

III. Agricultural Production Districts

King County's Agriculture Production Districts (APDs) have some of the best soil and growing conditions in the county. Designated during the 1985 King County Comprehensive Plan (KCCP) update, the five APDs represent the last remaining areas of clustered farmland in the county. They are protected by a combination of Comprehensive Plan policies, land use and zoning regulations, and the Farmland Preservation Program (FPP). The 41,000 acres within the APDs represent only three percent of the county's total area, but contain most of the county's commercial agriculture. The five APDs are the Enumclaw Plateau, Snoqualmie, Upper Green, Lower Green, and Sammamish.



The results of the 2006 and 2009 Land Use Surveys are summarized in **Table 1**. Livestock/Forage, which includes land used for both grazing and livestock feed production, remained the single largest land use in the APDs, using over one-third of all the acres. Adding Horse acres results in nearly half of all APD acres being

used for animal production. From 2006 to 2009, acres used for Livestock/Forage and Horse grew by 25 percent. As horses were not categorized separately in 2006 it is not possible to determine how much of this growth was in livestock or horse acres. The biggest increase was in Market Crops acreage, which grew by 50 percent.

Table 1
2006 and 2009 Land Use Survey (Acres in Each Category)

CATEGORY	ENUMCLAW PLATEAU		UPPER GREEN		LOWER GREEN		SNOQUALMIE		SAMMAMISH		TOTALS	
	2006	2009	2006	2009	2006	2009	2006	2009	2006	2009	2006	2009
Livestock/Forage	9,967	8,539	674	399	197	124	4,308	4,869	47	5	15,192	13,93
Managed Grassland	1,034	364	108	35	22	16	785	184	43	24	1,991	623
Corn	370	-	34	-	91	-	331	-	0	-	825	-
Market Crops	122	176	184	245	506	820	1,138	1,584	230	313	2,181	3,138
Unmanaged Grassland	1,490	1,250	223	179	125	67	1,009	612	84	22	2,931	2,130
Nursery	36	34	5	5	68	68	247	173	57	56	413	336
Tree Farm	81	120	52	55	9	9	419	448	13	18	575	650
Managed Orchard	58	42	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	60	42
Unmanaged Orchard	29	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	6
Grapes	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Sod Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	381	365	381	365
Forest/Upland	4,213	3,860	1,662	1,641	130	85	2,368	1,754	27	7	8,400	7,347
Sports/Recreation	89	119	34	56	0	0	182	310	141	173	446	658
Too Wet to Farm	35	21	0	0	111	73	276	213	0	0	422	307
Marsh or Wetland	0	33	1	0	46	40	905	1,208	0	0	951	1,281
Other	2,628	2,369	407	488	114	101	1,936	1,957	95	43	5,179	4,958
Horse	-	3,723	-	397	-	0	-	1,248	-	57	-	5,425
TOTALS		20,659		3,500		1,403		14,560		1,083		41,205