



GARRETT COUNTY 2002 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

Garrett County is the western most county in the state. It ranks first in total area and second in land area (the difference being water area). Garrett is called tableland because of the plateau. The average elevation is 2,500 feet. Garrett County is bordered on the south and west by West Virginia, and on the east by Allegany County.

Garrett is truly a four seasons county with spring, cool summer, colorful fall and plenty of snow for winter. The county population of 29,846 swells with seasonal tourists.

Garrett County is basically a dairy and livestock area because of the climate, growing season, soil type and topography. It presently ranks fifth in the state in dairy production with the bulk of milk finding a Pennsylvania market.

Maple syrup production is still a unique industry of Garrett County, with 10 to 15 sugar bushes still operating.

GARRETT AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

<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.	5,600	103.1	577,400
	2001		5,200	105.0	546,000
	2002		5,200	91.3	475,000
Corn for Silage	2000	Tons.	3,800	14.9	56,600
	2001		4,300	15.6	67,000
	2002		4,300	15.6	67,000
Soybeans	2000	Bu.	*	*	*
	2001		*	*	*
	2002		*	*	*
Wheat	2000	Bu.	*	*	*
	2001		*	*	*
	2002		*	*	*
Hay	2000	Tons.	25,000	1.9	48,000
	2001		26,000	2.0	52,000
	2002		26,000	2.5	64,800
Barley	2000	Bu.	*	*	*
	2001		*	*	*
	2002		*	*	*

<i>Crop Production</i>				<i>Livestock Inventories</i>	
<i>Rank among MD. Counties, 2002</i>				<i>Rank among MD. Counties, 1997¹</i>	
Corn	15	Oats	3	Cattle	4
Wheat	3	Barley	3	Hogs	15
Hay	4	Soybeans	3	Sheep	7
				Milk Cows	5 ⁵

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Farm Number & Size ¹		1987	1992	1997
Number of Farms		670	634	649
Average Size	<i>(acres)</i>	181	175	166
Land in Farms	<i>(acres)</i>	121,529	110,699	107,695
Livestock (Number on Farms) ¹				
Cattle Inventory		24,186	23,443	24,895
Hog Inventory		3,084	1,643	1,001
Sheep Inventory		2,357	1,719	1,341
Value of Sales ¹			(\$1,000)	
All Products		19,377	20,437	20,997
Crops		1,639	2,198	2,407
Livestock, Poultry, and Poultry Products		17,738	18,240	18,590
Average Number of Milk Cows		2000	2001	2002
		5,500	5,600	5,700
Milk Production - 1,000 lbs		2000	2001	2002
		83,000	79,000	81,000
Equine, 2002				
	<i>Equine Inventory</i>	<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>	<i>Number of Equine Places</i>	
		<i>1,000 dollars</i>		
	1,410	2,900	370	
Cash Rents		2000	2001	2002
Cropland	<i>dollars per acre</i>	26.13	29.92	26.94

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ Unranked - Data not published.

⁴ Revised.

⁵ 2002.

* Acreage too small to publish.