



Howard County Maryland

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	345	+7
Land in farms (acres)	37,639	+16
Average size of farm (acres)	109	+8
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	29,631,000	+9
Government payments	226,000	-6
Farm-related income	7,311,000	+83
Total farm production expenses	36,685,000	+25
Net cash farm income	483,000	-77
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	85,886	+1
Government payments ^a	8,708	+23
Farm-related income ^a	51,127	+33
Total farm production expenses	106,333	+16
Net cash farm income	1,401	-78

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	89
Livestock, poultry, and products	11

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	19,811
Pastureland	5,287
Woodland	6,905
Other	5,636

Acres irrigated: 275

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	20
Reduced till	10
Intensive till	9
Cover crop	11

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	163	47
\$2,500 to \$4,999	32	9
\$5,000 to \$9,999	42	12
\$10,000 to \$24,999	29	8
\$25,000 to \$49,999	23	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	21	6
\$100,000 or more	35	10

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	96	28
10 to 49 acres	127	37
50 to 179 acres	76	22
180 to 499 acres	32	9
500 to 999 acres	9	3
1,000+ acres	5	1

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^c	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^c	Counties Producing Item
Total	29,631	18	23	2,283	3,078
Crops	26,353	17	23	1,668	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	10,035	20	23	1,546	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	6	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	598	23	23	1,045	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	2,053	6	23	395	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	12,511	8	23	254	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	4	20	(D)	1,274
Other crops and hay	(D)	10	23	(D)	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	3,278	20	23	2,587	3,076
Poultry and eggs	(D)	22	23	(D)	3,027
Cattle and calves	1,043	13	23	2,374	3,047
Milk from cows	1,448	12	17	749	1,770
Hogs and pigs	99	11	22	905	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	87	11	23	1,526	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	458	12	21	626	2,907
Aquaculture	-	-	14	-	1,190
Other animals and animal products	(D)	12	23	(D)	2,909

Producers ^d	726	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e	
Sex		Have internet access	90	
Male	431			
Female	295	Farm organically	1	
Age		Sell directly to consumers	14	
<35	71	Hire farm labor	34	
35 – 64	368	Are family farms	88	
65 and older	287			
Race			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	601
Asian	11		Cattle and calves	2,222
Black or African American	21		Goats	501
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		Hogs and pigs	273
White	673		Horses and ponies	1,683
More than one race	21		Layers	1,805
Other characteristics			Pullets	341
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	26		Sheep and lambs	820
With military service	71		Turkeys	(D)
New and beginning farmers	271			

^a Average per farm receiving. ^b May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^c Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^d Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. ^e Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^f 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.