



DORCHESTER COUNTY 2010 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> ¹	1997	2002	2007
<i>Number of Farms</i>	308	351	424
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	398	357	314
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	122,443	125,385	133,188

<i>Livestock Inventory</i> ¹	1997	2002	2007
<i>Cattle</i>	589	316	255
<i>Hogs</i>	2,529	2,907	1,934
<i>Sheep</i>	2	2	123

<i>Value of Sales</i> ¹	1997	2002	2007
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			166,732
<i>Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)</i>			122,079
<i>Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)</i>			28,100
<i>Vegetables (\$1,000)</i>			13,367

<i>Demographic Data</i> ¹	1997	2002	2007
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	53.3	56.0	57.6
<i>Percent Female Principal Operators</i>	4.2	11.4	11.3

<i>Equine Census</i>	2010
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>	130
<i>Equine Inventory</i>	350
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>	\$833,000

<i>Crop Production Acres</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2007</i> ¹			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	6	<i>Soybeans</i>	3
<i>Barley</i>	7	<i>Vegetables</i>	17
<i>Forage</i>	12	<i>Wheat</i>	4

<i>Livestock & Poultry Inventories</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2007</i> ¹			
<i>Beef Cows</i>	19	<i>Milk Cows</i>	-
<i>Broilers</i>	3	<i>Sheep</i>	22
<i>Hogs</i>	4		

¹ Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	2008	22,600	138.0	3,130,000
	2009	21,400	166.0	3,560,000
	2010	26,000	126.2	3,280,000
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	2008	*	*	*
	2009	**	**	**
	2010	**	**	**
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	2008	*	*	*
	2009	49,300	40.5	2,000,000
	2010	44,300	33.2	1,470,000
<i>Winter Wheat (bushels)</i>	2008	15,300	75.0	1,150,000
	2009	18,700	61.0	1,145,000
	2010	11,000	52.7	580,000
<i>Other Hay (tons)</i>	2008	*	*	*
	2009	*	*	*
	2010	*	*	*
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	2008	1,500	72.0	108,000
	2009	2,900	60.0	175,000
	2010	2,800	61.1	171,000

* Not published to avoid disclosure.

** Corn silage no longer published at county level.

<i>Cash Rents (dollars per acre)</i>	2009	2010
<i>Cropland Non irrigated</i>	76.0	68.5
<i>Pastureland</i>	*	*

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