



Howard County Maryland

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	321	+10
Land in farms (acres)	32,436	-13
Average size of farm (acres)	101	-21
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	27,259,000	-15
Government payments	240,000	-22
Farm-related income	3,988,000	+48
Total farm production expenses	29,396,000	-5
Net cash farm income	2,091,000	-48
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	84,919	-22
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	7,062	+40
Farm-related income	38,344	+52
Total farm production expenses	91,578	-13
Net cash farm income	6,513	-53

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	86
Livestock, poultry, and products	14

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	55
Pastureland	14
Woodland	17
Other	14

Acres irrigated: 418

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	17
Reduced till	6
Intensive till	3
Cover crop	10

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	177	55
\$2,500 to \$4,999	22	7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	32	10
\$10,000 to \$24,999	22	7
\$25,000 to \$49,999	21	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	12	4
\$100,000 or more	35	11

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	131	41
10 to 49 acres	103	32
50 to 179 acres	49	15
180 to 499 acres	26	8
500 to 999 acres	7	2
1,000 + acres	5	2

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	27,259	17	23	2,198	3,077
Crops	23,517	15	23	1,549	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	4,972	19	23	1,651	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	867	17	23	788	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	6	23	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	14,240	6	23	184	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	248	3	20	157	1,384
Other crops and hay	(D)	10	23	(D)	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	3,742	19	23	2,561	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	21	23	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	1,024	11	23	2,384	3,055
Milk from cows	1,198	12	18	902	1,892
Hogs and pigs	65	15	22	1,018	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	212	4	23	754	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	1,139	7	22	155	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	15	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	14	22	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Sex	513
Male	292
Female	221
Age	
<35	19
35 – 64	316
65 and older	178
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	9
Black or African American	5
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	494
More than one race	5
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	7
With military service	35
New and beginning farmers	107

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	86
Farm organically	-
Sell directly to consumers	16
Hire farm labor	35
Are family farms	94

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Forage (hay/haylage), all	5,297
Corn for grain	4,669
Soybeans for beans	(D)
Wheat for grain, all	984
Corn for silage or greenchop	222

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,020
Cattle and calves	2,567
Goats	427
Hogs and pigs	377
Horses and ponies	1,356
Layers	2,197
Pullets	130
Sheep and lambs	969
Turkeys	20

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.