Somerset County
Maryland

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	255	-11
Land in farms (acres)	59,440	-9
Average size of farm (acres)	233	+2
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	262,201,000	+20
Government payments	1,875,000	+13
Farm-related income	2,534,000	-4
Total farm production expenses	179,636,000	+3
Net cash farm income	86,975,000	+80
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	1,028,241	+34
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	14,208	+52
Farm-related income	18,770	-3
Total farm production expenses	704,454	+15
Net cash farm income	341,079	+102

11 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	8
Livestock, poultry, and products	92

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	64
Pastureland	1
Woodland	26
Other	9

Acres irrigated: 295

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	24
Reduced till	12
Intensive till	11
Cover crop	18

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	84	33
$2,500 to $4,999	11	4
$5,000 to $9,999	7	3
$10,000 to $24,999	15	6
$25,000 to $49,999	6	2
$50,000 to $99,999	12	5
$100,000 or more	120	47

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	27	11
10 to 49 acres	81	32
50 to 179 acres	75	29
180 to 499 acres	43	17
500 to 999 acres	19	7
1,000 + acres	10	4

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

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	**262,201**	**3**	**23**	**337**	**3,077**
Crops	**22,101**	**16**	**23**	**1,588**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	20,931	13	23	1,124	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	5	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	985	16	23	757	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	21	23	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	(D)	23	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	20	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	114	23	23	2,669	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**240,100**	**1**	**23**	**151**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	239,447	1	23	32	3,007
Cattle and calves	117	22	23	2,674	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	17	18	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	22	22	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	17	23	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	5	21	22	2,367	2,970
Aquaculture	256	9	15	197	1,251
Other animals and animal products	-	-	22	-	2,878

Total Producers [c] 425

Sex
Male 290
Female 135

Age
<35 34
35 – 64 243
65 and older 148

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native -
Asian 45
Black or African American 5
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander -
White 370
More than one race 5

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin -
With military service 43
New and beginning farmers 115

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **77**

Farm organically **1**

Sell directly to consumers **3**

Hire farm labor **44**

Are family farms **95**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Soybeans for beans	19,469
Corn for grain	13,042
Wheat for grain, all	7,040
Barley for grain	998
Forage (hay/haylage), all	533

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	12,451,578
Cattle and calves	518
Goats	444
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Horses and ponies	70
Layers	(D)
Pullets	-
Sheep and lambs	393
Turkeys	-

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.