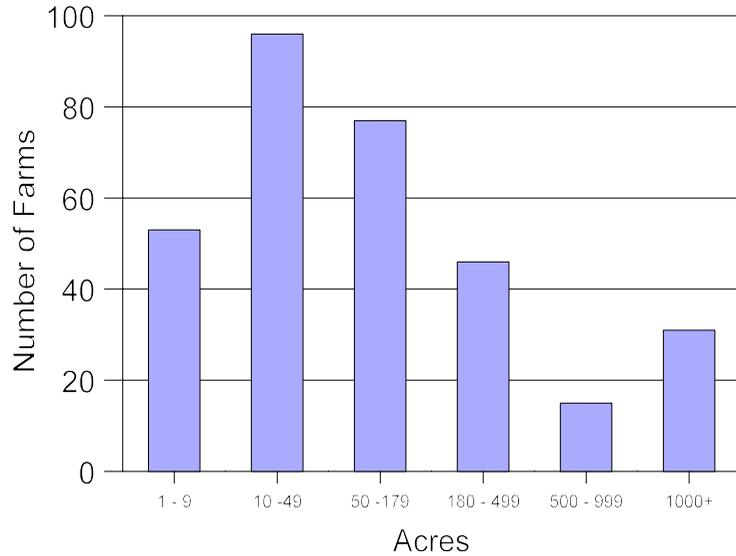
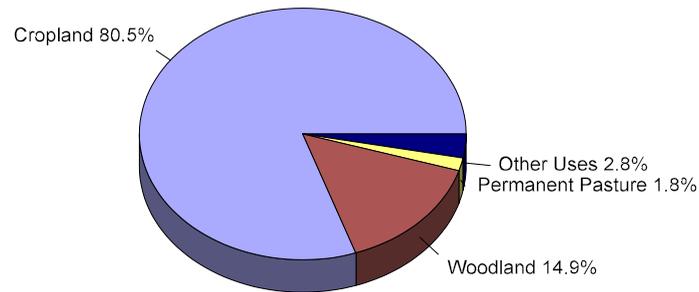


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics

Quantity

Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	210
Other	108
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	278
Female	40
Average age of principal operator (years)	
	54.7
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	404
Black or African American	25
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	4
More than one race	-
All operators ⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	
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Footnotes: 1/ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with items. 2/ Beginning with 1997, data includes an adjustment for undercoverage. 3/Due to changes in definition and wording of questions, figures for "cropland pasture" and "other pasture" are not always comparable from the Census. Acreage beginning with 1964 refer to pastureland and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pastured, on farms with sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 4/ Beginning with 1974, agricultural operations under individual management with annual sales of \$1,000 or more. 5/ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm. NA Not Available. (D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than 1/2 of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Vol. 1, Geographic Series" for complete footnotes.



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ACCOMACK COUNTY

2002 U.S. Census of Agriculture



Accomack County occupies the northern part of Virginia's Eastern Shore peninsula and was one of the eight original shires into which Virginia was divided in 1634. Named after the Accawmacke Indian tribe, the peninsula was originally considered to be just one county, but was divided in two in 1672. Accomack is bound on the east by the Atlantic Ocean, on the west by the Chesapeake Bay, and on the north by Maryland. Along the coast is a chain of islands that includes Chicoteague, famous for its annual pony penning.

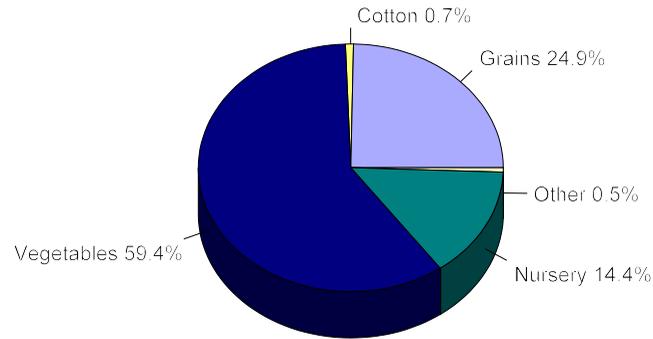
The topography of Accomack ranges from flat to gently rolling, and is fringed by islands and cut by countless creeks, bays, and inlets. Approximately 32 percent of the county is forested, and at no point does the elevation exceed 50 feet above sea level. Temperatures average a moderate 39 degrees in January and 78 in July. The frost-free growing season is about 270 days, extending from around April 11 to November 4. Annual precipitation averages 43 inches.

