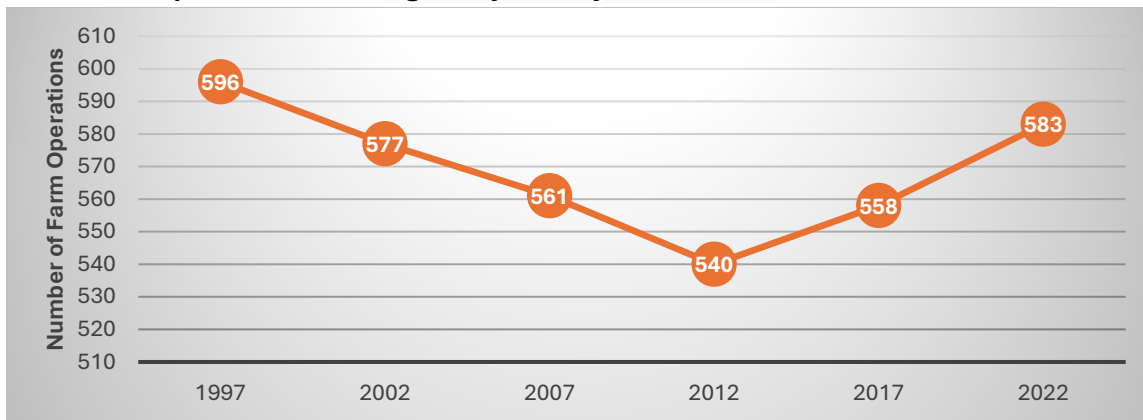


# Summary of Montgomery County Agricultural Industry from the USDA Census and Agriculture and Gross Regional Product Data

## USDA Census of Agriculture Data Summary

### Farms and Size of Farms

**Total Farm Operations in Montgomery County, 1997 to 2022**



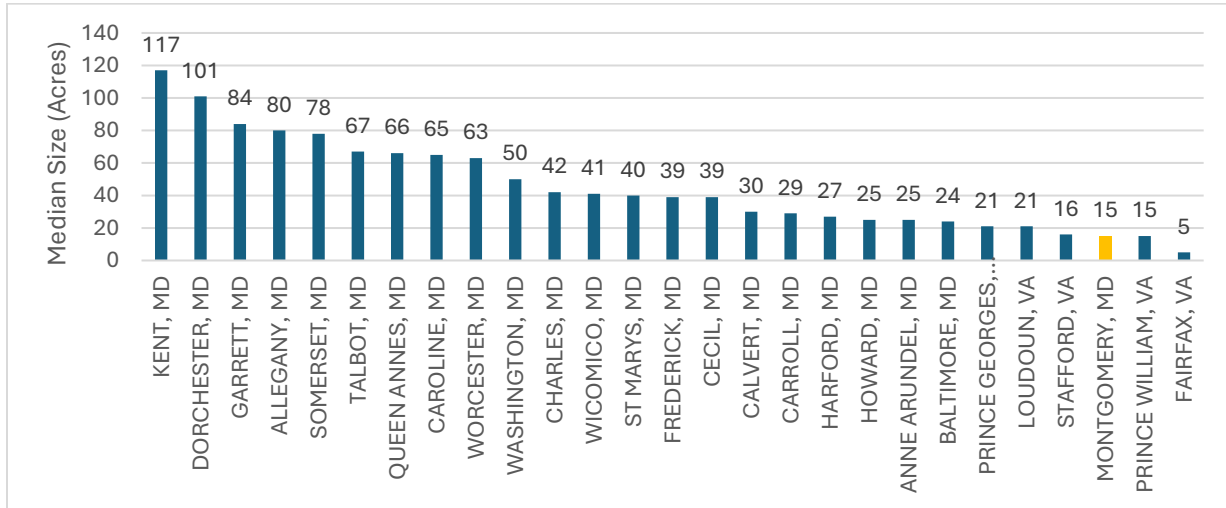
After declining from 2002 to 2012, the number of farms in Montgomery County increased from 2012 to 2022, with **583 total farm operations** in 2022.

