

Table 3b. Characteristics and Tenure of Principal Operators in Maryland, 2017

Percent Share of Principal Operators, Farms, and Acreage

	All Farm Operators (Producers)				Principal Operator Characteristics					
					Days Worked Off Farm		Place of Residence		Primary Occupation	
	Farms	Acres	All Farm Operators	Principal Operators	% One or More	% None	% On farm operated	% Not on farm operated	% Farming	% Other
MARYLAND	12,429	1,990,122	21,645	16,879	60.8%	39.2%	81.0%	19.0%	44.8%	55.2%
BALTIMORE REGION	3,221	356,613	5,800	4,513	62.0%	38.0%	85.4%	14.6%	42.7%	57.3%
Anne Arundel	390	27,003	676	534	60.9%	39.1%	84.3%	15.7%	40.4%	59.6%
Baltimore	708	76,123	1,325	994	60.9%	39.1%	85.5%	14.5%	46.0%	54.0%
Carroll	1,174	146,778	2,108	1,670	61.2%	38.8%	84.9%	15.1%	44.0%	56.0%
Harford	628	74,273	1,173	887	61.9%	38.1%	87.8%	12.2%	40.8%	59.2%
Howard	321	32,436	518	428	69.4%	30.6%	83.6%	16.4%	36.9%	63.1%
WASHINGTON SUBURBAN REGION	2,298	288,512	4,152	3,209	62.7%	37.3%	82.9%	17.1%	42.4%	57.6%
Frederick	1,373	188,576	2,463	1,911	61.5%	38.5%	85.2%	14.8%	43.6%	56.4%
Montgomery	558	65,537	1,055	799	62.5%	37.5%	79.0%	21.0%	44.6%	55.4%
Prince George's	367	34,399	634	499	67.9%	32.1%	80.4%	19.6%	34.5%	65.5%
SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION	920	125,613	2,165	1,674	63.4%	36.6%	81.1%	18.9%	44.6%	55.4%
Calvert	280	25,152	458	369	62.3%	37.7%	81.0%	19.0%	40.1%	59.9%
Charles	385	41,021	644	511	59.3%	40.7%	81.2%	18.8%	45.4%	54.6%
St. Mary's	255	59,440	1,063	794	66.6%	33.4%	81.1%	18.9%	46.2%	53.8%
WESTERN MARYLAND REGION	1,874	244,887	3,286	2,518	63.5%	36.5%	83.4%	16.6%	41.6%	58.4%
Allegany	290	35,282	496	415	59.8%	40.2%	71.8%	28.2%	37.8%	62.2%
Garrett	707	90,357	1,190	912	71.8%	28.2%	84.3%	15.7%	36.8%	63.2%
Washington	877	119,248	1,600	1,191	58.5%	41.5%	86.8%	13.2%	46.6%	53.4%
UPPER EASTERN SHORE REGION	2,267	592,730	3,822	3,081	56.6%	43.4%	74.9%	25.1%	48.6%	51.4%
Caroline	588	128,052	906	749	51.5%	48.5%	79.3%	20.7%	53.0%	47.0%
Cecil	533	73,793	911	739	60.8%	39.2%	80.6%	19.4%	43.8%	56.2%
Kent	346	134,262	622	502	49.4%	50.6%	66.5%	33.5%	49.6%	50.4%
Queen Anne's	483	163,001	850	662	60.3%	39.7%	75.8%	24.2%	51.7%	48.3%
Talbot	317	93,622	533	429	61.1%	38.9%	65.5%	34.5%	42.9%	57.1%
LOWER EASTERN SHORE REGION	1,849	381,767	2,420	1,884	55.7%	44.3%	74.2%	25.8%	52.4%	47.6%
Dorchester	371	132,166	621	461	55.3%	44.7%	67.2%	32.8%	55.1%	44.9%
Somerset	615	61,803	425	339	53.1%	46.9%	80.5%	19.5%	56.3%	43.7%
Wicomico	494	88,559	766	609	57.6%	42.4%	77.2%	22.8%	52.1%	47.9%
Worcester	369	99,239	608	475	55.4%	44.6%	72.4%	27.6%	47.6%	52.4%

