



A Look at *District of Columbia* Agriculture

Capital: United States of America Capital

Population: 720,687

Founded: July 1790

State Bird: Wood Thrush

State Flower: American Beauty Rose

State Tree: Scarlet Oak

Number of Counties: 4 Quadrants

Largest City: Itself - 68.3 square miles

Largest County: Northwest Quadrant

Nickname: The District or WDC

Number of Farms: 14 farm markets

Total Farmland: 11.5 Million acres

School Gardens: 154

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Climate & Soil

- The average high temperature in WDC is 74.1°F, while the average low is 48°F and the annual average rainfall is 39.7 inches.
- DC is surrounded by the Potomac River on the south and west, Anacostia River on the east.
- DC is bordered by Maryland on the north and east and Virginia on the west and south.
- Most of the soils in the District of Columbia have been altered by urbanization and other activities of man. 81% of the area has been disturbed during urbanization and about 14% of its soil is made from various kinds of fill materials.
- Approximately 19% of the area is relatively undisturbed.
- Much of "The Mall" (from Capital Building to Lincoln Memorial, including the Smithsonian Buildings area, White House and the Jefferson Memorial) was created when the tidal/flood plain was drained and filled with materials, the Washington Monument grounds serving as a pivotal point.

Crops & Livestock

- Most native vegetation has been destroyed by urbanization. Rock Creek Park (1,754 acres), Fort Dupont (376 acres) and Glover-Archbold Park (183 acres) are the areas where native vegetation species still flourish.
- The DC and National Park Service provides the beautiful Cherry Tree displays, Botanical Gardens, Arboretum, Aquatic Garden, Azalea and Tulip Gardens, Parks, Zoo with vegetation from around the world, global nations Embassies provide a view of their native plants.
- DCs main livestock are honeybees, with 314 hives throughout the District on rooftops, schools, universities, churches, gardens, backyards, parks, botanical gardens, etc.
- There are also individuals who raise chickens, goats, sheep, birds, horses, rabbits, in small numbers and deer, racoon, opossum etc. wildlife thrive in the natural parks.
- DC Sustainable Urban Agriculture Act: DC is driving to develop a culture of environmental stewardship thru DC Environmental Literacy Plan which ensure that schools are creating unique and empowering opportunities both in and outside of the classroom for students to grow into environmental stewards and gain the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to make informed decisions concerning the relationships among natural and urban systems.

General

- 23.8 Million Visitors a year of which 21.9 million are from the USA. - 55% for vacation - 19% to visit friends and relatives - 11% for conventions - 8% for business - 6% for education
- Top three international country visitors are from China, U.K. and India
- True Cosmopolitan area, its inhabitant includes individuals from almost every country in the world (Embassies and Universities). There is at least one restaurant which serves food from almost every country in the world.
- Top 3 Best US City for Parks (a park within 4 blocks from any location)
- 58 Museums and Art Galleries which includes 21 Smithsonian Institutions
Ranked in Top 5 of most inspiring cities for young artists
In Top 15 of world's Best City for Arts and Culture
- DC has 5 Food Incubators, Ranked #1 Restaurant City of the Year in 2018
- Ranked #1 for Entrepreneurship Growth, #1 City for Woman in Tech, #2 in Female Entrepreneurship, 3rd Best Place to Start a Business
- Baseballs' seventh inning stretch began in WDC by President William Taft when it stood up to stretch and the crowd responded by standing.
- The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world.