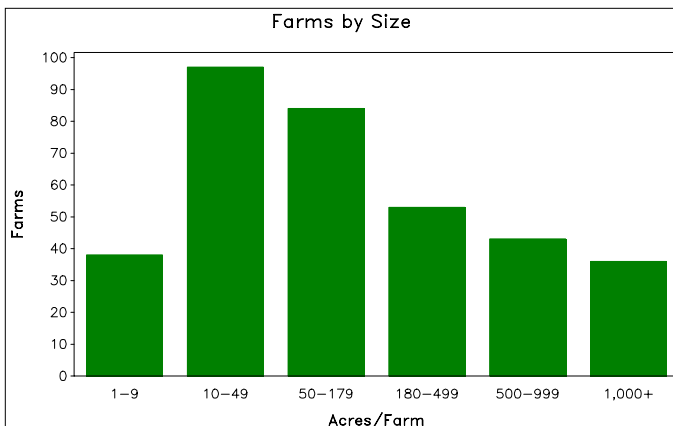
\$238,934 in 2002, \$288,376 in 1997, down 17 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,752,000 in 2002, \$565,000 in 1997, up 210 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,186 in 2002, \$5,380 in 1997, up 52 percent.



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Ranked items among the 23 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	83,866	6	23	659	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	25,666	9	23	986	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	58,200	6	23	456	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	12,848	6	23	896	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	7	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	11,900	1	23	152	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	21	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	49	22	23	2,904	3,046
Poultry and eggs	57,379	5	23	110	2,918
Cattle and calves	68	23	23	2,984	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	20	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	22	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	9	23	23	2,916	3,014
Aquaculture	84	6	16	610	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	4,988,023	5	23	82	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	8	23	(D)	2,983
Hogs and pigs	2,907	4	22	1,032	2,926
Ducks	2,600	4	20	57	2,630
Cattle and calves	316	23	23	2,997	3,059
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	44,803	3	23	592	2,076
Corn for grain	22,856	7	23	772	2,592
All Wheat for grain	13,392	5	23	541	2,517
All Vegetables harvested	7,437	1	23	89	2,710
Barley	2,975	5	23	185	1,246

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	113	Farming	193
\$1,000 to \$2,499	24	Other	158
\$2,500 to \$4,999	5	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	20	Male	311
\$10,000 to \$19,999	17	Female	40
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	13	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	White	464
\$50,000 to \$99,999	16	Black or African American	13
\$100,000 to \$249,999	36	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	43	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	49	Asian	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	59,885	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	170,128	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	29,067		
Average per farm (\$)	82,577		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.