



Equine

According to the 2002 Maryland Equine Census, there were a total of 87,100 horses, mules, donkeys, and burros in the State of Maryland. Light Horse Breeds accounted for about 48 percent of the total, followed by Thoroughbreds with 33 percent of the total. Ponies and Standardbreds each accounted for about 7 percent, followed by draft breeds and mules, donkeys and burros. The value of the equine inventory at the time of the census was a little over \$680 million, putting the average value per animal at about \$7,810. There were a total of 20,200 equine places in the State during the Census. This includes racing, breeding, and all sizes of boarding facilities as well as private residences where horses are being kept for recreational purposes. On these places, there are 38,000 people actively involved with the equine.

These equine operations account for a total of 685,000 acres, of which, 206,000 acres were used primarily for equine related purposes. The value of all equine related assets totaled \$5.2 billion, including the value of the inventory. The value of land, fencing, and buildings made up about 76 percent of the total assets. The value of the inventory ac-

counts for 13 percent and equipment and supplies made up about 11 percent of total reported assets. Equine related expenditures amounted to nearly \$766 million, of which 62 percent were operating expenditures and 38 percent were capital expenditures. There were 8,400 horses sold during the past year with an average value of sales of \$14,196. Less than 100 mules, donkeys and burros were sold.

Results of the 2003 Maryland Equine Census

Inventory	Number
Equine associated with the racing industry:	
Standardbreds	5,800
Thoroughbreds	28,800
Other Race Breeds	200
Equine not associated with the racing industry:	
Light horses Breeds	42,000
Draft horses Breeds	2,200
Ponies All Breeds	5,900
Donkeys, Mules & Burros	2,200
Total Equine Inventory	87,100

Description	Unit	Totals
Equine Places Acreage & People		
Number of places having equine	Number	20,200
Number of people involved	Number	38,000
Total Acreage Reported	Acres	685,000
Acreage used for equine purposes	Acres	206,000
Equine Related Assets		
Value of equine inventory	Thousand Dollars	680,240
Value of land, fencing, facilities	Thousand Dollars	3,956,780
Value of equipment and supplies	Thousand Dollars	552,850
Equine Sales		
Horses		
Number sold	Head	8,400
Total value of Sales	Thousand Dollars	119,250
Donkeys, Mules & Burros		
Number sold	Head	50
Total value of sales	Thousand Dollars	25