



Horticulture

Total nursery production and sales area in 2003 totaled 16,061 acres, including 15,564 acres in open ground and 17.7 million square feet (407 acres) in covered space. Nearly 80% of the production, sales, and holding areas were in the Central region and Upper Eastern Shore. Central region businesses reported 6,031 acres of open ground and 4 million square feet of covered spaced. The Upper Eastern Shore had 6,506 acres of open ground and over 7 million square feet of covered space.

The 2003 survey indicated a shift away from the importation of plant material from other states towards the purchase of plants from Maryland nurseries or growing plant materials on their own operations. Sales of Maryland grown materials totaled \$335.5 million, or about 43% of the total plant material sold. Plant material purchased out of state totaled \$472.7 million, or about 57% of the plant material sold. A very small amount (<1%) was imported from outside the United States.

Acres in Horticultural Crops, 2003

<i>Region</i>	<i>Open Land (acres)</i>	<i>Covered Space (square feet)</i>
Western Maryland	377	31,512
Central Maryland	6,031	4,004,339
Southern Maryland	1,368	1,458,372
Upper Eastern Shore	6,506	7,310,589
Lower Eastern Shore	1,033	4,347,088
Statewide Operations	339	563,531

Source of Plants Sold in Maryland 2003

<i>Source of Plants Sold</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Grown Entirely on the farm where produced	\$ 175,677,312	21%
Purchased from another Maryland Nursery unfinished	12,785,681	2%
Purchased from another Maryland Nursery finished	167,032,385	20%
Imported from another state unfinished	33,134,802	4%
Imported from another state finished	439,530,193	53%
Imported from outside the U.S.	3,294,595	>1%