



KENT COUNTY 2002 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

Kent County is located on the Northern Eastern Shore. Kent County's land area of 178,843 acres contains 117,526 acres of agriculture land 66 percent of the total. The topography is generally flat, although some short but steep slopes exist.

In 2000 Kent County had a population of 19,197 with many residing in the county seat of Chestertown. Chestertown and Kent County are noted for historical homes, especially the colonial era. The only battlefield in Kent County is Caulk's Field (War of 1812) a point of interest near McClean's Corner commemorated with a monument.

Kent County has very important and diverse agriculture with corn, soybeans, small grains and dairy being the leading commodities. Kent County ranks second in production of corn, third in production of soybeans and fourth for wheat.

KENT 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. | 37,800 | 147.9 | 5,590,000 |
| | 2001 | | 37,800 | 151.7 | 5,734,000 |
| | 2002 | | 41,500 | 69.9 | 2,900,000 |
| Corn for Silage | 2000 | Tons. | 3,600 | 22.7 | 81,800 |
| | 2001 | | 4,000 | 18.3 | 73,000 |
| | 2002 | | 3,500 | 11.7 | 41,000 |
| Soybeans | 2000 | Bu. | 34,400 | 44.0 | 1,513,000 |
| | 2001 | | 42,300 | 41.0 | 1,734,000 |
| | 2002 | | 41,500 | 24.5 | 1,016,700 |
| Wheat | 2000 | Bu. | 17,200 | 72.3 | 1,244,000 |
| | 2001 | | 14,800 | 65.2 | 965,000 |
| | 2002 | | 16,300 | 67.2 | 1,095,000 |
| Hay | 2000 | Tons. | 4,000 | 4.1 | 16,500 |
| | 2001 | | 4,300 | 2.3 | 10,000 |
| | 2002 | | 3,700 | 2.8 | 10,300 |
| Barley | 2000 | Bu. | 3,200 | 94.3 | 301,900 |
| | 2001 | | 3,100 | 74.1 | 229,700 |
| | 2002 | | 2,600 | 83.8 | 218,000 |

| <i>Crop Production</i> | | | | <i>Livestock Inventories</i> | |
|--------------------------------------|----|----------|---|--|----------------|
| <i>Rank among MD. Counties, 2002</i> | | | | <i>Rank among MD. Counties, 1997¹</i> | |
| Corn | 2 | Barley | 7 | Cattle | 9 |
| Wheat | 4 | Soybeans | 3 | Hogs | 2 |
| Hay | 11 | | | Sheep | 9 |
| | | | | Milk Cows | 6 ⁵ |

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|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| <i>Farm Number & Size</i> ¹ | | 1987 | 1992 | 1997 |
| Number of Farms | | 361 | 318 | 314 |
| Average Size | <i>(acres)</i> | 370 | 413 | 374 |
| Land in Farms | <i>(acres)</i> | 133,597 | 131,283 | 117,526 |
| <i>Livestock (Number on Farms)</i> ¹ | | | | |
| Cattle Inventory | | 9,546 | 7,249 | 8,388 |
| Hog Inventory | | ² | 8,599 | ² |
| Sheep Inventory | | 651 | 736 | 769 |
| <i>Value of Sales</i> ¹ | | | <i>(\$1,000)</i> | |
| All Products | | 43,528 | 54,479 | 60,957 |
| Crops | | 20,200 | 34,229 | 34,020 |
| Livestock, Poultry, and Poultry Products | | 23,328 | 20,250 | 26,937 |
| | | | | |
| Average Number of Milk Cows | | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
| | | 4,100 | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| Milk Production - 1,000 lbs. | | 54,000 | 58,000 | 59,000 |
| | | | | |
| <i>Equine, 2002</i> | | | | |
| <i>Equine Inventory</i> | <i>Value of Equine Inventory</i> | <i>Number of Equine Places</i> | | |
| | <i>1,000 dollars</i> | | | |
| 1,610 | 29,025 | 170 | | |
| Cash Rents | | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
| Cropland | <i>dollars per acre</i> | 75.49 | 79.49 | 82.16 |

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 .