



Equine

According to the 2010 Maryland Equine Census, there were a total of 79,100 horses, mules, donkeys, and burros in the state of Maryland. Light Horse Breeds accounted for about 50 percent of the total, followed by Race Horse Breeds with 37 percent of the total. Ponies accounted for about 7 percent and Draft Horse breeds and Donkeys, Mules and Burros each accounted for 3 percent of the total. The value of the equine inventory on May 1, 2010 was \$714 million. There were a total of 16,040 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 28,340 people actively involved with the equine.

These equine operations account for a total of 587,000 acres of which 188,000 acres were used primarily for equine related purposes. The value of all equine related assets totaled \$5.6 billion including the value of the inventory. The value of land, fencing, and buildings made up 74 percent of the total assets and the value of the inventory accounted for 13 percent of the total assets. Total equine related expenditures spent in Maryland in calendar year 2009 amounted to just under \$513 million of which 71 percent were operating expenditures and 29 percent were capital expenditures.

Results of the 2010 Maryland Equine Census

Inventory by Category

Number

Standardbreds	4,700
Thoroughbreds	24,500
Other Race breed	200
Light horses Breeds	39,600
Draft horses Breeds	2,600
Ponies All Breeds	5,300
Donkeys, Mules & Burros	2,200
Total Equine Inventory	79,100

Description

Unit

Totals

Equine Places Acreage & People

Number of places having equine	Number	16,040
Number of people involved	Number	28,340
Total Acreage Reported	Acres	587,000
Acreage used for equine purposes	Acres	188,000

Equine Related Assets

Value of equine inventory	Thousand Dollars	714,680
Value of land, fencing and buildings	Thousand Dollars	4,177,978
Value of equipment	Thousand Dollars	536,423
Value of supplies	Thousand Dollars	16,100
Value of tack	Thousand Dollars	166,486

Equine Sales

Horses and Ponies		
Number sold	Head	4,300
Total value of Sales	Thousand Dollars	48,100
Donkeys, Mules & Burros		
Number sold	Head	120
Total value of sales	Thousand Dollars	100