

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Wicomico, Maryland

### Number of farms

512 farms in 2002, 624 farms in 1997, down 18 percent.

### Land in farms

88,470 acres in 2002, 92,057 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Average size of farm

173 acres in 2002, 148 acres in 1997, up 17 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$174,594,000 in 2002, \$205,514,000 in 1997, down 15 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$26,226,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$148,368,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

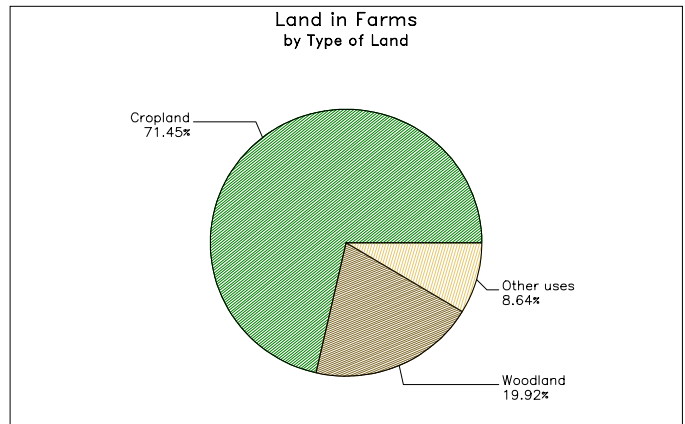
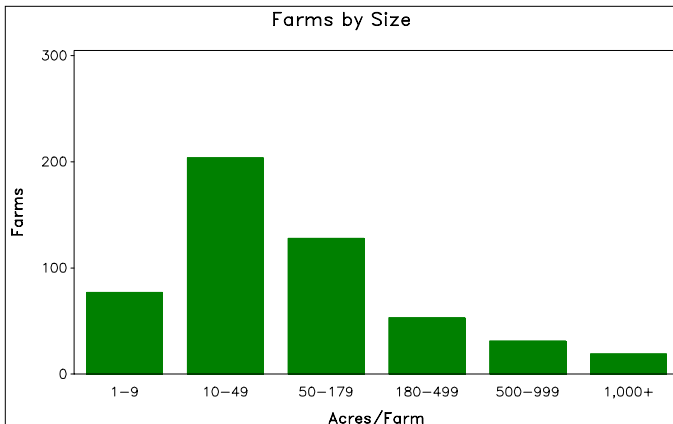
\$341,003 in 2002, \$329,350 in 1997, up 4 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,492,000 in 2002, \$447,000 in 1997, up 234 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$8,777 in 2002, \$3,952 in 1997, up 122 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	174,594	1	23	188	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	26,226	8	23	969	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	148,368	1	23	102	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	7,534	9	23	1,090	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	7	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	4,689	5	23	322	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	228	13	23	843	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	13,594	6	23	201	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	9	17	21	1,206	1,774
Other crops and hay	172	17	23	2,596	3,046
Poultry and eggs	147,281	1	23	24	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	20	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	159	12	22	1,321	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	33	12	23	1,559	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	155	14	23	1,367	3,014
Aquaculture	1	15	16	1,299	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	12,752,866	1	23	15	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	123,621	6	23	354	2,983
Cattle and calves	2,986	15	23	2,708	3,059
Hogs and pigs	708	12	22	1,475	2,926
Sheep and lambs	469	12	23	1,495	2,867
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans	26,200	7	23	758	2,076
Corn for grain	22,492	8	23	779	2,592
All Wheat for grain	5,092	11	23	913	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,673	18	23	2,639	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	1,989	5	23	281	2,710

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	109	Farming	339
\$1,000 to \$2,499	36	Other	173
\$2,500 to \$4,999	21		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	31	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	25	Male	442
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Female	70
\$25,000 to \$39,999	18		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	25		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	51	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	75	White	709
\$500,000 or more	106	Black or African American	11
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	134,290	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	261,773	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
		Asian	10
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	41,281	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	80,470	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.