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	Tenure							
	Full Owners		Part Owners				Tenants	
	% of All Farms	% of Total Acres	% of All Farms	All Land	Owned Land	Rented Land	% of All Farms	% of Total Acres
				% Acres	% Acres	% Acres		
MARYLAND	73.4%	34.6%	20.1%	55.8%	22.4%	33.4%	6.5%	9.6%
BALTIMORE REGION	76.4%	35.6%	18.1%	53.4%	21.3%	32.1%	5.5%	11.0%
Anne Arundel	76.2%	40.4%	17.9%	49.4%	24.1%	25.3%	5.9%	10.3%
Baltimore	79.1%	36.5%	13.8%	54.6%	16.6%	38.0%	7.1%	8.9%
Carroll	74.8%	32.4%	20.4%	61.1%	25.6%	35.5%	4.8%	6.5%
Harford	74.2%	32.6%	21.2%	46.1%	20.3%	25.7%	4.6%	21.4%
Howard	81.0%	50.6%	13.4%	36.0%	13.2%	22.8%	5.6%	13.3%
WASHINGTON SUBURBAN REGION	71.0%	29.8%	20.4%	57.9%	20.8%	37.1%	8.6%	12.4%
Frederick	68.4%	27.5%	23.2%	61.5%	23.7%	37.8%	8.4%	11.0%
Montgomery	74.2%	24.1%	15.4%	60.9%	19.3%	41.6%	10.4%	14.9%
Prince George's	76.0%	52.8%	17.4%	32.2%	8.0%	24.3%	6.5%	14.9%
SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION	77.5%	34.6%	17.1%	57.7%	27.8%	29.9%	5.4%	7.7%
Calvert	80.4%	40.4%	15.4%	55.3%	20.5%	34.8%	4.3%	4.4%
Charles	77.7%	39.0%	15.1%	52.2%	19.2%	33.0%	7.3%	8.8%
St. Mary's	74.1%	29.1%	22.0%	62.6%	36.9%	25.8%	3.9%	8.3%
WESTERN MARYLAND REGION	71.0%	48.6%	22.2%	43.7%	21.3%	22.4%	6.8%	7.7%
Allegany	76.6%	66.3%	20.7%	30.0%	14.3%	15.7%	2.8%	3.6%
Garrett	77.2%	61.6%	19.9%	34.0%	19.5%	14.5%	2.8%	4.4%
Washington	64.1%	33.6%	24.5%	55.1%	24.7%	30.4%	11.4%	11.3%
UPPER EASTERN SHORE REGION	71.5%	28.3%	21.3%	62.1%	22.6%	39.5%	7.1%	9.6%
Caroline	69.0%	21.4%	27.2%	74.8%	27.6%	47.2%	3.7%	3.8%
Cecil	72.4%	39.8%	17.6%	47.7%	12.3%	35.4%	9.9%	12.5%
Kent	72.8%	33.2%	20.2%	56.5%	22.9%	33.6%	6.9%	10.2%
Queen Anne's	70.2%	24.8%	22.8%	66.6%	27.1%	39.4%	7.0%	8.7%
Talbot	75.1%	27.5%	15.8%	56.6%	15.8%	40.8%	9.1%	15.9%
LOWER EASTERN SHORE REGION	73.7%	38.1%	20.9%	53.9%	23.3%	30.6%	5.4%	8.0%
Dorchester	71.4%	39.0%	22.1%	55.1%	26.5%	28.6%	6.5%	5.9%
Somerset	75.4%	46.8%	19.3%	48.6%	17.7%	30.9%	5.2%	4.6%
Wicomico	73.7%	32.7%	21.1%	59.3%	22.8%	36.5%	5.3%	8.1%
Worcester	73.2%	36.2%	22.0%	50.9%	23.0%	27.8%	4.9%	12.9%

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