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<b>Maryland Agriculture</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2007</b>
Number of farms	12,256	12,834
Number of acres in farmland	2,030,745	2,051,756
Average farm size (Acres) <i>U.S. Average is 434 acres</i>	166	160
Number of organic farms	91	146
Number acres in conservation / no till / minimal till practice % of total farm acres in conservation tillage	962,481 47%	n/a
<b>About Maryland Farmers</b>		
Farmers whose primary occupation is farming	5,996	6,269
Average age of farmer <i>U.S. average age is 58.3</i>	59	57.3
Number of female principal operators % of female operators <i>U.S. average of female operators 13.7%</i>	2,296 18.7%	2,216 17.3%
% farms with internet access	71.9	61.3
<b>Farm Income</b>		
Market value of agricultural products sold (1,000)	\$2,271,397	\$1,835,090
Average farm sales	\$185,329	\$142,987
Average net farm income	\$38,920	\$32,161
Farm related income (1,000)	\$109,857	\$90,921
Production expenses (1,000)	\$1,940,277	\$1,546,646
Net farm income (1,000)	\$477,002	\$412,752
Number of farms with less than \$10,000 in annual sales	6,971	7,505
Number of farms with more than \$1 million in annual sales	566	439

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<b>By County</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2007</b>
Counties with greatest number of farms	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Frederick (1,308)</li> <li>2. Carroll (1,092)</li> <li>3. Washington (860)</li> <li>4. Garrett (667)</li> <li>5. Caroline (658)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Frederick (1,442)</li> <li>2. Carroll (1,148)</li> <li>3. Washington (844)</li> <li>4. Baltimore (751)</li> <li>5. Harford (704)</li> </ol>
Counties with the largest value of production (in million\$)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Caroline (\$257.9)</li> <li>2. Wicomico (\$236.3)</li> <li>3. Somerset (\$219.0)</li> <li>4. Worcester (\$199.3)</li> <li>5. Dorchester (\$187.1)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wicomico (\$197.8)</li> <li>2. Somerset (\$192.6)</li> <li>3. Caroline (\$186)</li> <li>4. Worcester (\$185.8)</li> <li>5. Dorchester (\$166.7)</li> </ol>
Top Broiler Counties (# sold, in millions)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Somerset (63.6)</li> <li>2. Caroline (62.7)</li> <li>3. Wicomico (57.1)</li> <li>4. Worcester(55.5)</li> <li>5. Dorchester (29.4)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Somerset (58.1)</li> <li>2. Worcester (57.9)</li> <li>3. Wicomico (53.1)</li> <li>4. Caroline (50.5)</li> <li>5. Dorchester (39.9)</li> </ol>