



CAROLINE COUNTY 2010 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

Farm Numbers ¹	1997	2002	2007
Number of Farms	556	506	574
Average Size (acres)	202	227	229
Land in Farms (acres)	112,545	114,843	131,277
Livestock Inventory ¹	1997	2002	2007
Cattle	3,210	6,716	4,834
Hogs	6,368	1,224	731
Sheep	244	248	159
Value of Sales ¹			
All Products (\$1,000)			186,039
Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)			126,780
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			31,391
Vegetables (\$1,000)			6,986
Demographic Data ¹	1997	2002	2007
Average Age of Operator	53.5	54.9	56.2
Percent Female Principal Operators	7.6	8.9	13.2
Equine Census			2010
Number of Equine Places			440
Equine Inventory			1,300
Value of Equine Inventory			\$7,914,000

Crop Production Acres			
Rank among Maryland Counties, 2007 ¹			
Corn for Grain	3	Soybeans	2
Barley	1	Vegetables	1
Forage	6	Wheat	2

Livestock & Poultry Inventories			
Rank among Maryland Counties, 2007 ¹			
Beef Cows	17	Milk Cows	9
Broilers	5	Sheep	8
Hogs	8		

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Crop	Year	Acreage Harvested	Yield	Total Production
Corn for Grain (bushels)	2008	32,000	140.0	4,490,000
	2009	33,000	149.0	4,920,000
	2010	30,500	126.3	3,853,000
Corn for Silage (tons)	2008	2,000	22.5	45,000
	2009	**	**	**
	2010	**	**	**
Soybeans (bushels)	2008	*	*	*
	2009	46,700	42.0	1,950,000
	2010	49,800	33.5	1,670,000
Winter Wheat (bushels)	2008	24,000	66.5	1,600,000
	2009	24,000	58.5	1,400,000
	2010	15,000	55.7	835,000
Other Hay (tons)	2008	2,800	2.5	7,000
	2009	2,500	2.65	6,600
	2010	*	*	*
Barley (bushels)	2008	7,200	94.4	680,000
	2009	10,300	70.0	725,000
	2010	5,600	65.7	368,000

*Not published to avoid disclosure.

** Corn silage no longer published at county level.

Cash Rents (dollars per acre)	2009	2010
Cropland Non irrigated	75.5	71.5
Cropland irrigated	*	100.00
Pastureland	*	*

The National Agricultural Statistics Service is an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture working cooperatively with the Maryland Department of Agriculture in the collection of statistical data for Maryland agriculture. Most data collection results from the voluntary cooperation of Maryland's farmers and other industry representatives. All published results are available through contact with the Maryland Field Office in Annapolis or through their website. Any questions or comments should be directed to Barbara Rater, Director.

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

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