

Poultry, Dairy Products Dominate Maryland's Agriculture

WASHINGTON, DC — Livestock, poultry, and their products accounted for \$753 million, or 74 percent of Maryland's agricultural sales in 1987, figures from the Commerce Department's Census Bureau show. Poultry and poultry products accounted for 43 percent of total agricultural sales, and dairy products accounted for 19 percent.

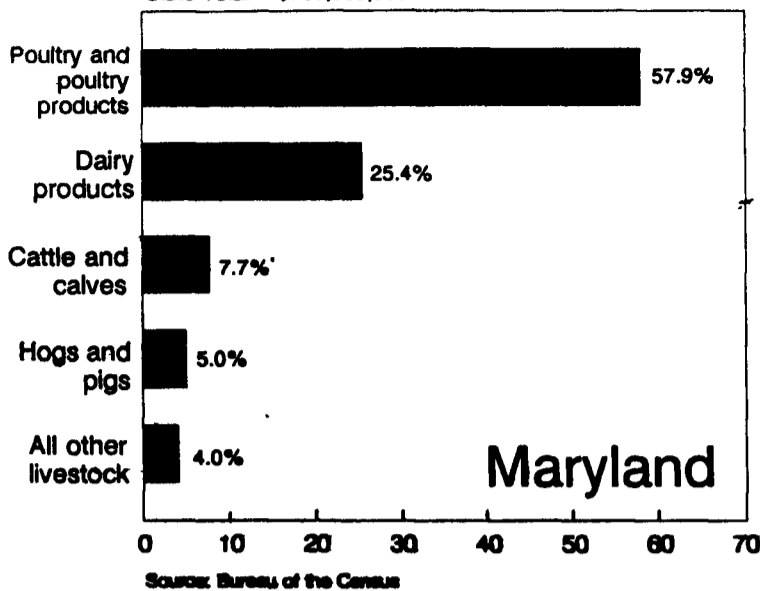
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse products, accounted for \$253 million or 26 percent of total agricultural sales. Corn, soybeans, and hay were the leading crops by harvested acres with 432,409 acres, 405,170 acres, and 255,676 acres respectively. The 1987 Census of Agriculture shows that Maryland's total agricultural sales amounted to \$989 million.

The 14,776 Maryland farms counted in 1987 were 9 percent fewer than in 1982, when the last agriculture census was taken. Some 45 percent had 1987 sales of \$10,000 or more, and 18 percent had annual sales of \$100,000 or more.

Production expenditures for the

Value of Livestock and Poultry Sold

State Total = \$736,006,000



state's agricultural operations came to \$851 million. Agricultural operators paid 30 percent less for commercial fertilizers and 19 percent more for hired farm labor than they did in 1982. They spent

