

FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

Information based on Congressional Districts of the 106th U.S. Congress, 1997

	1997	1992	1987
<b>Farms</b>			
Number	1,304	1,346	1,439
Acreage	215,927	222,768	236,350
Average size (acres)	166	166	164
Median size (acres)	93	N	N
<b>Estimated market value average per farm</b>			
Land/buildings (dollars)	625,965	578,279	420,302
Machinery/equip (dollars)	60,219	51,479	49,415
<b>Cropland (acres)</b>			
Total	171,259	173,107	182,838
Harvested	134,457	134,181	135,370
Irrigated	530	821	1,387
<b>Agricultural products sold - market value</b>			
(\$1,000)	101,660	109,197	94,647
(dollars avg. per farm)	77,960	81,127	65,773
<b>Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm</b>			
(dollars average)	7,788	9,368	12,856
<b>Livestock inventory (number)</b>			
Cattle and calves	65,359	73,252	78,537
Beef cows	9,130	7,086	5,921
Milk cows	28,197	34,981	39,224
Hogs and pigs	5,117	2,811	6,929
Sheep and lambs	3,297	2,625	3,245
Layers 13 wks or older	D	257,568	D
Broilers and chicken (sold)	D	178	1,105
<b>Harvested commodities (acres)</b>			
Com, grain or seed	15,986	26,113	25,051
Com, silage or green chop	N	N	N
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	N	N
Wheat	11,075	14,340	11,639
Barley	4,319	6,167	5,645
Oats	N	N	N
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflower seed	N	N	N
Cotton	N	N	N
Tobacco	D	D	D
Soybeans	24,508	21,058	7,672
Dry edible beans, excl lima	N	N	N
Potatoes, excl sweet potatoes	N	N	N
Sugar beets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	N	N	N
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alfalfa	50,090	50,378	60,674
<b>Vegetables</b>			
Number of farms	51	71	53
Acreage	414	441	303

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Orchards			
Number of farms	N	N	N
Acreage	N	N	N

Abbreviations/footnotes:

N represents zero.

0 represents an insignificant amount.

D-W withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture