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## *State Level Cash Rents Remained Unchanged*

Maryland 2007 average cash rents for cropland remained unchanged from last year, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average cash rent for cropland in 2007 was \$62.00 per acre unchanged from the revised figure of \$62.00 per acre in 2006. Since 2003, average cash rents paid per acre have increased nearly 12 percent. Nationally, cropland cash rents reported in 2007 averaged \$85.00 per acre compared with \$79.50 per acre in 2006.

Reported cash rents were highest on the Eastern Shore and North Central Maryland with lower rates reported in Southern and Western Maryland. Queen Anne's County had the highest average rent per acre at \$92.18, followed by Kent, at \$89.13. Allegany County farmers reported the lowest cash rent for cropland at \$29.28, followed by Garrett at \$33.10 and Charles at \$33.58.

### Maryland Cropland Cash Rents by County

County	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Allegany	28.00	28.26	28.96	27.29	29.28
Anne Arundel	52.50	53.36	49.18	50.87	48.38
Baltimore	60.28	64.03	68.08	71.96	73.21
Calvert	26.40	40.17	44.06	41.38	40.74
Caroline	74.66	70.44	81.26	75.68	73.85
Carroll	63.04	62.52	63.57	62.03	59.84
Cecil	61.74	68.39	72.31	74.44	72.19
Charles	30.95	34.53	35.08	37.22	33.58
Dorchester	62.72	73.58	81.56	76.92	77.54
Frederick	50.57	53.12	56.22	52.52	53.48
Garrett	31.97	37.70	39.55	34.12	33.10
Harford	74.50	75.56	83.08	86.85	85.94
Howard	49.52	63.28	54.44	59.55	62.39
Kent	85.33	75.96	83.08	83.12	89.13
Montgomery	50.94	54.27	60.73	55.83	57.04
Prince George's	33.82	44.21	50.85	43.42	40.74
Queen Anne's	83.40	86.15	90.47	91.81	92.18
St. Mary's	30.00	33.90	37.78	38.46	38.32
Somerset	61.46	67.09	62.57	63.55	64.68
Talbot	78.40	74.86	76.71	83.12	83.02
Washington	54.77	59.58	59.96	62.03	61.75
Wicomico	58.56	62.86	71.45	73.20	73.21
Worcester	73.08	73.16	75.04	80.64	82.38
<b>State Average</b>	<b>\$55.50</b>	<b>\$59.00</b>	<b>\$62.00</b>	<b>*62.00</b>	<b>62.00</b>

\*Revised