



## DORCHESTER COUNTY 2007 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<b>Farm Numbers</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997</b> <sup>3</sup>	<b>2002</b>
Number of Farms	347	308	351
Average Size (acres)	357	398	357
Land in Farms (acres)	123,762	122,443	125,385

  

<b>Livestock Inventory</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997</b> <sup>3</sup>	<b>2002</b>
Cattle	979	589	316
Hogs	15,591	2,529	2,907
Sheep	31	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>

  

<b>2002 Value of Sales</b> <sup>1</sup>			
All Products (\$1,000)			83,866
Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)			57,379
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			12,848
Vegetables (\$1,000)			11,900

  

<b>Demographic Data</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997</b> <sup>3</sup>	<b>2002</b>
Average Age of Operator	51.3	53.3	56.0
Percent Female Operators	16.4	4.2	11.4

  

<b>2002 Equine Census</b>			
Number of Equine Places			160
Equine Inventory			460
Value of Equine Inventory			\$5,280,000

<b>Crop Production Acres</b> <b>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</b> <sup>1</sup>			
Corn for Grain	7	Soybeans	3
Barley	5	Vegetables	1
Forage	23	Wheat	5

<b>Livestock &amp; Poultry Inventories</b> <b>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</b> <sup>1</sup>			
Beef Cattle	23	Milk Cows	22
Broilers	5	Sheep	21
Hogs	4		

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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	23,500	150.0	3,523,900
	2006	24,100	151.7	3,655,000
	2007	30,500	125.4	3,825,000
Corn for Silage (tons)	2005	*	*	*
	2006	*	*	*
	2007	*	*	*
Soybeans (bushels)	2005	46,100	37.8	1,740,300
	2006	49,000	34.6	1,697,800
	2007	40,300	31.7	1,279,000
Wheat (bushels)	2005	10,700	71.3	763,100
	2006	5,100	78.6	400,800
	2007	12,000	65.0	780,000
Hay(tons)	2005	700	2.57	1,800
	2006	800	2.88	2,300
	2007	800	1.38	1,100
Barley (bushels)	2005	4,200	80.2	337,000
	2006	3,300	77.6	256,000
	2007	2,800	73.2	205,000

- Acreage too small to publish.

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)	\$81.56	\$76.92	\$77.54

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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.

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