



## HOWARD COUNTY 2010 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> <sup>1</sup>	1997	2002	2007
<i>Number of Farms</i>	369	346	335
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	112	109	88
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	41,501	37,582	29,371
<i>Livestock Inventory</i> <sup>1</sup>	1997	2002	2007
<i>Cattle</i>	6,409	4,266	3,121
<i>Hogs</i>	1,266	263	91
<i>Sheep</i>	599	780	1,330
<i>Value of Sales</i> <sup>1</sup>			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			22,685
<i>Nursery &amp; Greenhouse (\$1,000)</i>			13,441
<i>Grains &amp; Oilseeds (\$1,000)</i>			2,940
<i>Milk (\$1,000)</i>			1,979
<i>Demographic Data</i> <sup>1</sup>	1997	2002	2007
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	56.4	56.5	58.3
<i>Percent Female Principal Operators</i>	19.2	28.9	28.1
<i>Equine Census</i>			2010
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			1,020
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			4,350
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$35,881,000

<i>Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2007</i> <sup>1</sup>			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	18	<i>Soybeans</i>	20
<i>Barley</i>	15	<i>Vegetables</i>	22
<i>Forage</i>	18	<i>Wheat</i>	19

<i>Livestock &amp; Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2007</i> <sup>1</sup>			
<i>Beef Cows</i>	12	<i>Milk Cows</i>	13
<i>Broilers</i>	18	<i>Sheep</i>	9
<i>Hogs</i>	15		

<sup>1</sup> Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

<sup>2</sup> 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	4,900	127.0	620,000
	2009	4,800	128.0	615,000
	2010	7,000	105.6	655,000
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	2008	*	*	*
	2009	**	**	**
	2010	**	**	**
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	2008	*	*	*
	2009	*	*	*
	2010	5,100	37.6	192,000
<i>Winter Wheat (bushels)</i>	2008	1,500	63.5	95,000
	2009	2,000	57.5	115,000
	2010	1,600	68.1	109,000
<i>Other Hay (tons)</i>	2008	*	*	*
	2009	5,000	2.2	11,000
	2010	*	*	*
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	2008	500	94.0	47,000
	2009	*	*	*
	2010	*	*	*

\* 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>	61.0	69.5
<i>Pastureland</i>	*	*

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