

Farm Characteristics - Montgomery County - 1949-2007

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General Farm Characteristics													
Number of Farms	1555	1455	973	737	654	580	667	675	669	561	526	577	561
Land Area (Acres)	316160	316160	315520	315520	316800	316800	316800	317081	317081	316527	316800	316800	316800
Land in Farms (Acres)	213004	197335	169576	155300	116006	117432	115316	106157	103377	82470	79268	75077	67613
Proportion in Farms (%)	67.4	62.4	53.7	49.2	36.6	37.1	36.4	33.5	32.6	26.1	25.02	23.7	21.3
Average Size of Farm (Acres)	137	136	174	211	177	202	173	157	155	147	147	130	121
Agriculturally Assessed Farmland (data not available prior to 1980)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	120074	107773	99791	93315	85045	79011
Value of Land and Buildings													
Average per Farm (\$)	32566	38030	106728	272205	302194	360169	600044	586539	587159	787024	659337	793623	1156957
Average per Acre (\$)	228	301	680	1302	1704	1779	3629	3828	3379	4696	4369	5979	9600
Land Use													
Total Cropland (Farms)	1385	1187	864	674	599	547	596	600	576	476	447	442	387
Total Cropland (Acres)	136771	118764	95297	90464	82575	82479	81914	76716	77137	62600	60510	53209	48563
Harvested Cropland (Farms)	1134	1025	749	611	461	447	519	503	468	393	363	330	299
Harvested Cropland (Acres)	76656	73874	61102	57723	46042	54257	59080	56567	51812	45878	46768	44161	41599
Woodland, including Woodland Pastured (Farms)	1042	935	830	593	404	310	329	341	341	274	232	282	259
Woodland, including Woodland Pastured (Acres)	40582	37139	30441	27433	16269	15609	16078	15409	14229	10863	8022	10802	7666
Total Pastureland (all types)													
Farms	1295	1169	826	617	*454	*371	449	448	456	370	312	380	379
Acres	81357	82051	66132	55541	*34771	*33294	31727	24401	21639	17036	14212	12536	12922
Cropland Idle (Farms)	n/a	208	197	137	*83	*37	91	72	101	83	59	88	78
Cropland Idle (Acres)	n/a	4295	(1) 7161	5467	*4458	*1770	3363	2657	5882	2505	2452	2987	2886
Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold													
Total Sales (\$1000)	10679	9698	10212	10036	10212	17412	22222	25330	26049	27717	28563	41634	33193
Average per Farm (\$)	6868	6665	10485	13618	15615	30020	33317	37526	38937	49407	54303	72156	59168

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Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops (\$1000)	1769	1995	1990	2846	3728	6040	10383	13098	16091	19953	19832	36239	25344
Traditional Crops (\$1000)	1066	1263	846	1308	1691	3119	6934	9508	7134	8984	9175	9615	10627
Nursery and Greenhouse Products Sold	(3) 703	(3) 732	1145	1538	2037	2921	3449	3590	(2) 8957	(2) 10969	10657	(5) 26624	12717
Livestock, Poultry, and their Products (\$1000)	8868	7682	8222	7057	6465	8435	11840	12232	9958	7764	8731	5395	7850
Horses and Ponies Inventory													
Farms	817	515	349	n/a	223	174	210	246	272	213	194	233	213
Number	2475	1488	1396	n/a	2040	2004	2234	2165	2767	2904	2035	2438	3029
Horses and Ponies Sold													
Farms	103	45	67	(4) 33	61	62	85	76	82	62	55	(6) 61	(6) 67
Number	318	82	397	(4) 97	260	348	339	283	273	169	171	140	235
(\$1,000)	322	110	144	(4) 74	n/a	*566	878	1244	1287	383	2776	(6) 542	(6) 3918

Notes for General Characteristics

* Data for farms with sales of \$2500 and over

n/a Not Available

(1) Cropland (idle and failure)