Accomack County is home to Onancock, established in 1680 and considered to be one of the oldest towns in Virginia. The county seat is located at Accomack.

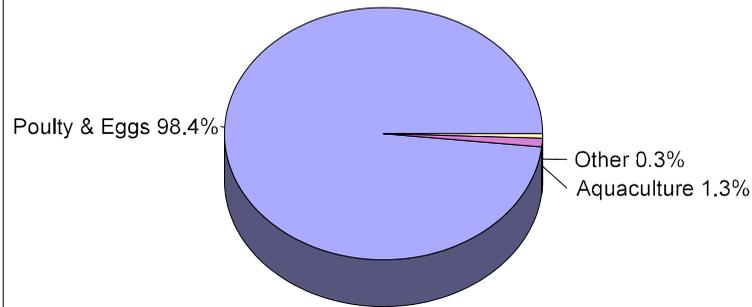
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	318	288
Land in Farms (acres)	91,056	93,364
Average size of farm	286	324
Market Value of Production County Total	\$109,133,000	\$86,401,000
Average per farm	\$343,184	\$300,002
Government Payments	\$964,000	\$567,000

CASH RECEIPTS

Crops



Livestock & Poultry



Ranked Items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 US Counties, 2002

Commodity	Quantity	State Rank	Universe 1/	US Rank	Universe 1/
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	11,834	2	95	932	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	349	11	15	457	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	28,217	1	95	76	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	6,823	11	95	363	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	60,629	4	94	104	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	83	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	20	47	93	1,889	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	62	63	94	2,212	3,014
Aquaculture	801	4	44	199	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(Z)	82	87	2,622	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	5,891,700	3	79	71	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	10	96	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	606	89	97	2,966	3,059
All Goats	317	46	95	1,443	2,971
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	34,158	1	79	684	2,076
Corn for grain	23,851	1	96	755	2,592
All Wheat for grain	12,164	1	87	576	2,517
All Vegetables harvested	5,591	2	95	130	2,710
Tomatoes	1,977	2	88	25	2,209

FARM DATA & LAND USE

YEAR	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg. Value Per Acre For Land & Buildings	LAND USE					
				Cropland			Other Pasture 3/	Woodland	
				Harvested	Other	Pasture		Pasture	Not Pastured
Number	Acres	Dollars	-Acres-						
1940	2,183	147,700	59	56,178	10,917	3,896	NA	NA	NA
1945	1,680	139,500	75	64,207	7,451	2,083	2,780	1,678	45,395
1950	1,405	139,844	93	68,755	6,484	2,858	2,109	NA	48,688
1954	1,069	125,701	124	65,688	2,497	2,489	5,312	NA	44,934
1959	805	112,191	184	66,410	2,544	2,711	2,079	NA	30,586
1964	690	114,180	258	73,579	3,897	1,366	2,205	1,430	23,818
1969	466	105,031	368	72,179	3,879	1,429	943	2,464	17,190
1974 4/	420	96,708	661	70,258	1,806	1,617	1,057	2,802	11,184
1978	448	104,192	1,049	75,999	3,320	1,049	648	1,002	17,459
1982	415	105,298	1,311	77,962	722	1,156	896	1,054	17,719
1987	323	89,775	1,378	67,629	5,851	654	651	527	11,769
1992	279	91,568	1,561	69,420	1,953	1,050	1,349	405	14,745
1997 2/	288	93,364	1,730	71,323	2,627	978	736	1,111	12,753
2002	318	91,056	1,962	70,096	2,350	848	1,640	3,416	10,127

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