



## CHARLES COUNTY 2007 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<b>Farm Numbers <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997 <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2002</b>
Number of Farms	496	451	418
Average Size (acres)	120	126	125
Land in Farms (acres)	59,389	56,648	52,056
<b>Livestock Inventory <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997 <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2002</b>
Cattle	3,064	3,068	2,797
Hogs	4,407	1,575	309
Sheep	389	500	368
<b>2002 Value of Sales <sup>1</sup></b>			
All Products (\$1,000)			6,384
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			1,849
Nursery & Greenhouse (\$1,000)			1,302
Vegetables (\$1,000)			885
<b>Demographic Data <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997 <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2002</b>
Average Age of Operator	54.0	53.6	56.7
Percent Female Operators	6.8	10.4	18.7
<b>2002 Equine Census</b>			
Number of Equine Places			490
Equine Inventory			7,375
Value of Equine Inventory			\$1,640,000

<b>Crop Production Acres</b>			
<b>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 <sup>1</sup></b>			
Corn for Grain	20	Soybeans	14
Barley	20	Vegetables	17
Forage	13	Wheat	15

<b>Livestock &amp; Poultry Inventories</b>			
<b>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 <sup>1</sup></b>			
Beef Cattle	13	Milk Cows	18
Broilers	18	Sheep	14
Hogs	17		

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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)	2005	4,900	101.5	497,400
	2006	4,700	112.8	530,000
	2007	6,800	45.3	308,000
Corn for Silage (tons)	2005	*	*	*
	2006	*	*	*
	2007	*	*	*
Soybeans (bushels)	2005	11,400	26.6	303,000
	2006	12,100	29.6	358,700
	2007	8,200	17.7	145,000
Wheat (bushels)	2005	2,500	50.4	126,000
	2006	1,200	46.5	55,800
	2007	3,200	59.4	190,000
Hay (tons)	2005	4,600	2.22	10,200
	2006	5,200	2.62	13,600
	2007	5,500	1.31	7,200
Barley (bushels)	2005	*	*	*
	2006	*	*	*
	2007	*	*	*

\* Acreage too small to publish.

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)	\$35.08	\$37.22	\$33.58

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Revised.