



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY 2010 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<b>Farm Numbers</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>1997</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>
Number of Farms	596	577	561
Average Size (acres)	133	130	121
Land in Farms (acres)	79,268	75,077	67,613
<b>Livestock Inventory</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>1997</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>
Cattle	8,331	7,825	4,483
Hogs	823	495	247
Sheep	1,217	952	741
<b>Value of Sales</b> <sup>1</sup>			
All Products (\$1,000)			33,193
Nursery & Greenhouse (\$1,000)			12,717
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			7,294
Milk (\$1,000)			2,397
<b>Demographic Data</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>1997</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2007</b>
Average Age of Operator	56.3	57.4	60.0
Percent Female Principal Operators	21.3	23.4	27.0
<b>Equine Census</b>			<b>2010</b>
Number of Equine Places			1,490
Equine Inventory			7,900
Value of Equine Inventory			\$52,650,000

<b>Crop Production Acres</b> Rank among Maryland Counties, 2007 <sup>1</sup>			
Corn for Grain	15	Soybeans	13
Barley	23	Vegetables	19
Forage	23	Wheat	12

<b>Livestock &amp; Poultry Inventories</b> Rank among Maryland Counties, 2007 <sup>1</sup>			
Beef Cows	8	Milk Cows	11
Broilers	16	Sheep	11
Hogs	13		

<sup>1</sup> Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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<b>Crop</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Acreage Harvested</b>	<b>Yield</b>	<b>Total Production</b>
Corn for Grain (bushels)	2008	9,800	130.0	1,270,000
	2009	11,400	139.0	1,590,000
	2010	11,400	115.8	1,320,000
Corn for Silage (tons)	2008	600	16.5	10,000
	2009	**	**	**
	2010	**	**	**
Soybeans (bushels)	2008	16,500	34.0	560,000
	2009	15,500	38.5	600,000
	2010	15,000	38.7	580,000
Winter Wheat (tons)	2008	4,500	66.5	300,000
	2009	6,000	62.5	375,000
	2010	5,900	59.5	351,000
Other Hay (tons)	2008	9,000	2.6	23,400
	2009	10,000	2.7	27,000
	2010	*	*	*
Barley (bushels)	2008	300	83.3	25,000
	2009	*	*	*
	2010	*	*	*

\* Not published to avoid disclosure.

\*\* Corn silage no longer published at county level.

<b>Cash Rents (dollars per acre)</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Cropland Non irrigated	55.0	50.5
Pastureland	*	35.5

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