(2) Nursery and Greenhouse Crops (\$1000)

(3) Horticultural Specialties Sold

(4) Horses and Mules

(5) Nursery, Greenhouse, Floriculture & Sod

(6) Horses, ponies, mules, burrows & donkeys

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Number of Farms by Size													
Total Number of Farms	1555	1455	973	737	654	580	667	675	669	561	596	577	561
Farms less than 10 acres	280	324	110	64	55	60	105	90	90	83	102	88	103
Farms 10-49 acres	330	315	215	145	195	169	194	232	255	221	253	260	261
Farms 50-69 acres	112	76	60	49	54	39	43	59	63	47	58	48	40
Farms 70-99 acres	119	108	84	69	59	59	55	65	40	43	37	25	24
Farms 100-139 acres	173	142	104	76	62	53	57	51	52	35	35	41	38
Farms 140-179 acres	115	91	67	62	35	39	43	26	29	24	20	20	16
Farms 180-219 acres	116	99	67	50	39	28	29	30	20	17	13	18	15
Farms 220-259 acres	72	59	52	39	224	19	15	13	9	10	5	13	4
Farms 260-499 acres	180	178	152	116	81	55	69	58	58	44	38	31	33
Farms 500-999 acres	45	51	48	51	38	41	37	31	36	22	19	20	15
Farms 1000 acres or more	13	12	14	16	12	18	20	20	17	15	16	13	12
Number of Farms by Type													
Cash Grains	29	96	6	26	(1) 152	NA	209	119	72	69	57	NA	34
Fields Crops, except cash grains	0	5	0	0	NA	NA	124	42	61	52	82	NA	107
Cotton	0	0	0	NA	0	NA	0	0	0	0	0	NA	0
Tobacco	NA	NA	0	1	6	NA	8	3	2	0	0	NA	0
Other	0	5	0	0	NA	NA	4	39	59	52	82	NA	107
Vegetables and Melons	(7) 24	(7) 25	0	6	(2) 36	NA	63	15	24	31	17	NA	18
Fruits and Nut Trees	10	15	10	11	(3) 14	NA	38	19	26	18	12	NA	31
Horticultural Specialties	NA	NA	NA	NA	(4) 45	72	89	55	61	63	85	NA	58
Livestock, except dairy, poultry and animal specialties	306	295	196	171	NA	NA	(6) 87	257	230	167	(9) 42	NA	(9) 53
Beef Cattle, except feedlots	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	348	136	141	113	97	NA	63
Dairy Farms	275	306	173	137	NA	NA	56	52	34	23	13	NA	8
Poultry and Eggs	(8) 93	(8) 46	26	11	(5) 22	44	40	3	7	3	1	NA	13
Animal Specialties	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	103	84	127	108	116	NA	(10) 176
General Farms	127	55	70	67	NA	NA	NA	29	7	5	NA	NA	NA

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Miscellaneous and Unclassified	691	625	493	307	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Notes for Farms by Type:

NA = Not Available

- (1) Grains

 - (2) Vegetables, sweet corn and melons
 - (3) Fruits, nuts and berries
 - (4) Nursery and greenhouse products
 - (5) Poultry and poultry products

 - (6) Hogs, pigs, sheep, lambs and wool
 - (7) Vegetable farms
 - (8) Poultry farms
 - (9) Cattle feedlots, hogs and pigs, sheep and goats
- 1969 data based on farm income and sales, for farms with sales \$2500 and over
- (10) Animal aquaculture and other animal production

