



HOWARD COUNTY 2007 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

Farm Numbers ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Number of Farms	382	369	346
Average Size (acres)	117	112	109
Land in Farms (acres)	44,623	41,501	37,582
Livestock Inventory ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Cattle	8,203	6,409	4,266
Hogs	1,730	1,266	263
Sheep	1,081	599	780
2002 Value of Sales ¹			
All Products (\$1,000)			21,661
Nursery & Greenhouse (\$1,000)			11,537
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			²
Milk (\$1,000)			2,419
Demographic Data ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
Average Age of Operator	55.9	56.4	56.5
Percent Female Operators	17.0	19.2	28.9
2002 Equine Census			
Number of Equine Places			1,200
Equine Inventory			5,190
Value of Equine Inventory			\$61,265,000

Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 ¹			
Corn for Grain	17	Soybeans	20
Barley	11	Vegetables	19
Forage	12	Wheat	17

Livestock & Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 ¹			
Beef Cattle	12	Milk Cows	12
Broilers	19	Sheep	10
Hogs	18		

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Crop	Year	Acreage Harvested	Yield	Total Production
Corn for Grain (bushels)	2005	5,500	141.3	777,300
	2006	5,900	140.7	830,000
	2007	5,700	78.9	450,000
Corn for Silage (tons)	2005	1,200	18.7	22,400
	2006	900	16.1	14,500
	2007	1,000	15.0	15,000
Soybeans (bushels)	2005	3,500	30.7	107,500
	2006	3,400	29.1	99,100
	2007	2,100	26.2	55,000
Wheat (bushels)	2005	1,600	57.5	92,000
	2006	2,300	74.3	171,000
	2007	1,600	77.5	124,000
Hay (tons)	2005	5,100	2.55	13,000
	2006	5,500	3.07	16,900
	2007	5,600	2.02	11,300
Barley (bushels)	2005	400	88.5	35,400
	2006	400	87.5	35,000
	2007	400	90.0	36,000

* Acreage too small to publish.

	2005	2006	2007
Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)	\$54.44	\$59.55	\$62.39

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.

³ Revised.