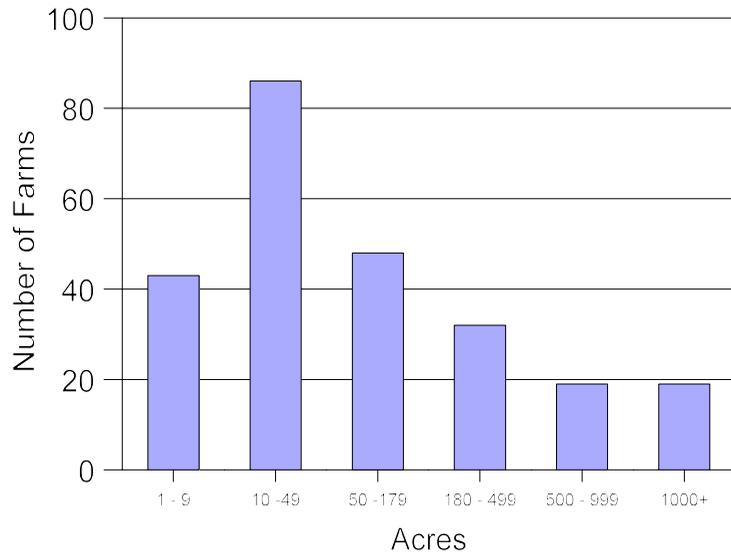
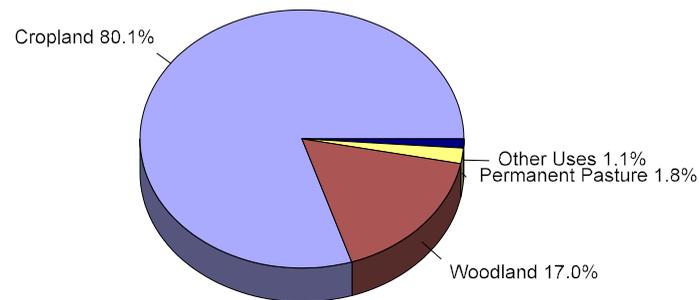


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	152
Other	95
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	192
Female	55
Average age of principal operator (years)	
	56.3
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	352
Black or African American	21
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	1
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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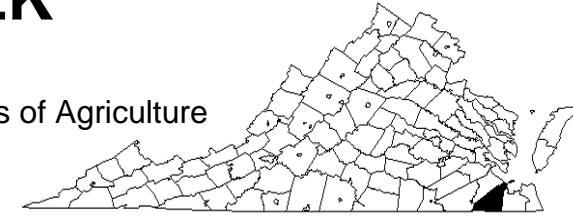
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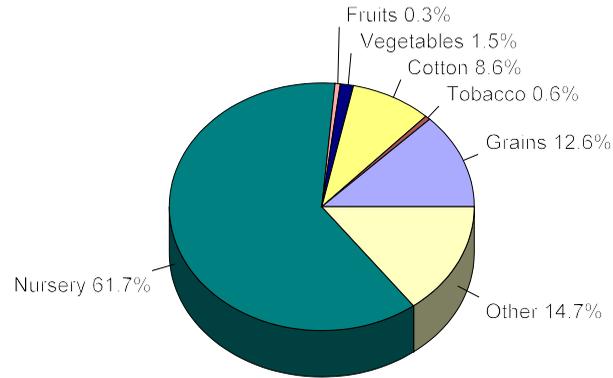
Nansemond County was changed to the City of Nansemond on July 1, 1972. Effective January 1, 1974, the City of Suffolk merged with the City of Nansemond to form the City of Suffolk.

The topography of Suffolk ranges from gently rolling, undulating areas to broad, flat, almost level areas. Much of the eastern border of the city is in the Dismal Swamp. Suffolk has one of the heaviest rainfall averages in the state, with an average annual precipitation of 47 inches. The climate is generally mild, as temperatures average a moderate 40 degrees in January and 78 in July. The frost-free growing season averages 208 days, usually extending between April 9 and November 3.

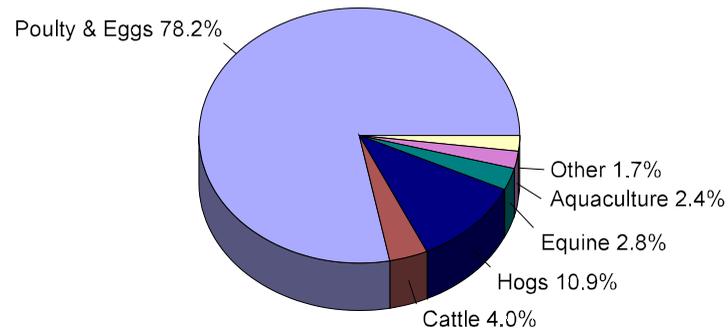
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	247	257
Land in Farms (acres)	70,592	78,796
Average size of farm	286	307
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$40,939,000	\$39,046,000
Average per farm	\$165,746	\$151,928
Government Payments	\$1,839,000	\$755,000

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	4,517	13	95	1,275	2,871
Tobacco	231	26	43	362	560
Cotton and cottonseed	3,067	3	15	236	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	552	17	95	969	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	95	46	93	1,275	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	22,012	1	95	126	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	76	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	5,271	2	97	242	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4,063	15	94	659	2,918
Cattle and calves	207	86	97	2,909	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	565	14	90	1,009	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	148	39	94	1,399	3,014
Aquaculture	125	19	44	533	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	505,666	10	79	381	2,599
Hogs and pigs	3,775	14	87	950	2,926
Cattle and calves	1,080	84	97	2,916	3,059
Horses and ponies	659	43	97	1,827	3,065
All Goats	283	51	95	1,543	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	15,389	2	17	204	663
Soybeans	14,590	12	79	938	2,076
Peanuts	10,845	2	14	41	398
Corn for grain	10,780	11	96	1,031	2,592
All Wheat for grain	4,777	14	87	941	2,517

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	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1945	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1950	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1954	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1959	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1964	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1969	650	104,660	455	46,218	9,783	5,438	1,725	7,674	25,301	
1974 4/	482	102,944	762	57,189	3,497	3,736	5,298	NA	NA	
1978	410	100,589	1,384	59,158	3,730	2,599	888	3,541	25,177	
1982	376	94,224	1,564	58,714	1,667	1,682	1,651	1,510	22,233	
1987	314	87,761	1,552	54,862	10,031	2,053	1,601	1,455	15,907	
1992	268	83,047	1,687	58,554	3,504	2,042	2,042	1,516	13,504	
1997 2/	257	78,796	1,887	54,727	1,619	1,661	3,396	1,405	11,174	
2002	247	70,592	2,339	53,954	1,856	744	1,252	866	11,155	

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