

Land Preservation

As of 2015 Anne Arundel County has preserved **12,555 acres** through their Agricultural Land Preservation Program. This number reflects 400 acres preserved through the purchase of Rockhold Creek Farm.

Anne Arundel County's Three Land Preservation Programs

Anne Arundel County Agricultural Land and Woodland Preservation Program

This program allows the County to preserve as much agricultural land as possible at today's prices. Most purchases are made using Installment Purchase Agreements (IPA's).

- **6,118 acres** permanently preserved

Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF)

This state program allows the MALPF to preserve agricultural land in order to maintain a viable local base of food and fiber production. A mutually agreed upon compensation allows MALPF to purchase your development rights in perpetuity.

- **5,118 acres** permanently preserved

Rural Legacy

Rural Legacy is a land conservation program of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources designed to permanently protect important rural lands with the purchase of conservation easements and, in some cases, fee simple purchases of land.

- **1,319 acres** permanently preserved

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Who to Call

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Agriculture & Environmental Program**
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Anne Arundel Soil Conservation District
(410) 571-6757 www.aascd.org

Anne Arundel County Farm Bureau
(410) 741-1743 www.mdfarmbureau.com

**University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Anne
Arundel County Extension**
410 222-6759 www.extension.umd.edu

**Southern Maryland Agricultural Development
Commission Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland**
(301) 274-1922 www.somarylandsgood.com

Maryland Agriculture Education Foundation
(410) 939-9030 www.maefonline.com

Maryland Department of Agriculture
(410) 841-5700 www.mda.state.md.us

Maryland Wine Association
(410) 472-2358/(800)237-WINE www.MarylandWine.com

Maryland Horse Breeders Association
(410) 252-2100 www.marylandthoroughbred.com

Maryland Horse Industry Board
(410) 841-5798 www.marylandhorseindustry.org

American Farmland Trust
(202) 331-7399 www.farmland.org

Rural Maryland Council
(410) 841-5772 www.rural.state.md.us

Preservation Maryland
(410)685-2886 www.preservationmaryland.org

USDA National Agriculture Statistics Office
(800) 727-9540 www.nass.usda.gov



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AAEDC Agriculture Program

The Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation (AAEDC) manages and promotes agricultural programs on behalf of Anne Arundel County. These programs are part of our mission to serve business needs and to increase the County's economic base through job growth and investment.

The AAEDC Agriculture Program fosters business relationships that will:

- Help promote new agricultural uses and products
- Help enhance profitability for our farmers
- Help maintain our agricultural land-base



Anne Arundel County Farmers' Markets

Anne Arundel County is home to 6 Farmers' Markets. These markets provide customers with the freshest, most nutritious products that have been locally grown and produced. All products at the markets must be raised or produced by the vendors. This practice nurtures local farmers and supports our local economy. For farmers markets locations and times visit www.aaedc.org/initiatives or contact

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Anne Arundel County Agriculture Facts

(figures based on 2012 USDA Agriculture Census)

Estimated Number of Farms	381
Average Farm Size	74 acres
Acres in Agricultural Land	28,111 acres
	10.9% of A.A. County land area

Agricultural Products Sold

Market Value	\$19,670,000
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Livestock Inventory

Cattle & Calves	57 farms	1170 animals
Hogs	5 farms	42 animals
Sheep	22 farms	316 animals
Layers (chickens)	59 farms	1,133 animals

Total Cropland

311 farms	14,742 acres
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Sales by Commodity

Corn	45 farms	\$1,642,000
Soybeans	38 farms	\$ 803,000
Wheat	22 farms	\$ 322,000

2010 Equine Census

Number of Equine Places	950
Equine Inventory	4,500
Value of Equine Inventory	\$39,773,000

Produce Harvest Dates

HARVEST DATES	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec.
FRUITS									
Apples					●	●	●	●	
Blackberries				●	●				
Blueberries			●	●	●				
Cherries			●	●					
Figs					●				
Grapes					●				
Melons				●	●	●	●		
Nectarines				●	●				
Peaches				●	●	●			
Pears					●	●	●		
Plums				●	●	●			
Raspberries			●	●	●				
Strawberries		●	●						
PLANTS									
Bedding Plants		●	●						
Flowers (fresh)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Vegetable Plants	●	●							
Christmas Trees								●	●
VEGETABLES									
Asparagus	●	●	●						
Beans (snap)		●	●	●					
Beans (lima)					●	●			
Beets	●	●	●			●	●		
Broccoli		●	●				●	●	
Cabbage						●	●	●	
Cauliflower		●	●				●	●	
Corn			●	●	●				
Corn (indian)						●	●		
Cucumbers			●	●	●	●	●		
Eggplant			●	●	●	●	●		
Gourds						●	●		
Greens	●	●				●	●		
Okra				●	●	●			
Onions	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Peas (green)		●	●	●					
Peas (black eyed)				●	●				
Peppers				●	●	●			
Potatoes		●	●			●			
Potatoes (sweet)							●	●	●
Pumpkins							●	●	●
Spinach (spring)		●							
Spinach (fall)							●	●	
Squash (summer)			●	●	●	●			
Squash (winter)					●	●	●		
Tomatoes				●	●	●	●		
Turnips	●	●	●				●	●	●

*HARVEST DATES ARE APPROXIMATE