



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY 2002 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

Anne Arundel County lies in the heart of Maryland. Its 437 miles of shoreline, proximity to metropolitan areas and to winter and summer resorts contribute to the county's overall appeal. The population of Anne Arundel County was 489,656 in 2000. Annapolis, the County Seat and State Capital, has a population of 33,187 residents.

The 1997 census of agriculture indicates there are 412 farms in the county with an average size of 84 acres per farm. Thus, there are over 34,000 acres in farms with the major production being in soybeans, corn, hay, vegetables, tobacco and wheat. The remaining acres are in pasture, woodlots, nursery stock and fruit production. The value of all agriculture production (excluding horses) is approximately \$12.6 million. Vegetable products are marketed by a variety of methods including: pick-your-own, on-farm direct retail, wholesale to local businesses, individuals, and regional wholesale markets.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Average Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
Corn for Grain	2000	Bu.	5,200	157.7	820,000
	2001		5,400	137.0	740,000
	2002		5,700	64.9	370,000
Corn for Silage	2000	Tons.	*	*	*
	2001		*	*	*
	2002		*	*	*
Soybeans	2000	Bu.	5,500	40.5	223,000
	2001		5,400	39.4	213,000
	2002		5,200	21.0	109,000
Wheat	2000	Bu.	2,900	57.4	166,500
	2001		2,900	62.1	180,000
	2002		2,500	64.8	162,000
Hay	2000	Tons.	3,500	2.6	9,000
	2001		3,300	2.4	8,000
	2002		3,800	1.5	5,500
Barley	2000	Bu.	*	*	*
	2001		*	*	*
	2002		*	*	*
Tobacco	2000	Lbs.	500	1,540	770,000
	2001		200	1,350	270,000
	2002		100	1,300	130,000

<i>Crop Production</i>				<i>Livestock Inventories</i>	
<i>Rank among MD. Counties, 2002</i>				<i>Rank among MD. Counties, 1997¹</i>	
Corn	17	Oats	3 ³	Cattle	19
Wheat	17	Barley	3 ³	Hogs	19
Hay	17	Soybeans	19	Sheep	19
Tobacco	5			Milk Cows	3 ³

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Farm Number & Size ¹		1987	1992	1997
Number of Farms		567	477	412
Average Size	<i>(acres)</i>	75	91	84
Land in Farms	<i>(acres)</i>	42,413	43,320	34,679
Livestock (Number on Farms) ¹				
Cattle Inventory		3,386	3,531	2,149
Hog Inventory		1,862	827	203
Sheep Inventory		352	187	227
Value of Sales ¹			(<i>\$1,000</i>)	
All Products		8,453	11,234	12,621
Crops		6,613	9,741	10,040
Livestock, Poultry, and Poultry Products		1,840	1,493	2,582
Equine, 2002				
	<i>Equine Inventory</i>	<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>	<i>Number of Equine Places</i>	
		<i>\$1,000 dollars</i>		
	4,590	27,035	1,330	
Cash Rents				
		2000	2001	2002
Cropland	<i>dollars per acre</i>	48.71	47.41	42.58

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ Unranked - Data not published.

⁴ Revised.

* Acreage too small to publish.