



SOMERSET COUNTY 2007 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
<i>Number of Farms</i>	345	314	301
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	161	180	188
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	55,657	56,424	56,650
<i>Livestock Inventory</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
<i>Cattle</i>	2,276	1,916	2,366
<i>Hogs</i>	7,222	2,082	65
<i>Sheep</i>	2	2	2
<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> ¹			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			127,277
<i>Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)</i>			118,089
<i>Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)</i>			6,166
<i>Vegetables (\$1,000)</i>			1,668
<i>Demographic Data</i> ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	53.3	54.3	55.1
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	11.0	11.8	15.6
<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			80
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			280
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$800,000

<i>Crop Production Acres</i>			
<i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002¹</i>			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	13	<i>Soybeans</i>	10
<i>Barley</i>	17	<i>Vegetables</i>	16
<i>Forage</i>	21	<i>Wheat</i>	13

<i>Livestock & Poultry Inventories</i>			
<i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002¹</i>			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	15	<i>Milk Cows</i>	21
<i>Broilers</i>	3	<i>Sheep</i>	23
<i>Hogs</i>	21		

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	2005	12,800	124.1	1,588,900
	2006	14,600	146.2	2,135,000
	2007	16,100	128.3	2,065,000
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	2005	*	*	*
	2006	*	*	*
	2007	*	*	*
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	2005	17,700	35.3	625,500
	2006	16,500	37.4	617,700
	2007	14,200	33.2	472,000
<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	2005	4,300	67.6	290,700
	2006	400	77.5	31,000
	2007	4,300	80.9	348,000
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	2005	1,100	2.55	2,800
	2006	1,300	2.77	3,600
	2007	1,400	1.71	2,400
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	2005	*	*	*
	2006	*	*	*
	2007	*	*	*

* Acreage too small to publish.

	2005	2006	2007
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$62.57	\$63.55	\$64.68

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¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ Revised.