



## ***WASHINGTON COUNTY 2002 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE***

Washington County is located in Western Maryland, bordered by Pennsylvania on the North and West Virginia to the South. It ranks ninth in size among the twenty-three counties, with 293,223 acres in land area. A growing business center, the 2000 population was 131,923.

Washington County is the heart of the fruit industry in Maryland. Apple and peach growers harvest over 190,000 trees annually. Dairying is the principle livestock enterprise. Milk cows number 16,000 head, ranking second in the state. In addition to milk and fruit, the chief agricultural commodities are cereal grains.

A rich heritage of agricultural and historical significance adds to the attractions for tourists. Among these attractions is the Civil War site Antietam Battlefield located in the Sharpsburg area. Approximately, 350,000 visitors frequent these grounds annually. In addition, many state and private campgrounds and other recreational areas are accessible to visitors to the county.

## *WASHINGTON AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS*

<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Average Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<b>Corn for Grain</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Bu.</b>	15,900	133.7	2,126,000
	<b>2001</b>		14,400	80.1	1,154,000
	<b>2002</b>		14,700	81.6	1,200,000
<b>Corn for Silage</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Tons.</b>	15,300	18.1	277,300
	<b>2001</b>		15,800	13.6	215,000
	<b>2002</b>		15,800	11.7	185,000
<b>Soybeans</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Bu.</b>	7,100	41.0	291,000
	<b>2001</b>		7,700	31.0	239,000
	<b>2002</b>		7,300	38.0	277,400
<b>Wheat</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Bu.</b>	6,000	61.7	370,400
	<b>2001</b>		5,000	64.0	320,000
	<b>2002</b>		4,700	56.4	265,000
<b>Hay</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Tons.</b>	23,500	2.8	66,000
	<b>2001</b>		22,500	2.4	55,000
	<b>2002</b>		25,100	2.7	69,100
<b>Barley</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>Bu.</b>	4,300	67.3	289,400
	<b>2001</b>		4,700	74.4	349,700
	<b>2002</b>		4,200	83.3	350,000

<i>Crop Production</i>				<i>Livestock Inventories</i>	
<i>Rank among MD. Counties, 2002</i>				<i>Rank among MD. Counties, 1997<sup>1</sup></i>	
Corn	10	Barley	3	Cattle	2
Wheat	14	Soybeans	15	Hogs	1
Hay	2			Sheep	6
				Milk Cows	2 <sup>5</sup>

## WASHINGTON AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

<b>Farm Number &amp; Size</b> <sup>1</sup>		<b>1987</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997</b>
Number of Farms		906	809	768
Average Size	<i>(acres)</i>	152	153	164
Land in Farms	<i>(acres)</i>	137,529	123,932	126,292
<b>Livestock (Number on Farms)</b> <sup>1</sup>				
Cattle Inventory		42,821	41,875	41,519
Hog Inventory		22,284	9,889	10,575
Sheep Inventory		1,266	1,897	1,451
<b>Value of Sales</b> <sup>1</sup>			<b>(\$1,000)</b>	
All Products		54,091	58,341	60,604
Crops		6,432	9,451	12,797
Livestock, Poultry, and Poultry Products		47,659	48,890	47,807
<b>Average Number of Milk Cows</b>		<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
		15,900	16,000	16,000
Milk Production - 1,000 lbs.		246,000	236,000	242,000
<b>Equine, 2002</b>				
	<i>Equine Inventory</i>	<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>	<i>Number of Equine Places</i>	
		<i>1,000 dollars</i>		
	4,460	12,295	1,560	
<b>Cash Rents</b>		<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
Cropland	<i>dollars per acre</i>	52.35	55.13	55.57

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

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>3</sup> Unranked - Data not published.

<sup>4</sup> Revised.

<sup>5</sup> 2002.

\* Acreage too small to publish.