**Change in Number of Farms by Size Category in Montgomery County**

Size Category	2002	2007	2012	2017	2022	Change (2002-2022)
AREA OPERATED: (1,000 OR MORE ACRES)	13	12	11	13	18	5
AREA OPERATED: (500 TO 999 ACRES)	20	15	15	17	12	-8
AREA OPERATED: (180 TO 499 ACRES)	62	52	39	37	52	-10
AREA OPERATED: (50 TO 179 ACRES)	134	118	114	102	75	-59
AREA OPERATED: (1.0 TO 49.9 ACRES)	348	364	361	389	426	78
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONS</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>6</b>

Montgomery County gained large (over 1,000 acres) and small (under 50 acres) farms but lost mid-sized farms. This trend aligns with national trends.

## Median Size of Farms in Maryland and Suburban Virginia Counties in 2022

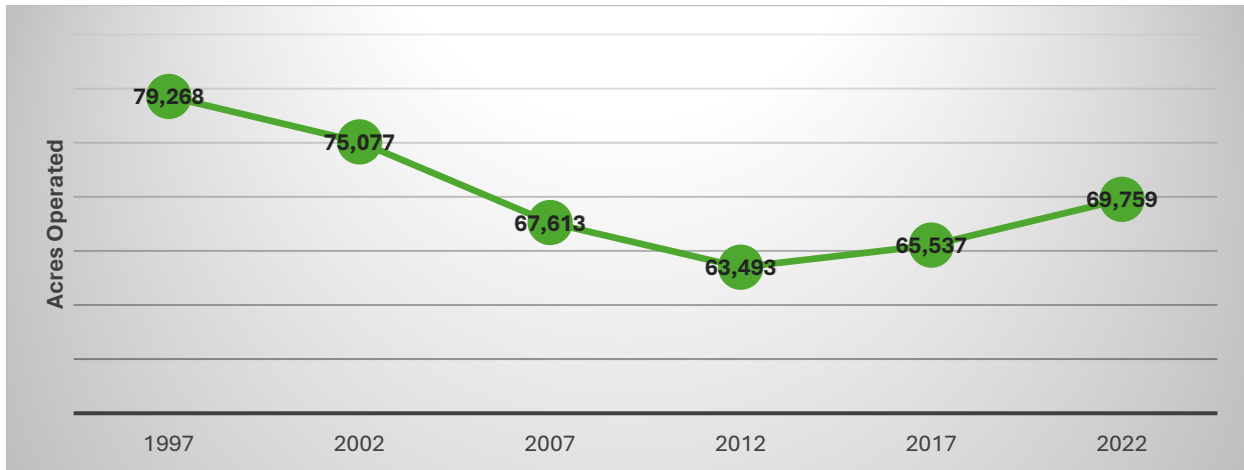


Montgomery County's median farm size is small compared to more rural counties. List includes all counties in Maryland and the USDA Norther District of Virginia (excluding Arlington).

