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Maryland Cash Rents Increase

Cash rent for cropland in Maryland was up \$1.30 from last year according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. Average cash rent for cropland was \$55.50 per acre in 2001, compared to \$54.20 per acre in 2000. Since 1995, cash rent has increased \$10.80 per acre.

Cash rents are highest on the Eastern Shore and lowest in Western and Southern Maryland. Kent county has the highest average rent per acre at \$79.49, followed by Talbot at \$78.32, and Queen Anne's at \$74.65. Garrett county has the lowest rent at \$29.92, followed by St. Mary's at \$30.69, and Charles at \$35.57.

Maryland Cropland Cash Rents by County

County	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Dollars Per Acre					
<i>Allegany</i>	30.66	30.89	37.28	39.22	36.26
<i>Anne Arundel</i>	32.33	34.96	47.51	48.71	47.41
<i>Baltimore</i>	52.53	60.49	56.35	60.88	64.47
<i>Calvert</i>	43.36	41.73	37.41	42.61	43.53
<i>Caroline</i>	63.67	65.58	62.48	61.00	62.23
<i>Carroll</i>	45.11	58.41	58.11	59.66	59.05
<i>Cecil</i>	72.20	60.58	55.34	53.78	60.58
<i>Charles</i>	30.25	34.81	33.79	31.03	35.57
<i>Dorchester</i>	54.62	64.49	77.29	73.05	73.58
<i>Frederick</i>	47.57	48.07	48.84	51.14	53.03
<i>Garrett</i>	54.11	27.32	30.53	26.13	29.92
<i>Harford</i>	74.74	71.29	59.74	63.73	68.04
<i>Howard</i>	41.58	49.15	51.81	54.60	51.67
<i>Kent</i>	68.09	87.46	72.59	75.49	79.49
<i>Montgomery</i>	49.80	49.12	49.20	44.45	45.69
<i>Prince George's</i>	33.72	33.21	31.81	34.13	35.88
<i>Queen Anne's</i>	72.57	81.46	78.53	72.46	74.65
<i>St. Mary's</i>	23.97	25.84	28.11	28.22	30.69
<i>Somerset</i>	60.41	66.43	66.29	60.88	62.18
<i>Talbot</i>	59.00	82.39	87.10	86.46	78.32
<i>Washington</i>	59.57	47.72	52.34	52.35	55.13
<i>Wicomico</i>	44.70	55.43	58.28	59.66	58.65
<i>Worcester</i>	65.28	65.21	65.98	66.97	70.54
State Average	51.30	54.00	54.20	54.20	55.50

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