



FREDERICK COUNTY 2010 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

Farm Numbers ¹	1997	2002	2007
Number of Farms	1,429	1,273	1,442
Average Size (acres)	153	154	140
Land in Farms (acres)	218,044	195,827	202,087
Livestock Inventory ¹	1997	2002	2007
Cattle	64,460	52,940	40,612
Hogs	5,006	2,483	5,045
Sheep	3,472	2,646	2,594
Value of Sales ¹			
All Products (\$1,000)			127,034
Milk (\$1,000)			51,537
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			17,727
Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)			²
Demographic Data ¹	1997	2002	2007
Average Age of Operator	55.7	56.0	57.4
Percent Female Principal Operators	11.5	15.2	18.7
Equine Census			2010
Number of Equine Places			1,600
Equine Inventory			7,850
Value of Equine Inventory			\$43,965,000

Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2007 ¹			
Corn for Grain	8	Soybeans	7
Barley	2	Vegetables	15
Forage	7	Wheat	3

Livestock & Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2007 ¹			
Beef Cows	1	Milk Cows	1
Broilers	12	Sheep	3
Hogs	2		

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Crop	Year	Acreage Harvested	Yield	Total Production
Corn for Grain (bushels)	2008	24,000	110.0	2,640,000
	2009	29,500	136.0	4,000,000
	2010	26,000	71.2	1,850,000
Corn for Silage (tons)	2008	17,500	13.5	240,000
	2009	**	**	**
	2010	**	**	**
Soybeans (bushels)	2008	30,500	32.5	990,000
	2009	29,100	41.0	1,195,000
	2010	33,700	25.0	844,000
Winter Wheat (bushels)	2008	19,000	70.5	1,340,000
	2009	19,000	57.5	1,090,000
	2010	14,000	63.2	885,000
Other Hay (tons)	2008	34,000	2.9	98,700
	2009	36,000	2.0	72,000
	2010	*	*	*
Barley (bushels)	2008	4,300	87.2	375,000
	2009	4,100	68.0	280,000
	2010	4,100	72.2	296,000

* Not published to avoid disclosure.

** County silage no longer published at county level.

Cash Rents (dollars per acre)	2009	2010
Cropland Non irrigated	49.5	52.0
Pastureland	42.5	38.5

The National Agricultural Statistics Service is an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture working cooperatively with the Maryland Department of Agriculture in the collection of statistical data for Maryland agriculture. Most data collection results from the voluntary cooperation of Maryland's farmers and other industry representatives. All published results are available through contact with the Maryland Field Office in Annapolis or through their website. Any questions or comments should be directed to Barbara Rater, Director.

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.