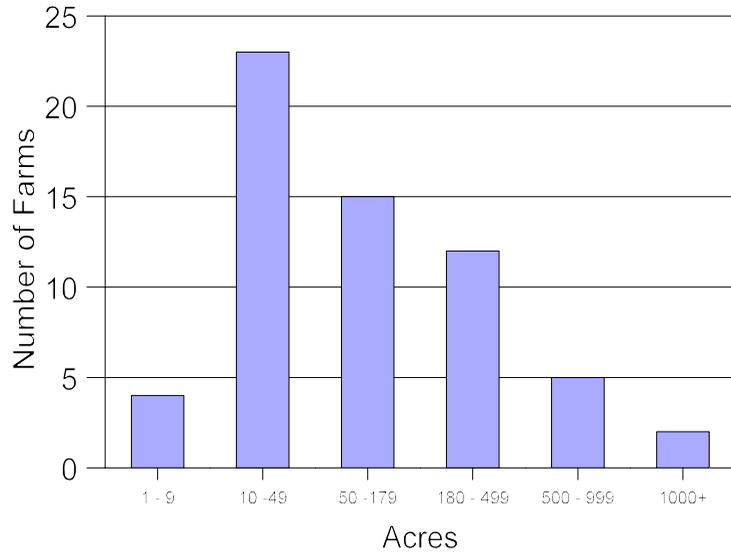
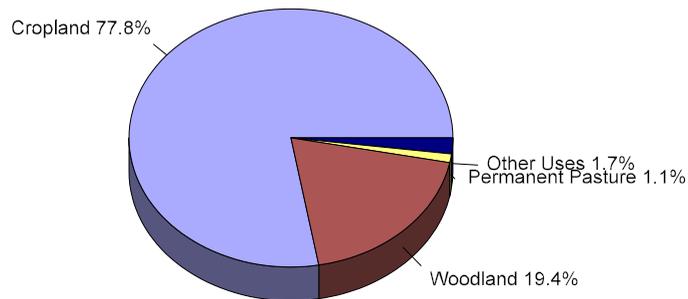


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	33
Other	28
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	50
Female	11
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.7
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	68
Black or African American	14
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

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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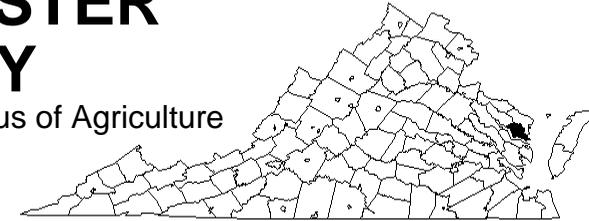
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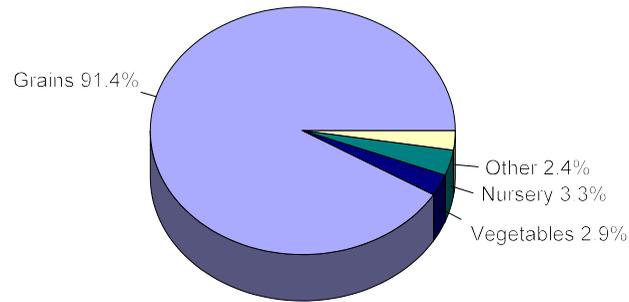
Lancaster County is located on the Northern Neck of Virginia, a peninsula situated between the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers. Formed in 1651 from part of Northumberland, Lancaster is one of 12 Virginia counties named for English shires.

The topography of Lancaster is relatively low and level, and includes more than 52,000 acres of woodland. The climate is mild and the frost-free growing season is long, averaging 212 days usually extending between April 5 and November 3. Annual precipitation for the area averages over 45 inches. The sandy loam soils with clay subsoils found in the county are typical of the Tidewater region.

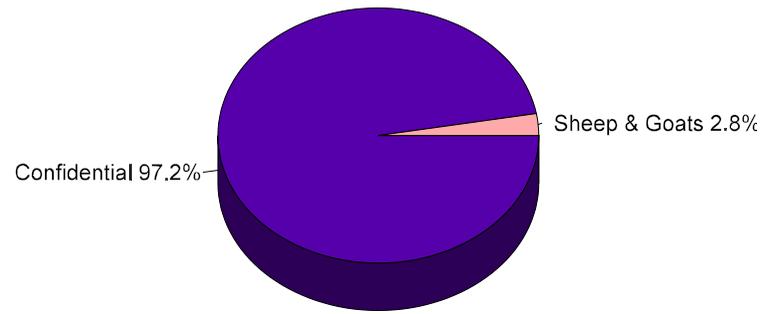
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	61	78
Land in Farms (acres)	12,453	17,337
Average size of farm	204	222
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$2,265,000	\$3,270,000
Average per farm	\$37,125	\$41,921
Government Payments	\$164,000	\$167,000

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	2,004	27	95	1,563	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	64	67	95	1,940	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	73	77	95	2,173	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	76	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(Z)	92	94	2,907	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	83	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	90	-	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	2	87	93	2,787	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	87	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	285	94	97	3,003	3,059
Sheep and lambs	(D)	74	93	(D)	2,867
Horses and ponies	40	95	97	3,019	3,065
All Goats	17	90	95	2,806	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	5,386	31	79	1,182	2,076
Corn for grain	2,981	33	96	1,445	2,592
All Wheat for grain	1,845	27	87	1,318	2,517
Barley	862	16	73	313	1,246
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	228	95	97	2,996	3,059

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	700	38,353	54	11,117	3,584	2,729	NA	NA	NA
1945	738	38,496	63	13,127	3,897	1,811	646	NA	16,846
1950	627	38,148	125	11,207	2,085	2,049	1,066	NA	18,874
1954	446	33,376	141	13,226	693	1,348	1,520	NA	15,422
1959	253	26,730	248	14,748	389	684	951	NA	8,936
1964	181	23,138	278	12,311	1,592	574	698	384	5,159
1969	170	26,468	414	15,092	1,932	1,054	468	1,457	3,427
1974 4/	133	24,663	769	16,324	516	828	2,420	391	2,803
1978	133	26,745	1,019	16,973	1,041	493	169	228	7,039
1982	106	21,683	1,242	15,602	119	744	(D)	(D)	(D)
1987	84	18,724	1,149	11,715	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
1992	71	19,657	1,186	11,882	1,255	576	422	306	4,731
1997 2/	78	17,337	2,227	12,798	377	524	85	329	2,886
2002	61	12,453	2,493	9,102	416	187	132	214	2,196

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