

Table 3b. Characteristics and Tenure of Principal Operators in Maryland, 2022

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	12,550	1,978,036	24,486	23,507	62.8%	37.2%	74.1%	25.9%	41.4%	58.6%
BALTIMORE REGION	3,375	340,008	6,807	6,503	65.4%	34.6%	79.7%	20.3%	39.8%	60.2%
Anne Arundel	454	36,003	940	903	73.6%	26.4%	73.2%	26.8%	32.3%	67.7%
Baltimore	783	70,217	1,636	1,478	66.0%	34.0%	77.9%	22.1%	39.9%	60.1%
Carroll	1,180	130,195	2,216	2,206	64.8%	35.2%	81.5%	18.5%	39.7%	60.3%
Harford	613	65,954	1,215	1,190	60.6%	39.4%	86.0%	14.0%	41.9%	58.1%
Howard	345	37,639	800	726	63.4%	36.6%	76.0%	24.0%	46.1%	53.9%
WASHINGTON SUBURBAN REGION	2,331	291,483	4,703	4,561	65.1%	34.9%	76.3%	23.7%	39.1%	60.9%
Frederick	1,367	188,832	2,724	2,683	65.0%	35.0%	78.9%	21.1%	39.8%	60.2%
Montgomery	583	69,759	1,274	1,196	65.1%	34.9%	74.9%	25.1%	38.1%	61.9%
Prince George's	381	32,892	705	682	65.4%	34.6%	68.6%	31.4%	38.0%	62.0%
SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION	1,312	136,781	2,560	2,420	68.5%	31.5%	72.2%	27.8%	37.4%	62.6%
Calvert	285	24,654	525	522	72.4%	27.6%	75.3%	24.7%	38.1%	61.9%
Charles	371	47,747	716	704	64.1%	35.9%	69.6%	30.4%	31.7%	68.3%
St. Mary's	656	64,380	1,319	1,194	69.3%	30.7%	72.4%	27.6%	40.4%	59.6%
WESTERN MARYLAND REGION	1,819	250,976	3,390	3,298	63.2%	36.8%	77.3%	22.7%	41.6%	58.4%
Allegany	270	34,179	480	464	62.1%	37.9%	72.2%	27.8%	39.7%	60.3%
Garrett	680	95,546	1,265	1,231	69.0%	31.0%	79.5%	20.5%	37.9%	62.1%
Washington	869	121,251	1,645	1,603	59.0%	41.0%	77.2%	22.8%	45.0%	55.0%
UPPER EASTERN SHORE REGION	2,358	592,545	4,592	4,404	56.9%	43.1%	66.1%	33.9%	44.7%	55.3%
Caroline	525	111,470	913	900	55.2%	44.8%	67.2%	32.8%	51.1%	48.9%
Cecil	575	81,040	1,076	1,048	58.4%	41.6%	78.1%	21.9%	43.9%	56.1%
Kent	396	141,662	828	816	57.1%	42.9%	57.1%	42.9%	49.9%	50.1%
Queen Anne's	505	162,145	995	968	55.5%	44.5%	63.7%	36.3%	40.9%	59.1%
Talbot	357	96,228	780	672	58.3%	41.7%	59.8%	40.2%	36.5%	63.5%
LOWER EASTERN SHORE REGION	1,355	366,243	2,434	2,321	55.7%	44.3%	66.4%	33.6%	47.6%	52.4%
Dorchester	366	129,197	652	652	55.5%	44.5%	55.4%	44.6%	51.2%	48.8%
Somerset	244	63,019	406	397	46.6%	53.4%	68.8%	31.2%	52.6%	47.4%
Wicomico	384	69,906	716	618	62.1%	37.9%	73.9%	26.1%	44.7%	55.3%
Worcester	361	104,121	660	654	55.4%	44.6%	68.7%	31.3%	43.7%	56.3%

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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	76.3%	38.3%	17.3%	53.9%	20.7%	33.2%	6.4%	7.8%
BALTIMORE REGION	80.6%	39.5%	14.6%	54.4%	20.6%	33.8%	4.8%	6.2%
Anne Arundel	82.4%	41.5%	13.2%	51.9%	24.2%	27.7%	4.4%	6.6%
Baltimore	82.9%	40.0%	10.7%	53.2%	16.3%	37.0%	6.4%	6.7%
Carroll	79.6%	39.6%	15.5%	58.3%	20.9%	37.4%	4.9%	2.1%
Harford	77.2%	30.8%	20.4%	56.1%	24.3%	31.9%	2.4%	13.0%
Howard	82.9%	51.6%	11.9%	42.0%	17.9%	24.1%	5.2%	6.5%
WASHINGTON SUBURBAN REGION	75.8%	32.4%	16.1%	56.4%	18.2%	38.1%	8.2%	11.3%
Frederick	72.0%	32.0%	19.7%	56.7%	22.3%	34.3%	8.3%	11.3%
Montgomery	81.3%	31.4%	10.8%	56.3%	12.2%	44.1%	7.9%	12.3%
Prince George's	80.8%	36.8%	11.3%	54.6%	7.5%	47.0%	7.9%	8.6%
SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION	76.6%	47.9%	17.1%	48.0%	16.1%	31.9%	6.3%	4.1%
Calvert	76.5%	44.2%	15.1%	52.1%	14.5%	37.5%	8.4%	3.7%
Charles	77.6%	46.0%	18.3%	50.2%	16.3%	33.9%	4.0%	3.8%
St. Mary's	76.1%	50.8%	17.4%	44.8%	16.6%	28.2%	6.6%	4.4%
WESTERN MARYLAND REGION	73.6%	51.2%	19.8%	41.0%	18.3%	22.7%	6.6%	7.8%
Allegany	84.8%	77.4%	13.0%	18.9%	8.9%	10.0%	2.2%	3.7%
Garrett	74.3%	55.4%	21.5%	40.5%	21.0%	19.5%	4.3%	4.1%
Washington	69.6%	40.5%	20.6%	47.6%	18.7%	28.9%	9.8%	11.9%
UPPER EASTERN SHORE REGION	74.3%	35.6%	18.6%	56.5%	19.5%	37.1%	7.0%	7.8%
Caroline	70.3%	29.1%	25.0%	66.6%	24.0%	42.6%	4.8%	4.4%
Cecil	73.2%	40.1%	18.8%	48.4%	16.3%	32.1%	8.0%	11.5%
Kent	78.8%	41.6%	15.4%	52.2%	17.7%	34.5%	5.8%	6.2%
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Dorchester	67.8%	35.9%	20.2%	56.6%	28.2%	28.4%	12.0%	7.5%
Somerset	72.5%	29.7%	24.2%	64.6%	34.8%	29.8%	3.3%	5.7%
Wicomico	76.3%	35.1%	20.1%	56.5%	21.5%	34.9%	3.6%	8.4%
Worcester	74.2%	33.1%	20.5%	58.3%	28.3%	30.0%	5.3%	8.5%

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