

Table 1: Principal Farm Operators by Age Distribution, 2017

	All Principal Operators	Under 25 Years		25 to 34 Years		35 to 44 Years		45 to 54 years		55 to 64 Years		64 to 74 Years	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
MARYLAND	21,279	478	2.2%	1,569	7.4%	2,116	9.9%	4,182	19.7%	6,033	28.4%	4,596	21.6%
BALTIMORE REGION	2,635	7	0.3%	88	3.3%	225	8.5%	681	25.8%	538	20.4%	388	14.7%
Anne Arundel	672	3	0.4%	60	8.9%	30	4.5%	142	21.1%	194	28.9%	164	24.4%
Baltimore	1,261	6	0.5%	98	7.8%	96	7.6%	241	19.1%	368	29.2%	299	23.7%
Carroll	2,070	50	2.4%	141	6.8%	205	9.9%	441	21.3%	582	28.1%	422	20.4%
Harford	1,156	20	1.7%	112	9.7%	96	8.3%	215	18.6%	310	26.8%	254	22.0%
Howard	513	5	1.0%	14	2.7%	48	9.4%	94	18.3%	174	33.9%	104	20.3%
WASHINGTON SUBURBAN REGION	1,928	8	0.4%	77	4.0%	181	9.4%	512	26.6%	309	16.0%	335	17.4%
Frederick	2,416	66	2.7%	171	7.1%	238	9.9%	500	20.7%	707	29.3%	501	20.7%
Montgomery	1,026	46	4.5%	44	4.3%	73	7.1%	226	22.0%	296	28.8%	243	23.7%
Prince George's	625	13	2.1%	39	6.2%	67	10.7%	97	15.5%	212	33.9%	125	20.0%
SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION	1,144	39	3.4%	81	7.1%	140	12.2%	292	25.5%	158	13.8%	171	14.9%
Calvert	356	8	2.2%	20	5.6%	49	13.8%	16	4.5%	138	38.8%	86	24.2%
Charles	640	6	0.9%	56	8.8%	78	12.2%	128	20.0%	158	24.7%	124	19.4%
St. Mary's	1,053	39	3.7%	109	10.4%	119	11.3%	201	19.1%	274	26.0%	185	17.6%
WESTERN MARYLAND REGION	1,588	13	0.8%	152	9.6%	189	11.9%	456	28.7%	236	14.9%	212	13.4%
Allegany	490	16	3.3%	23	4.7%	47	9.6%	97	19.8%	124	25.3%	122	24.9%
Garrett	1,180	34	2.9%	116	9.8%	137	11.6%	219	18.6%	375	31.8%	202	17.1%
Washington	1,564	78	5.0%	203	13.0%	244	15.6%	285	18.2%	361	23.1%	269	17.2%
UPPER EASTERN SHORE REGION	2,043	8	0.4%	84	4.1%	174	8.5%	535	26.2%	335	16.4%	342	16.7%
Caroline	904	7	0.8%	40	4.4%	97	10.7%	198	21.9%	267	29.5%	200	22.1%
Cecil	900	16	1.8%	83	9.2%	76	8.4%	183	20.3%	237	26.3%	222	24.7%
Kent	612	3	0.5%	27	4.4%	66	10.8%	86	14.1%	180	29.4%	189	30.9%
Queen Anne's	840	27	3.2%	41	4.9%	80	9.5%	190	22.6%	214	25.5%	162	19.3%
Talbot	526	5	1.0%	21	4.0%	50	9.5%	99	18.8%	151	28.7%	138	26.2%
LOWER EASTERN SHORE REGION	1,352	0	0.0%	46	3.4%	128	9.5%	377	27.9%	259	19.2%	192	14.2%
Dorchester	591	5	0.8%	35	5.9%	69	11.7%	91	15.4%	175	29.6%	147	24.9%
Somerset	425	3	0.7%	31	7.3%	38	8.9%	79	18.6%	126	29.6%	109	25.6%
Wicomico	754	13	1.7%	42	5.6%	76	10.1%	136	18.0%	222	29.4%	188	24.9%
Worcester	602	9	1.5%	40	6.6%	37	6.1%	118	19.6%	188	31.2%	141	23.4%

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	74 Years and Over		Average Age									
	Number	Percent	1997	Rank	2002	Rank	2007	Rank	2012	Rank	2017	Rank
MARYLAND	2,305	10.8%	54.9	-	55.9	-	57.3	-	59.0	-	57.0	-
BALTIMORE REGION	708	26.9%										
Anne Arundel	79	11.8%	56.1	7	57.0	7	59.4	4	61.2	4	58.3	7
Baltimore	153	12.1%	56.2	6	58.5	2	58.8	6	61.0	5	58.5	6
Carroll	229	11.1%	54.3	13	55.0	18	57.2	15	58.4	18	57.1	16
Harford	149	12.9%	55.4	11	56.5	11	57.1	16	59.6	13	57.4	15
Howard	74	14.4%	56.4	4	56.5	10	58.3	9	60.8	6	60.0	1
WASHINGTON SUBURBAN REGION	506	26.2%										
Frederick	233	9.6%	55.7	10	56.0	14	57.4	14	58.9	16	56.5	20
Montgomery	98	9.6%	56.3	5	57.4	4	60.0	1	60.6	7	57.5	13
Prince George's	72	11.5%	57.6	2	59.4	1	59.6	3	60.4	8	57.5	14
SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION	263	23.0%										
Calvert	39	11.0%	56.1	8	57.6	3	58.3	8	60.0	11	56.8	17
Charles	90	14.1%	53.6	18	56.7	9	59.4	5	58.0	20	56.8	18
St. Mary's	126	12.0%	53.7	16	54.3	21	58.3	10	54.5	23	55.0	21
WESTERN MARYLAND REGION	330	20.8%										
Allegany	61	12.4%	57.7	1	56.2	12	56.7	17	59.5	14	58.0	8
Garrett	97	8.2%	52.7	22	52.6	23	54.6	21	55.8	21	54.5	22
Washington	124	7.9%	52.5	23	53.6	22	54.3	22	55.5	22	52.1	23
UPPER EASTERN SHORE REGION	565	27.7%										
Caroline	95	10.5%	53.5	19	54.9	19	56.2	19	58.6	17	58.0	9
Cecil	83	9.2%	56.0	9	57.3	5	56.6	18	59.3	15	56.8	19
Kent	61	10.0%	56.9	3	57.1	6	59.6	2	62.3	1	59.8	2
Queen Anne's	126	15.0%	53.7	17	55.1	16	57.9	11	60.4	8	57.6	11
Talbot	62	11.8%	54.7	12	55.6	15	58.5	7	62.0	2	59.5	3
LOWER EASTERN SHORE REGION	350	25.9%										
Dorchester	69	11.7%	53.3	20	56.0	13	57.6	12	61.4	3	58.7	4
Somerset	39	9.2%	54.3	14	55.1	17	54.2	23	60.2	10	57.6	12
Wicomico	77	10.2%	54.1	15	54.9	20	55.9	20	58.3	19	58.0	10
Worcester	69	11.5%	53.2	21	56.8	8	57.6	13	59.8	12	58.6	5

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