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## WASHINGTON COUNTY 2003 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> <sup>1</sup>	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> <sup>3</sup>	<i>2002</i>
<i>Number of Farms</i>	809	823	775
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	153	154	161
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	123,932	126,467	125,159

<i>Livestock Inventory</i> <sup>1</sup>	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> <sup>3</sup>	<i>2002</i>
<i>Cattle</i>	41,875	40,224	42,681
<i>Hogs</i>	9,889	10,636	5,718
<i>Sheep</i>	1,897	1,595	1,489

<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> <sup>1</sup>			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			59,577
<i>Milk (\$1,000)</i>			36,741
<i>Cattle &amp; Calves (\$1,000)</i>			6,643
<i>Poultry &amp; Eggs (\$1,000)</i>			3,438

<i>Demographic Data</i> <sup>1</sup>	<i>1992</i>	<i>1997</i> <sup>3</sup>	<i>2002</i>
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	51.0	52.5	53.6
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	9.0	7.8	13.5

<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			1,560
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			4,460
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$12,295,000

<i>Crop Production Acres</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> <sup>1</sup>			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	12	<i>Soybeans</i>	16
<i>Barley</i>	4	<i>Vegetables</i>	12
<i>Forage</i>	2	<i>Wheat</i>	12

<i>Livestock &amp; Poultry Inventories</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> <sup>1</sup>			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	3	<i>Milk Cows</i>	2
<i>Broilers</i>	12	<i>Sheep</i>	6
<i>Hogs</i>	1		

<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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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	2001	14,400	80.1	1,154,000
	2002 <sup>3</sup>	14,000	72.6	1,016,300
	2003	14,000	115.0	1,610,000
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	2001	15,800	13.6	215,000
	2002 <sup>3</sup>	16,900	11.8	199,200
	2003	12,800	14.2	181,700
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	2001	7,700	31.0	239,000
	2002 <sup>3</sup>	8,900	30.5	271,700
	2003	6,200	41.0	254,300
<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	2001	5,000	64.0	320,000
	2002 <sup>3</sup>	5,000	56.8	284,200
	2003	2,900	40.6	117,700
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	2001	22,500	2.4	55,000
	2002 <sup>3</sup>	24,600	2.7	65,700
	2003	22,600	3.2	71,100
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	2001 <sup>3</sup>	3,000	74.4	223,300
	2002 <sup>3</sup>	2,900	76.1	220,600
	2003	1,300	54.2	70,500

<sup>3</sup> Revised.

\* Acreage too small to publish.

	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$55.13	\$55.57	\$54.77

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