

# AGRICULTURE GREATER BALTIMORE INDUSTRY PROFILE 2020

## The Greater Baltimore Region 7 Jurisdictions

- ▲ Anne Arundel County
- ▲ Baltimore City
- ▲ Baltimore County
- ▲ Carroll County
- ▲ Cecil County
- ▲ Harford County
- ▲ Howard County



Greater Baltimore's rich climate and varied landscapes have made it an agricultural leader for centuries. In a state that was the "bread basket" of the early United States, the Region is home to a diverse array of farm, ranch, and value-added agricultural products. The tradition of Maryland agriculture combined with the promise of new technologies positions Greater Baltimore as an innovative leader in the sector. Maryland's commitment to preserved farmland ensures that this industry will continue to thrive for centuries to come.

## Agriculture in Greater Baltimore: Jobs for Many, Quality of Life for All

Agriculture is the number one employer in Maryland, with positive economic and aesthetic impacts in rural and urban environments alike. **Greater Baltimore has over 3,750 farms, spanning 430,000 acres.** They produce over **\$400 million in output** each year, benefiting communities with fresh, farm-to-table produce (Census of Agriculture, 2017). The Region is also a global leader in the equine industry, with **the nation's largest family-owned breeding farm** (Winbak Farm), **one of only seven "Five Star" eventing courses worldwide** (Fair Hill), and, of course, the middle jewel of the Triple Crown: the **Preakness Stakes**.

**#1**  
Industry in Maryland  
by Employment  
**350,000**  
Related Jobs Statewide  
(State of Maryland, 2020)



## A List of Unique Strengths

**#1**

State, Horses per  
Square Mile  
(Horse Properties, 2020)

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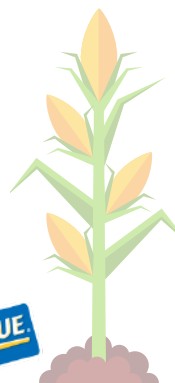
Mushroom Producer in  
Western Hemisphere  
(Warwick Mushroom, 2019)

**#3**

State, Acres of  
Preserved Farmland  
(FIC, 2019)

**#10**

State, Broiler Chicken  
Production  
(NCC, 2019)



## State of the Art Research & Development

The Region's STEM capabilities have important spillover benefits for agriculture. Howard County is home to the headquarters of **Bioenergy DevCo** and **W.R. Grace**, **two global leaders in bio-fuel**. Baltimore City's **City Hydro** is an **innovator in vertical urban farming**. Meanwhile, Carroll County is a national leader in **agricultural uses for drone technology**. Agricultural Extension offices throughout the Region help farmers implement the latest innovations.



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## Additive Uses for Greater Baltimore Agriculture

Across the Region, farmers and local businesses are developing unique products and farm-to-table offerings, from national operations like **Hungry Harvest** to smaller, family-owned businesses across a wide variety of sub-sectors:

### Pick-Your-Own Farms

Larriland Farm  
Baugher's Orchard

### Comm. Supported Ag. (CSA)

Local Homestead Products  
Wilson's Farm Market

### Farm-To-Table Restaurants

Woodberry Kitchen  
Cunningham's

### Breweries

Union Craft Brewery  
Heavy Seas Brewery

### Vineyards

Boordy Vineyards  
Chateau Bu-De Winery