



# MARYLAND AND DELAWARE AGRI-FACTS

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## MILK PRODUCTION

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### Milk Cows and Milk Production October - December Quarter 2006 and 2007

STATE	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk Per Cow		Milk Production		2007/2006 Percent
	2006 <i>Thousand</i>	2007	2006 <i>Pounds</i>	2007	2006 <i>Million Pounds</i>	2007	
Delaware	7.0	6.5	4,286	4,154	30.0	27.0	90
Maryland	60	57	4,250	4,456	255	254	100
United States	9,115	9,195	4,894	5,008	44,611	46,045	103

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

## U.S. CATTLE

CLASS	2006	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<i>1,000 HEAD</i>			
Cattle and Calves	96,702	97,003	96,669	100
Cows and Heifers That have Calved	42,056	42,023	41,777	99
Beef Cows	32,994	32,891	32,553	99
Milk Cows	9,063	9,132	9,224	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	19,984	20,086	20,003	100
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,904	5,877	5,670	96
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,275	4,310	4,457	103
Other Heifers	9,805	9,899	9,876	100
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	16,933	17,222	17,305	100
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,263	2,215	2,207	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	15,465	15,456	15,378	99
Calf Crop	37,519	37,361	N/A	100
Cattle on Feed	14,132	14,269	14,317	100

## U.S. AND MARYLAND SHEEP AND LAMBS

### U.S. AND MARYLAND SHEEP & LAMBS BY CLASS . JANUARY 1, 2007-2008

ITEM	2007		2008	
	MD	U.S.	MD	U.S.
	<i>-----thousand-----</i>			
All Sheep & Lambs	23.0	6,165	24.0	6,055
Breeding	18.0	4,610	18.0	4,505
Ewes	14.0	3,696	14.0	3,617
Rams	1.0	195	1.5	193
Replacement Lambs	3.0	719	2.5	695
Market Sheep & Lambs	5.0	1,555	6.0	1,550
under 65	2.3	362	2.3	352
65 to 84	0.5	201	1.1	209
85 to 105	0.1	373	0.5	377
over 105	0.1	531	0.1	531
Market Sheep	2.0	89	2.0	80
Lamb Crop	16.0	4,050	-----	-----

## U.S. AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Commodity	Unit	United States			Parity
		Jan 2007	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	
<i>Dollars</i>					
Wheat, Winter	BU	4.53	7.66	8.33	12.00
Corn	BU	3.05	3.76	4.28	7.56
Barley	BU	3.03	4.51	4.92	8.26
Soybeans	BU	6.37	10.00	11.00	18.70
All Hay, Baled <sup>1</sup>	TON	109.00	133.00	129.00	----
Apples, Fresh	LB	0.299	0.348	0.356	0.718
All Beef Cattle	CWT	84.30	88.90	89.40	229.00
Calves	CWT	115.00	118.00	116.00	332.00
Hogs	CWT	42.70	39.60	36.50	125.00
Broilers	LB	0.430	0.440	0.480	----
Turkeys, Live	LB	0.408	0.526	0.448	1.260
Eggs, Market	DOZ	0.788	1.280	1.200	2.00

1/ Agricultural Prices are published at the end of each month throughout the year for the United States and selected states. Maryland is not in the monthly prices program; however, price information is available for Maryland commodities at the end of each production year. Throughout the year on Friday, the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service in cooperation with the Maryland Department of Agriculture publishes the Maryland Grain and Livestock report. This report contains current commodity price quotes from local and regional markets throughout Maryland and can be viewed at [http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics by State/Maryland/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Maryland/Publications)

## NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS

The number of farms and total land in farms in Maryland remained unchanged from last year. Total land in farms is estimated at 2,035 million acres and the number of farms is estimated at 12,000, for an average farm size of 170 acres. The number of farms in Delaware dropped from 2,300 farms in 2006 to 2,200 farms in 2007, although the total land in farms remained unchanged at 515,000 acres. This brings the average farm size in Delaware to 234 acres, as compared with an average of 224 acres in 2006.

The number of farms in the United States in 2007 dropped to 2.08 million, 0.6 percent fewer than in 2006. Total land in farms, at 930.9 million acres, decreased 1.5 million acres, or 0.16 percent, from 2006. The average size farm in the United States is now estimated at 449 acres during 2007, an increase of three acres from the previous year. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms reflects a continuing consolidation in farming operations and diversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses.

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