Interesting Facts

With 95,514 acres, farms provide lots of **open space** in the county equaling around 22% of the total land area. As a reference, there are 90,000 acres of public land in Garrett County totaling about 21% of the county.*[1]

There were 10,785 **Christmas Trees** Cut in Garrett County in 2007.*

There were 2,437 gallons of **maple syrup** on 11 farms in 2007. In 2002, we had 15 farms.*

Garrett County bees produced 2,274 pounds of **honey** in 2007.*

There were 111 acres of **vegetables** and **melons** in 2007 on 35 farms.*

20 acres of **orchards** still exist on 5 farms in Garrett County.*

Garrett County ranks #1 in **Oats**, #2 in **Cut Christmas Trees**, #3 for land used in **hay & forage** production among all the counties in Maryland.*

The estimated value of all agriculture **equipment** and **machinery** in Garrett County is a whopping $45,144,000.*

There were 1,857 **tractors** used on Garrett County farms in 2007.*

The average **number of years of experience** a Garrett County farmer has on the farm is over 22 years.*

10 farms in Garrett County hired 10 or more **workers** during 2007.*

Garrett County **agritourism** is a growing presence. Support your fellow farmers: visit a corn maze, take a farm tour, take a sleigh or carriage ride, or stop by a pick-your-own farm or a farm produce stand.

Helpful Resources

Garrett County, Maryland
Economic Development Department
www.gcedonline.com
301-334-6968

Garrett County Chamber of Commerce
www.GarrettChamber.com
301-387-4386

Garrett-Preston Rural Development Coalition
www.MoreFarmMoney.org
301-334-6968

Garrett County Extension Service
301-334-6960

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
& Garrett Soil Conservation District
301-334-6981

USDA Farm Service Agency
301-334-6954

USDA Rural Development
301-334-6972

Garrett County Farm Products
www.GarrettFarms.org
301-334-6968

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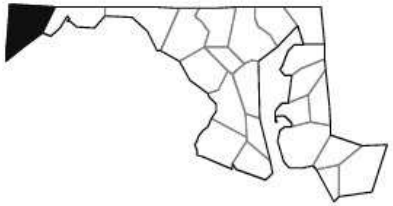
Agriculture Facts



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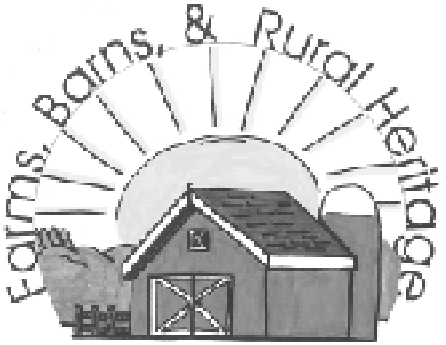

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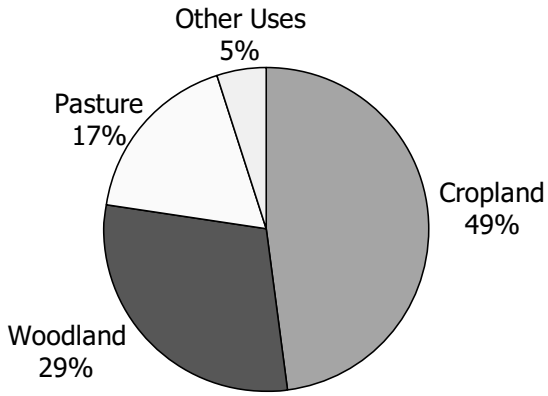
Our Farms