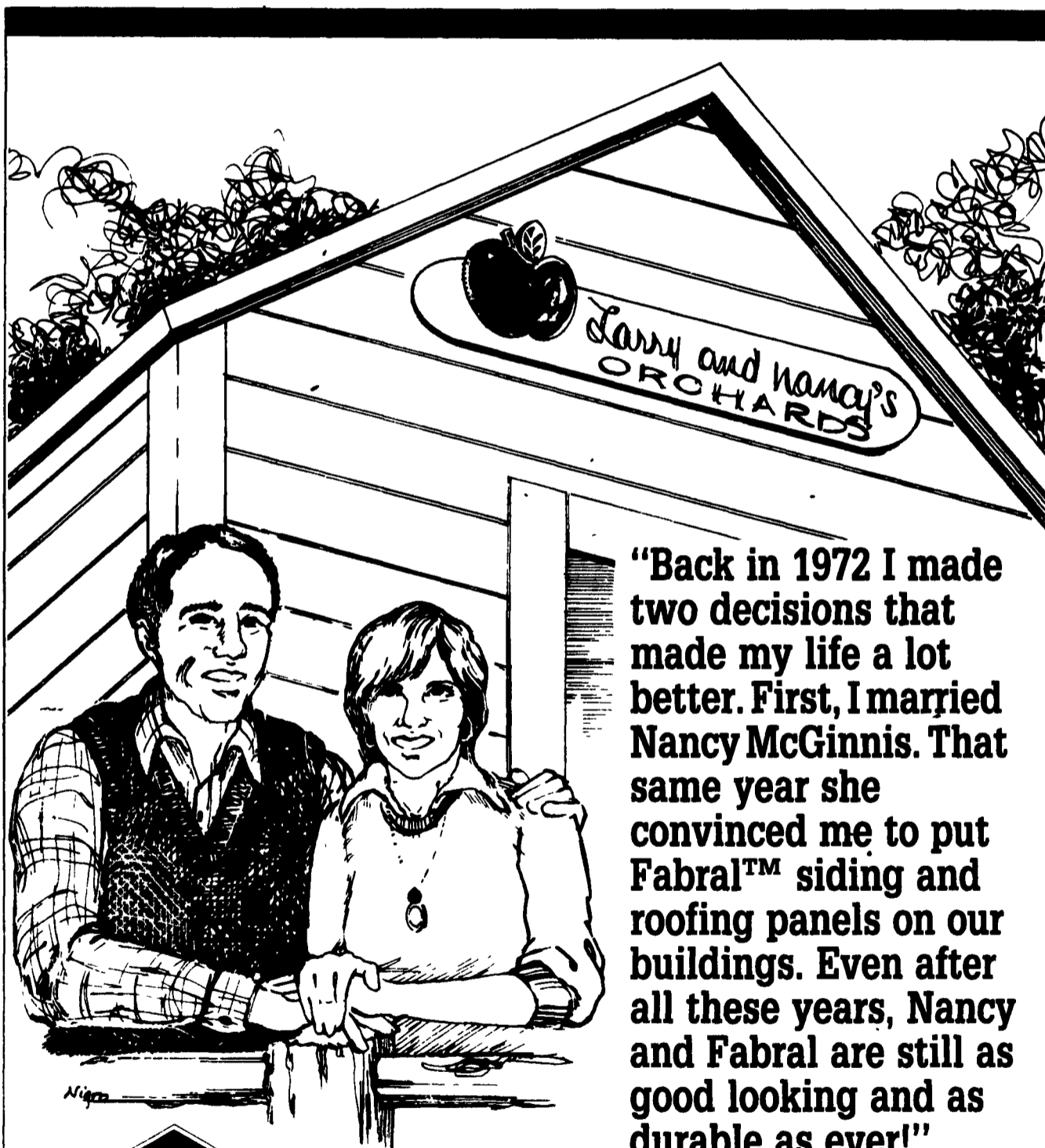
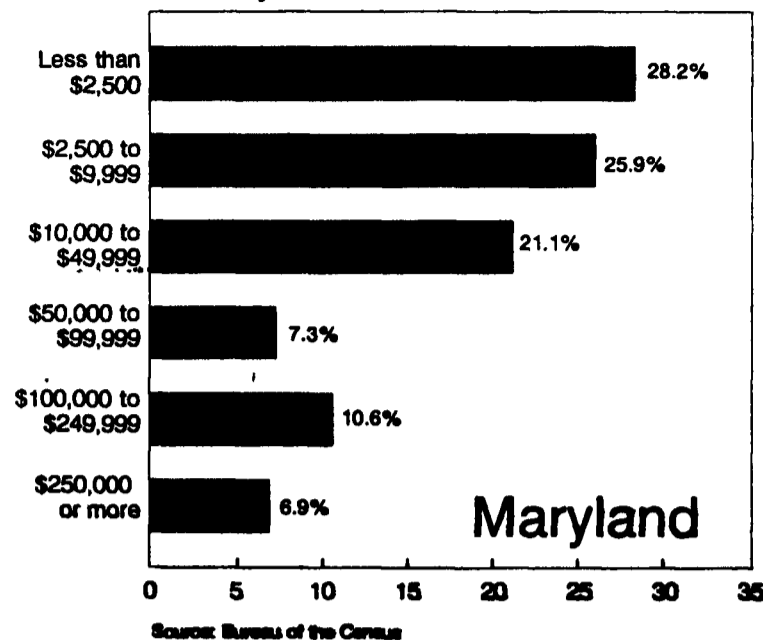
9 percent more for livestock and poultry feed.

For more information on published reports and machine readable data from the 1987 Census of Agriculture, and also data from

previous agriculture censuses, contact the Agriculture Division, Bureau of the Census, Room 436, Iverson Mall, Washington, D.C.

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