

Carroll County
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Preliminary Report

CARROLL ONE OF MARYLAND'S LEADING AGRICULTURAL COUNTIES

The comparative agricultural status of Carroll in relation to other counties in the State of Maryland is disclosed by the 1935 Federal Farm Census preliminary report released today by Director William L. Austin, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

Although Frederick County had a larger acreage of corn harvested for grain, the production in Carroll exceeded that of every other county in Maryland in 1934. The place Carroll occupies among the agricultural counties in Maryland is indicated by its rank among the counties of the State in the acreage and production of crops and in the number of livestock. In 1934 it ranked second in the production of wheat, in the acreage of corn for all purposes, the acreage and production of barley, the acreage and production of hay and third in the acreage of wheat. On January 1, 1935 Carroll County ranked second in number of farms and third in the number of horses, cattle, cows, and hogs, among all the counties in the State.

One of the most significant changes in Carroll County during the last five years was in the reduction of 14 percent in wheat acreage. The most phenomenal increase in crops was that of barley, from 2,562 acres and 80,714 bushels in 1929 to 6,322 acres and 183,481 bushels in 1934. That rye has greatly decreased during the last five years is indicated by the decline in acreage from 5,016 acres in 1929 to 1,666 in 1934. A gain of about 10 percent in cows has been accompanied by increases in corn and hay.

A normal development in agriculture is indicated by increases of about 4 percent in the number of farms and 3 percent in land in farms between 1930 and 1935. Land values, however, have declined. The average value per acre was \$54.61 in 1935 as compared with \$73.41 in 1930.

The 1935 figures in this and similar releases for all counties and States are preliminary and subject to revision.

PRELIMINARY FIGURES: CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND

For 1935, inventory items are for January 1; production items, for calendar year 1934.
For 1930, inventory items are for April 1; production items, for calendar year 1929.

Item	Census of 1935	Census of 1930	Item	Census of 1935	Census of 1930
FARMS, FARM ACREAGE AND VALUE			NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK ON FARMS		
Number of farms	3,290	3,149	Horses and colts**	6,533	7,784
Farms operated by --			Mules and mule colts**	2,413	2,165
Full owners	2,354	2,289	Cattle**	28,744	24,029
Part owners	136	132	Cows and heifers 2 years old and over	17,243	15,704
Managers	69	102	Sheep and lambs	2,094	4,248
All tenants	731	626	Hogs and pigs	14,643	19,742
Croppers	65	52			
Value of farms (land and buildings)	\$14,594,266	\$19,040,466	SELECTED CROPS HARVESTED***		
Average value per farm..	\$4,436	\$6,047	Corn for all purposes.....acres	36,721	35,728
Average value per acre..	\$54.61	\$73.41	Corn for grain.....acres	33,810	33,036
All land in farms....acres	267,260	259,360	bushels	1,300,171	1,394,785
Average acreage per farm	81.2	82.4	Wheat threshed.....acres	42,576	49,354
			bushels	840,849	901,827
FARM LAND ACCORDING TO USE (ACRES)			Oats threshed.....acres	4,157	5,792
Crop land harvested	151,337	154,044	bushels	148,705	164,879
Crop failure*	1,321	1,008	Oats cut and fed unthreshed.....acres	225	150
Crop land idle or fallow..	20,447	14,709	Barley threshed.....acres	6,322	2,562
Plowable pasture	13,589	14,036	bushels	183,481	80,714
Woodland pasture	2,986	3,750	Rye threshed.....acres	1,666	5,016
Other pasture	24,832	21,349	bushels	26,966	60,185
Woodland not pastured	37,618	33,632	Irish potatoes.....acres	2,097	1,866
All other land in farms...	15,130	16,832	bushels	143,144	129,900
Land available for crops..	186,694	183,797	Sweetpotatoes.....acres	26	20
(Harvested, failure, idle, fallow, and plowable pasture.)			bushels	2,145	1,123
			All hay, and sorghums for forage.....acres	41,951	39,247
			tons	60,416	49,503

* The acreage of crop failure does not represent the total acreage of crops which failed, but only the acreage of land in crops which failed and on which no other crop was harvested in 1934.

** Excludes animals under 3 months of age April 1, 1930.

*** Excluding fruits, vegetables, and the various annual legumes enumerated, which will be published later.