Number of Farms.....677*
Up 7% from 2002

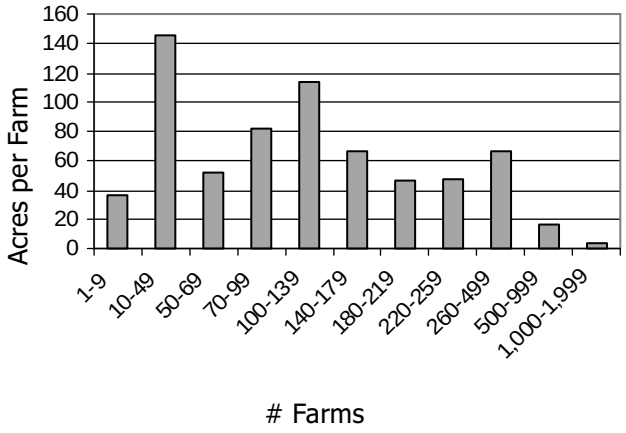
Land in Farms (acres) 95,514*
Down 6% from 2002

Land in Farms by Type of Land



Average Size of Farm (acres).....141*
Down 1% from 2002

Farms by Size*



Our Farmers

Primary Occupation - Main Operators:
Farming 310*
Other..... 367*

Gender—Main Operators:
Male 644*
Female.....33*

Average Age—Main Operators..... 54.6*

No. Hired Workers..... 506*

Our Products

Number of Animals:
Cattle & Calves.....17,861*
Chickens-Layers.....2,774*
Hogs..... 443*
Sheep & Lambs 1,351*
Goats..... 644*
Horses & Ponies 1,061*

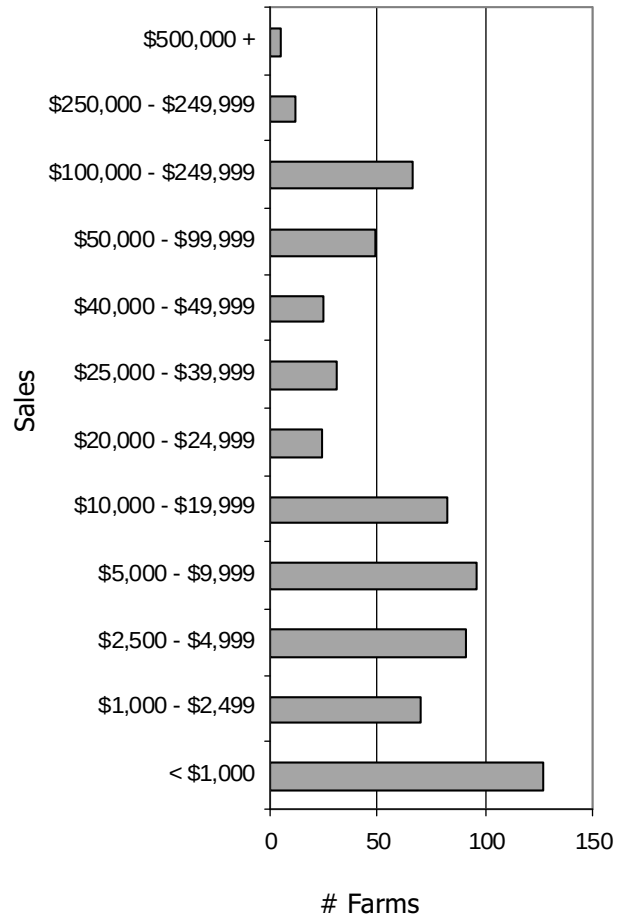
Livestock Gross Sales:
Cattle & Calves.....$5,911,000*
Hogs.....$100,000*
Sheep, Goats $129,000*

Other Product Gross Sales:
Milk & Milk Products..... $12,807,000*
Crops, Nursery, Greenhouse $6,465,000*
Nursery, Greenhouse $330,000*
Grains.....$1,605,000*
Christmas Trees.....$374,000*
Vegetables, melons $329,000*
Fruits, Berries $147,000*
Other Crops, Hay $3,681,000*

Our Economic Impact

Market Value of Production $25,726,000*
Up 19% from 2002

Gross Sales of Ag Products ..... $46,846,000 [1]

No. Jobs in Agriculture:
Directly Related to Ag..... 906 [1]
Directly & Indirectly Related to Ag.....1,398 [1]

Farms by Value of Sales*