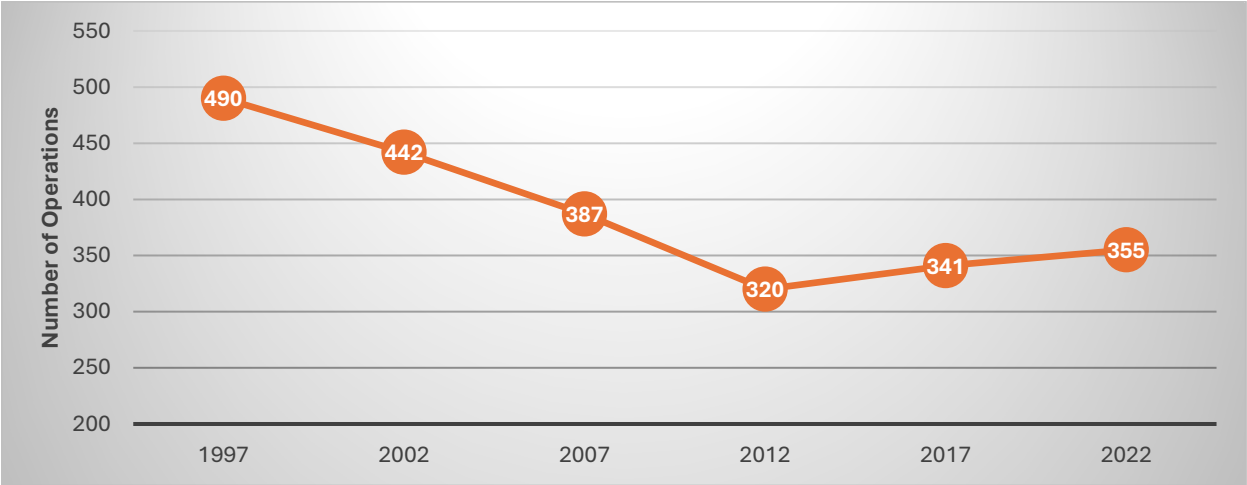
## Farmland

### Total FarmLand Operated in Montgomery County, 1997 to 2022

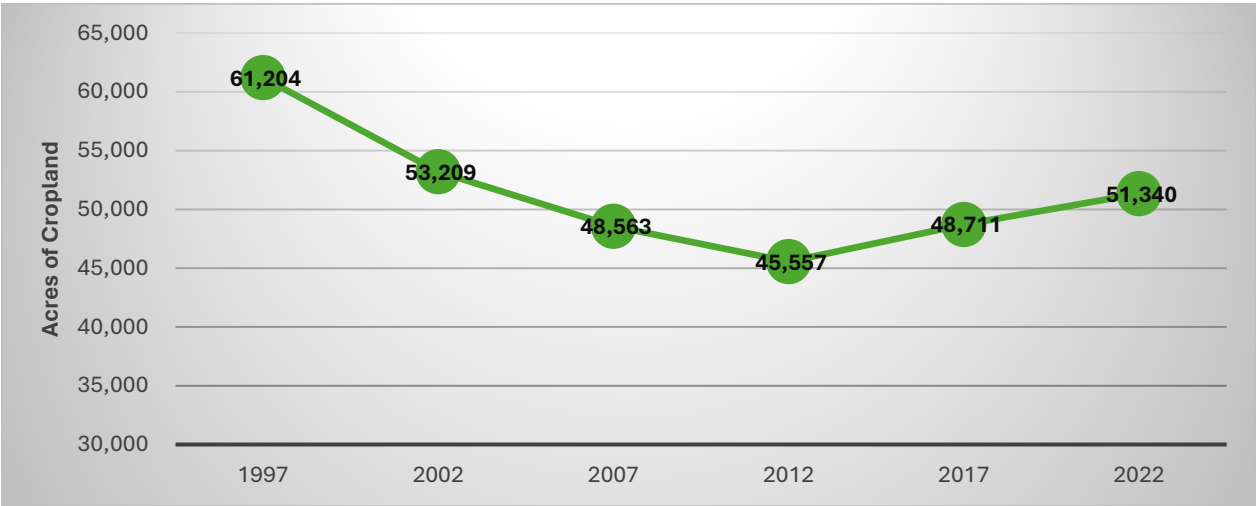
(Includes cropland and land used for other farm-related purposes)



**Number of Farm Operations with Cropland in Montgomery County, 1997 to 2002**



**Total Acres of Cropland in Montgomery County, 1997 to 2002**



## Farm Sales and Income

### Change in Number of Farms by Sales Category in Montgomery County

Sales Category	2002	2007	2012	2017	2022	Change (2002-2022)
FARM SALES: (100,000 OR MORE \$)	55	64	57	57	72	17
FARM SALES: (50,000 TO 99,999 \$)	23	23	17	30	15	-8
FARM SALES: (25,000 TO 49,999 \$)	28	32	24	22	25	-3
FARM SALES: (10,000 TO 24,999 \$)	73	55	59	54	70	-3
FARM SALES: (\$2,500 TO 9,999 \$)	113	112	107	96	142	29
FARM SALES: (LESS THAN 2,500 \$)	285	275	276	299	259	-26
TOTAL	577	561	540	558	583	6

Sales categories are not adjusted for inflation, so numbers from 2002 are not directly comparable to 2022. In 2022, most farms had less than \$10,000 in sales.

