



GOVERNOR HOGAN'S Buy Local Cookout

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MARYLAND FOOD STATISTICS

All of the food served at the 2018 Buy Local Cookout has been provided by local growers, producers, watermen and chefs. The following statistics on Maryland agriculture are from the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, except where noted.

Overall: Maryland has about 12,200 farms covering more than 2 million acres. The average farm size is 166 acres. According to the 2012 Census of Agriculture, the average net farm income per farm was \$38,920. The total cash farm income for all commodities raised and produced was nearly \$2.3 billion for 2012.

Cattle: In Maryland, all cattle and calves as of January 1, 2018 totaled 193,000 head. Cash receipts from cattle and calves were estimated at more than \$63.3 million in 2017.

Chicken: Maryland is a national leader in broiler chicken production. A broiler is a chicken raised specifically for meat production. Value of production from broilers was more than \$1 billion in 2017; pounds produced totaled 1.84 billion.

Eggs: Maryland farmers produced about 833 million eggs in 2017. The total number of layers in the state is 2,826,000. Each laying bird lays an average of 295 eggs per year.

Fresh Market Vegetables: The 2017 value of selected fresh market vegetables and melon crops produced in Maryland is \$32.7 million. The selected fresh market vegetables and melons included are sweet corn, watermelons, snap beans, cantaloupes, cucumbers, and spinach. Maryland farmers also grow asparagus, lima beans, beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, collards, eggplant, garlic, herbs, honeydew melons, kale, lettuce, mustard greens, okra, onions, bell peppers, pumpkins, squash, tomatoes, and turnips.

Fruits and Nuts: According to the 2012 Census of Agriculture, Maryland had 3,973 acres of land in orchards. The two largest crops, in terms of production, are apples and peaches. Maryland farmers also grow apricots, cherries, figs, grapes, nectarines, pears, persimmons, plums, almonds, chestnuts, hazelnuts, pecans, and walnuts.

Grains: Total value of cash grains produced in the state - including corn, wheat, soybeans, and barley - was more than \$640 million in 2017.

Hogs and Pigs: In 2017, there were 26,000 head of hogs and pigs in Maryland, with cash receipts totaling about \$5.7 million.

Honey: As of July 11, 2017, there were 2,140 beekeepers and 15,204 bee colonies in 2,696 apiary locations registered with the Maryland Department of Agriculture. Honey production in the United States in 2017 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 161.8 million pounds. Honey prices averaged 215.6 cents per pound in 2017—up from 211.9 cents per pound in 2016 but still slightly below a record high 216.1 cents per pound in 2014.

Milk Production: As Maryland's third largest agricultural commodity, milk and dairy products accounted for nearly \$169 million in cash receipts in 2017, producing a total of 953 million pounds of milk. The annual average number of milk cows on all Maryland farms was 47,000 head—producing an average of 19,917 pounds of milk per head.

Crabs: In 2016, Maryland landed more than 36.7 million pounds of hard shell crab with a dockside value of nearly \$54.4 million; and 12,868 pounds of soft shell and peeler crabs with a dockside value of \$107,949 (Source: National Marine Fisheries Service)

Oysters: Maryland harvested 886,953 pounds of wild oysters in the 2016 season and continues to welcome many new aquaculture operations to the bay - each of which putting millions of oysters in the water. (Source: National Marine Fisheries Service)

Striped Bass: Rockfish--a.k.a. striped bass--is the state fish of Maryland. Out of the total 5 million pounds of rockfish harvested in 2016 for commercial use, 34 percent came from Maryland. This stock is an example of how science and policy can help to revitalize a fishery. The estimated dockside value of this fish in Maryland was over \$7 million in 2016. (Source: National Marine Fisheries Service)

Wild Blue Cat Fish: This invasive species was originally introduced to the Chesapeake Bay as a new recreational fishery. Over the years, the blue catfish population has spread rapidly throughout the watershed and poses a major threat to the Bay's ecosystem. In an effort to control the population, many local chefs and watermen have been promoting blue catfish as a menu item. The number of commercial landings has grown exponentially from 59,906 pounds in 2007 to 1.4 million pounds in 2016—with a dockside value of \$545,868.

Breweries: Maryland has 70+ licensed breweries. In fiscal year 2017, Maryland breweries sold 8 million gallons, which is equivalent to 55.5 million bottles and \$107 million in sales. (Source: Office of the Comptroller)

Distilleries: There are currently 23 operating distilleries located throughout Maryland, plus 10 more in the licensing process. Spirits produced in Maryland include local rye, bourbon, rum, gin, and vodka.

Wine: There are currently 90 licensed wineries in Maryland. In fiscal year 2017, Maryland wineries sold 443,908 gallons (approximately 2.3 million bottles). Annual sales of Maryland wine in 2017 are estimated at \$50 million. Maryland's wineries produce more than 500 different wines. Maryland wine is sold at more than 1,000 retailers, served at more than 400 restaurants, and shipped to customers in 35 states. (Source: Maryland Wineries Association)

According to the 2012 Census of Agriculture, a total of 681 acres of grapes were grown in Maryland on 167 farms. **(The industry survey shows approximately 900 acres in vines)**

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