Maryland County Zoning Regulations Related to Agriculture

The information which follows was provided in response to a survey sent to county planning and zoning offices and complied by the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) in 2005. Additional comments and explanations can be found at the end of this section. Data is still pending from some counties, and will be added when available. County planning directors can be found at http://www.mdp.state.md.us/localplan/counties.html, and we recommend that you contact the particular county for additional details. Additional data was provided by the Maryland Department of Planning, the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service, and other organizations.

	Agricultural definitions: Counties have different definitions of what activities qualify as agriculture. Operations such as producing, processing, harvesting or marketing farm products qualify land for agricultural zoning in these counties. Additional comments and explanations can be found at the end of this section, or contact the county directly.												**Setbacks:** Buildings must be constructed the specified number of feet from the property line.			
	(A = Always; S = Sometimes; N = Never)												(x/x/x = front/side/rear).			
	Grain & field crops	Livestock & poultry	Horses	Fruits, nuts, vegetables	Ornamental plants	Seafood & aquaculture	Wine	Honey	Timber	Earthworms	Other		Residential buildings	Commercial buildings	Farm buildings	Reverse setback
Allegany																
Anne Arundel	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A			40/15/35	100	50	no
Baltimore City																
Baltimore County	A	A	S	A	A		A		A				70/35/---		varies	100
Calvert	A	A	S	A	S	A	N	A	A	A			60/30/60	50	5	100
Caroline																
Carroll	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A			40/20/50	40/20-30/50	none	no
Cecil																
Charles	A	S	S	A	A	A	S	A	A	S			50/--/50	--/6/10	75	no
Dorchester																
Frederick																
Garrett	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	A			No county-wide zoning			
Harford																
Howard																
Kent	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	S			15		25-600	600
Montgomery	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A			50	80	80	no
Prince George's	A	A	A	A	A	N	A	A	N	A			Determined by property zoning			
Queen Anne's																
Somerset	A	A	A	A	A	A	S		A				65/10/35		200	no
St. Mary's	A	A	A	A	A	A	N	A	A	A			15	15	5	15-50
Talbot	A	A	A	A	A	S	S	S	A	S			from 50	200	200	
Washington	A	A	A	A	S	S	S	A	A				50		100	50
Wicomico																
Worcester																