Farm Characteristics - Montgomery County - 1949-2007

	1949	1954	1959	1964	1969	1974	1978	1982	1987	1992	1997	2002	2007
<u>Agricultural Operator Characteristics</u>													
All Farms	1555	1455	973	737	654	580	667	675	669	561	596	577	561
Full Owners	1195	1080	666	471	424	359	418	407	445	356	401	426	406
Part Owners	149	193	176	157	136	121	147	163	147	141	138	110	100
Managers	40	26	16	5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tenants	171	156	115	104	94	100	102	105	77	64	57	41	55
Operators by Age Group													
Under 25 years	NA	NA	9	3	7	7	9	7	4	1	5	0	0
25 to 34 years	NA	NA	71	50	40	41	79	63	51	32	20	11	10
35 to 44 years	NA	NA	179	112	92	78	121	132	102	80	85	79	58
45 to 54 years	NA	NA	262	222	199	134	140	155	178	151	165	152	116
55 to 59 years	NA	NA	*241	*205	*176	*175	*169	*155	88	55	92	91	100
60 to 64 years	NA	NA							71	64	55	88	76
65 to 69 years	NA	NA	**196	**145	**140	**125	**149	**163	72	56	68	55	77
70 years and over	NA	NA							103	122	106	101	124
Average Age of Operator	NA	NA	53	53.8	54.2	54.4	52.7	53.4	54.5	56.7	56.3	57.4	60
Operators by Principal Occupation													
Farming	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	263	309	286	276	253	237	291	244
Other	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	297	358	389	393	308	359	286	317

Notes for Operator Characteristics:

NA = Not available

* 55 to 64

** 65 years and over

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Farms by Class or Market Value of Sales	1949	1954	1959	1964	1969	1974	1978	1982	1987	1992	1997	2002	2007
Commercial Farms	899	845	524	484	652	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Class I Farms	97	144	62	66	62	105	129	123	113	91	92	85	98
Class II Farms	229	163	116	80	55	35	60	44	44	36	28	33	37
Class III Farms	175	166	70	76	57	64	72	87	53	56	62	61	39
Class IV Farms	170	165	106	89	81	70	82	96	90	88	94	58	66
Class V Farms	160	150	120	113	98	66	119	106	110	83	82	55	46
Class VI Farms	68	55	*50	60	47	237	203	219	259	204	238	285	275
Part Time	213	150	335	193	185	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Part Retirement	NA	NA	115	58	67	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Class Definitions:

- Class I Farm: Sales \$40,000 or more
- Class II Farm: Sales \$20,000 to \$39,999
- Class III Farm: Sales \$10,000 to \$19,999
- Class IV Farm: Sales \$5,000 to \$9,999
- Class V Farm: Sales \$2,500 to \$4,999
- Class VI Farm: Sales less than \$2,500

Notes for Market Value of Sales:

- NA = Not available
- * Sales \$2,500 to \$50
- ** Data based on Market Value of Agricultural Product Sold.

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<u>Type of Agricultural Organization</u>	1949	1954	1959	1964	1969	1974	1978	1982	1987	1992	1997	2002	2007
Individual or Family (sole proprietorship)													
Farms	NA	NA	NA	NA	*305	*317	570	583	546	454	500	497	417
Acres	NA	NA	NA	NA	*83676	*85590	90036	79133	71702	60911	53752	59689	45514
Partnership													
Farms	NA	NA	NA	NA	*40	*28	67	64	69	49	37	33	55
Acres	NA	NA	NA	NA	*12176	*13005	17542	19537	21041	14801	14203	8902	11283
Corporation													
Family-held													
Farms	NA	NA	NA	NA	7	15	22	23	43	44	49	31	64
Acres	NA	NA	NA	NA	2234	7075	6437	6026	9022	6037	9353	4663	8388
Other than Family-held													
Farms	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	4	4	9	3	6	12
Acres	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	(D)	975	222	(D)	648	1135
Other (Cooperative, Estate or Trust, Institutional, etc.)													
Farms	NA	NA	NA	NA	*1	*2	8	1	7	5	7	10	13
Acres	NA	NA	NA	NA	*8	*223	1301	(D)	637	499	(D)	1175	1293

Notes for Type of Agricultural Organization:

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(D) withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms