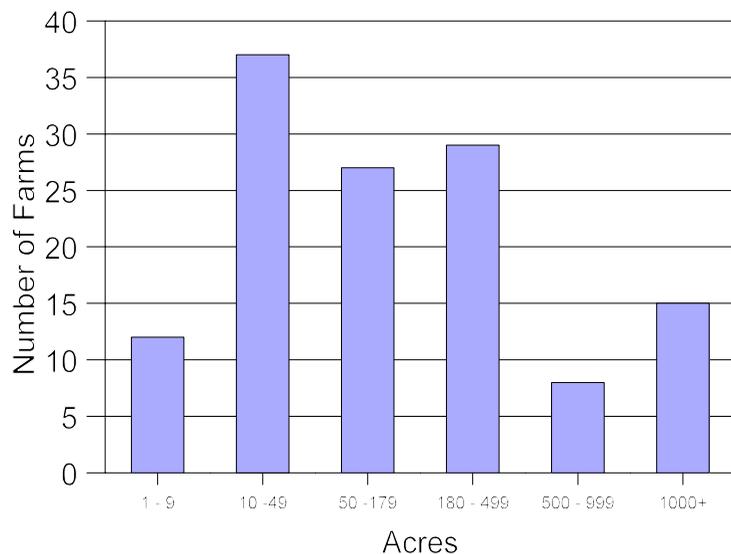
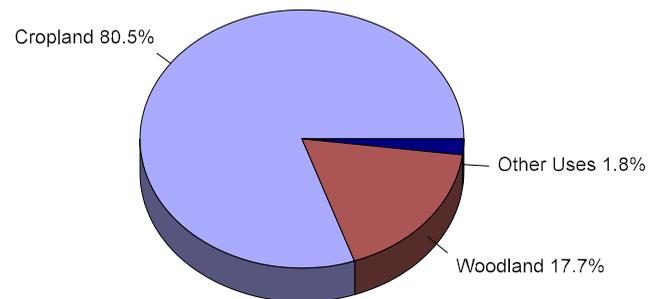


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	83
Other	45
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	108
Female	20
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.5
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	154
Black or African American	4
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

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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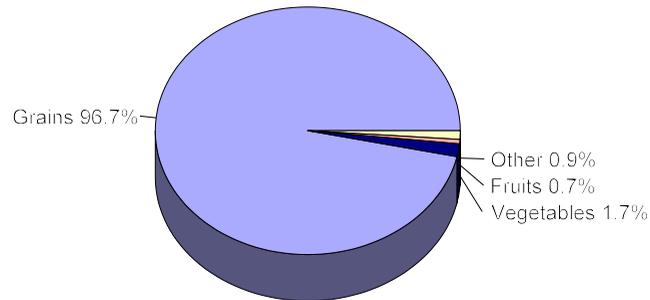
Bordered by the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay, Northumberland County lies in the coastal plain at the eastern end of the Northern Neck Peninsula. The county was named after the English shire of the same name.

The topography of the county is generally level and is cut by numerous tidal bays and inlets. Temperatures for the area average 37 degrees in January and 76 in July. The frost-free growing season is generally lasts for 194 days, usually extending from around April 15 to October 25. Annual precipitation averages 42 inches.

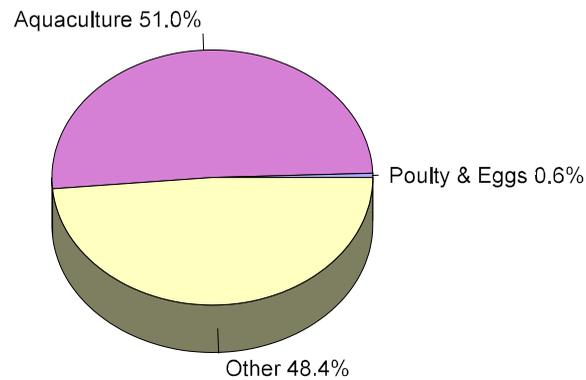
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	128	133
Land in Farms (acres)	40,141	38,927
Average size of farm	314	293
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$7,408,000	\$9,767,000
Average per farm	\$57,876	\$73,437
Government Payments	\$711,000	\$467,000

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	6,824	4	95	1,123	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	122	48	95	1,620	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	52	59	93	1,565	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	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	2	72	94	2,527	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	-	-	93	-	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	-	-	94	-	3,014
Aquaculture	176	15	44	462	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	87	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	537	92	97	2,974	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	298	66	96	2,258	2,983
Hogs and pigs	(D)	45	87	(D)	2,926
Ducks	90	17	78	1,164	2,630
Horses and ponies	53	94	97	3,012	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	15,946	10	79	913	2,076
Corn for grain	12,694	5	96	964	2,592
All Wheat for grain	9,117	4	87	680	2,517
Barley	1,760	7	73	221	1,246
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	664	93	97	2,932	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	1,183	72,477	45	23,646	6,547	4,426	NA	NA	NA
1945	1,153	85,729	55	27,324	5,580	3,843	1,487	NA	43,603
1950	900	76,210	77	25,446	3,467	3,292	1,398	NA	37,865
1954	751	62,377	112	28,143	620	1,821	1,314	NA	27,992
1959	488	62,722	156	30,325	1,374	1,838	436	NA	26,887
1964	385	52,884	196	27,025	3,394	1,472	436	123	18,205
1969	297	50,140	315	28,520	3,268	1,136	163	2,755	9,313
1974 4/	267	50,342	653	34,977	239	1,220	301	1,996	7,681
1978	231	47,001	1,058	33,639	1,468	709	246	1,011	8,416
1982	199	47,239	1,247	33,748	198	716	276	756	10,045
1987	159	48,203	1,181	30,405	4,540	635	140	670	10,199
1992	128	41,290	1,395	30,066	2,271	1,408	582	2,083	4,305
1997 2/	133	38,927	1,631	30,113	883	463	(D)	(D)	(D)
2002	128	40,141	1,922	30,890	920	508	(D)	(D)	(D)

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