



## ***CALVERT COUNTY 2002 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE***

Calvert County is located on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay in a geographic area of the state known as Southern Maryland. It consists of a peninsula formed by the Bay and estuary of the Patuxent River. Though rapidly becoming a bedroom community for the metropolitan area, the major crop alone (Maryland-type tobacco) amounted to over 3 million dollars in 1997.

With a 2000 population of almost 74,563, Calvert County is the fastest growing county in Maryland. Points of interest include Calvert Marine Museum, Calvert Cliffs State Park, Battle Creek Cypress Swamp, and numerous historic sites.

Calvert County farms are generally very small and often combine with non-farm employment. Corn, soybeans and tobacco occupy much of the farmland. Small-scale fruit and vegetable production for local marketing, beef herds, feeder pigs and market hogs are important enterprises on some farms.

# CALVERT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Average Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<b>Corn for Grain</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Bu.</b>	3,600	156.4	563,000
	<b>2001</b>		3,900	129.5	505,000
	<b>2002</b>		3,800	57.9	220,000
<b>Corn for Silage</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Tons.</b>	*	*	*
	<b>2001</b>		*	*	*
	<b>2002</b>		*	*	*
<b>Soybeans</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Bu.</b>	3,900	42.8	167,000
	<b>2001</b>		3,400	40.0	136,000
	<b>2002</b>		2,700	16.0	43,200
<b>Wheat</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Bu.</b>	3,300	48.6	160,400
	<b>2001</b>		3,000	55.0	165,000
	<b>2002</b>		2,400	60.4	145,000
<b>Hay</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Tons.</b>	2,500	2.0	5,000
	<b>2001</b>		2,400	2.5	6,000
	<b>2002</b>		3,000	2.6	7,700
<b>Barley</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Bu.</b>	*	*	*
	<b>2001</b>		*	*	*
	<b>2002</b>		*	*	*
<b>Tobacco</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Lbs.</b>	1,200	1,265.0	1,517,600
	<b>2001</b>		400	1,450.0	580,000
	<b>2002</b>		300	1,335.0	400,500

<i>Crop Production</i>				<i>Livestock Inventories</i>	
<i>Rank among MD. Counties, 2002</i>				<i>Rank among MD. Counties, 1997<sup>1</sup></i>	
Corn	19	Oats	3	Cattle	22
Wheat	18	Barley	3	Hogs	21
Hay	15	Soybeans	21	Sheep	20
Tobacco	2			Milk Production	3

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<b><i>Farm Number &amp; Size</i></b> <sup>1</sup>		<b>1987</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997</b>
Number of Farms		464	400	349
Average Size	<i>(acres)</i>	89	93	96
Land in Farms	<i>(acres)</i>	41,251	37,320	33,450
<b><i>Livestock (Number on Farms)</i></b> <sup>1</sup>				
Cattle Inventory		1,649	1,609	1,550
Hog Inventory		165	229	120
Sheep Inventory		83	179	177
<b><i>Value of Sales</i></b> <sup>1</sup>			<b><i>(\$1,000)</i></b>	
All Products		4,379	6,795	7,704
Crops		3,917	6,265	6,868
Livestock, Poultry, and Poultry Products		462	530	836
<b><i>Equine, 2002</i></b>				
	<b><i>Equine Inventory</i></b>	<b><i>Value of Equine Inventory</i></b>	<b><i>Number of Equine Places</i></b>	
		<b><i>\$1,000 dollars</i></b>		
	1,510	9,980	420	
<b>Cash Rents</b>				
		<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
Cropland	<i>dollars per acre</i>	42.61	43.53	39.78

<sup>1</sup> Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>3</sup> Unranked - Data not published.

<sup>4</sup> Revised.

\* Acreage too small to publish .