### Net Income Summary of Farms in Montgomery County, 2022

Type of Farm	Number	Percent	Average Net Gain/Loss
Farms with Positive Net Income	160	27%	\$171,002
Farms with Negative Net Income	423	73%	-\$39,406
Total Farms	583	100%	\$18,339

### Farms with Hired Labor and Hired Labor Expenses\*, 2002 to 2022

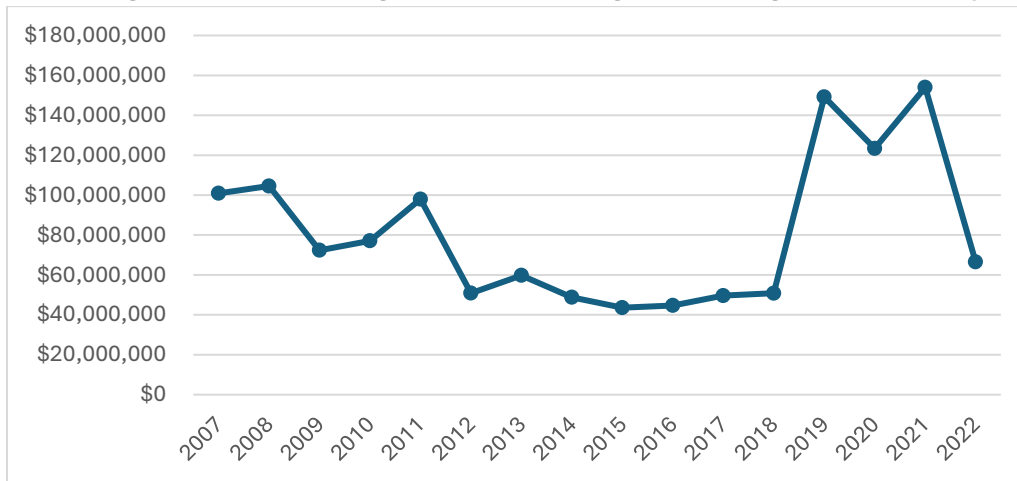
Item	2002	2007	2012	2017	2022
Farms with Hired Labor	166	177	174	207	193
Total Hired Labor Expense*	\$5,798,180	\$4,624,773	\$9,115,649	\$15,188,486	\$13,240,000
Total Hired Workers	943	1,265	836	1,080	1,289
Expense per Worker	\$6,149	\$3,656	\$10,904	\$14,063	\$10,272

\* Includes full-time, part-time, and temporary paid workers

\*\*In 2022 dollars, adjusted for inflation by Montgomery Planning using CPI-U; includes all expenses associated with hired labor including benefits, workers compensation, and social security.

## Gross Regional Product Summary

### Gross Regional Product of Agriculture, Hunting and Fishing, 2007 to 2022 (in 2022 dollars)



Data source: Lightcast

Adjusted for inflation by Montgomery Planning, using Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers

Note: GRP for small industries like agriculture at the county level is estimated and should be interpreted with caution.

### Agricultural Sector Share of Overall County Gross Regional Product, Average from 2007 to 2022

County	Ag Sector Share of County GRP
Rappahannock, VA	7.07%
Clarke, VA	5.52%
Fauquier, VA	3.27%
Culpeper, VA	2.55%
Frederick, MD	1.04%
Warren, VA	0.88%
Calvert, MD	0.37%
Spotsylvania, VA	0.36%
Charles, MD	0.36%
Loudoun, VA	0.33%
Howard, MD	0.27%
Prince William, VA	0.14%
Stafford, VA	0.14%
Montgomery, MD	0.09%
Prince George's, MD	0.04%
Fairfax, VA	0.01%
Arlington, VA	0.01%

Data Source: Lightcast

Only available for Washington, D.C. region

