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.*

There were 10,783 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 19 farms.*

Garrett County bees produced 2,774 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.

Resources

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

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

University of Maryland Extension, Garrett Co.
301-334-6960

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

USDA Farm Service Agency
301-334-6954

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

Garrett Growers Cooperative
www.GarrettGrowers.com
240-321-9036

Sources Used:

* 2007 Census of Agriculture, United States
  Department of Agriculture National Agriculture
  Statistics Service

* County-by-County Economic Impact Estimates
  for Resource-Based Industries in the State of
  Maryland, by Salisbury University, 2002
Our Farms

- Number of Farms: 677*
  - Up 7% from 2002
- Land in Farms (acres): 95,514*
  - Down 6% from 2002

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 Impact

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

- Gross Sales of Ag Products: $46,846,000*

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

Farms by Value of Sales*

- $500,000 +: [Chart Data]
- $250,000 - $249,999: [Chart Data]
- $100,000 - $249,999: [Chart Data]
- $50,000 - $99,999: [Chart Data]
- $40,000 - $49,999: [Chart Data]
- $25,000 - $39,999: [Chart Data]
- $20,000 - $24,999: [Chart Data]
- $10,000 - $19,999: [Chart Data]
- $5,000 - $9,999: [Chart Data]
- $2,500 - $4,999: [Chart Data]
- $1,000 - $2,499: [Chart Data]
- < $1,000: [Chart Data]