



QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY 2002 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

Queen Anne's County is located in the north-central part of Maryland's majestic Eastern Shore. The county occupies 238,229 acres or 373 square miles. It's acreage is partly on the mainland and partly on islands, mainly Kent and Wye Islands.

Queen Anne's County has primarily an agricultural economy with some manufacturing, retail and wholesale distribution and construction. The population in 2000 was 40,563.

The county has a diversified agriculture, including production of small grains, dairy, swine, beef, poultry, vegetable crops (for canning and fresh market), soybeans, corn and wheat. In 2002, Queen Anne's County ranked first in wheat, corn and soybean production and fifth in barley production. Queen Anne's County has 419 active farms. The average size of a county farm is 401 acres.

QUEEN ANNE'S 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.	46,100	170.0	7,837,000
	2001		46,400	175.0	8,120,000
	2002		45,000	77.8	3,500,000
Corn for Silage	2000	Tons.	*	*	*
	2001		900	17.8	16,000
	2002		2,500	10.0	25,000
Soybeans	2000	Bu.	70,300	47.0	3,305,000
	2001		68,200	42.9	2,929,000
	2002		62,000	19.5	1,209,000
Wheat	2000	Bu.	32,300	62.6	2,021,300
	2001		27,000	65.9	1,780,000
	2002		29,700	69.8	2,074,000
Hay	2000	Tons.	1,800	3.9	7,000
	2001		2,000	2.8	5,500
	2002		3,200	2.5	8,100
Barley	2000	Bu.	5,300	90.3	478,800
	2001		5,000	77.3	386,500
	2002		3,200	82.8	265,000

<i>Crop Production</i>				<i>Livestock Inventories</i>	
<i>Rank among MD. Counties, 2002</i>				<i>Rank among MD. Counties, 1997 ¹</i>	
Corn	1	Oats	3	Cattle	11
Wheat	1	Barley	6	Hogs	16
Hay	14	Soybeans	1	Sheep	11
				Milk Cows	9 ⁵

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<i>Farm Number & Size</i> ¹	1987	1992	1997
Number of Farms	457	413	419
Average Size	<i>(acres)</i> 373	400	401
Land in Farms	<i>(acres)</i> 170,677	165,349	167,957
<i>Livestock (Number on Farms)</i> ¹			
Cattle Inventory	8,122	6,400	5,559
Hog Inventory	3,358	2,155	959
Sheep Inventory	624	886	567
<i>Value of Sales</i> ¹		<i>(\$1,000)</i>	
All Products	31,281	55,172	68,736
Crops	14,259	35,075	43,607
Livestock, Poultry, and Poultry Products	17,022	20,097	25,129
Average Number of Milk Cows	2000	2001	2002
	1,800	2,100	2,000
Milk Production - 1,000 lbs.	23,000	26,000	27,000
<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>		
2,000	18,070	300	
<i>Cash Rents</i>			
		2000	2001
Cropland	<i>dollars per acre</i>	72.46	74.65
			2002
			73.39

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 .