

MONTGOMERY COUNTY 2003 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

Farm Numbers ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
<i>Number of Farms</i>	561	596	577
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	147	133	130
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	82,470	79,268	75,077

Livestock Inventory ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
<i>Cattle</i>	11,330	8,331	7,825
<i>Hogs</i>	483	823	495
<i>Sheep</i>	1,015	1,217	952

2002 Value of Sales ¹			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			41,634
<i>Nursery & Greenhouse (\$1,000)</i>			26,624
<i>Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)</i>			6,194
<i>Milk (\$1,000)</i>			²

Demographic Data ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	56.7	56.3	57.4
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	17.8	21.3	23.4

2002 Equine Census			
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			2,590
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			8,470
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$60,555,000

Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 ¹			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	15	<i>Soybeans</i>	13
<i>Barley</i>	18	<i>Vegetables</i>	9
<i>Forage</i>	6	<i>Wheat</i>	14

Livestock & Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 ¹			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	9	<i>Milk Cows</i>	10
<i>Broilers</i>	13	<i>Sheep</i>	9
<i>Hogs</i>	16		

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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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>	<i>2001</i>	10,600	128.0	1,357,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	11,200	93.9	1,051,300
	<i>2003</i>	10,500	105.2	1,104,600
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	1,100	18.2	20,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	1,300	16.0	20,800
	<i>2003</i>	1,200	14.3	17,200
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	12,900	35.5	458,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	13,600	29.3	398,600
	<i>2003</i>	11,400	41.6	473,700
<i>Wheat (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	4,500	62.2	280,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	5,200	66.6	346,500
	<i>2003</i>	4,200	40.7	170,800
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	11,500	2.6	30,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	11,300	2.1	23,500
	<i>2003</i>	9,100	2.7	24,100
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i> ³	400	77.5	31,000
	<i>2002</i> ³	300	76.3	22,900
	<i>2003</i>	300	61.7	18,500

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* Acreage too small to publish.

	2001	2002	2003
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$45.69	\$47.71	\$50.94

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