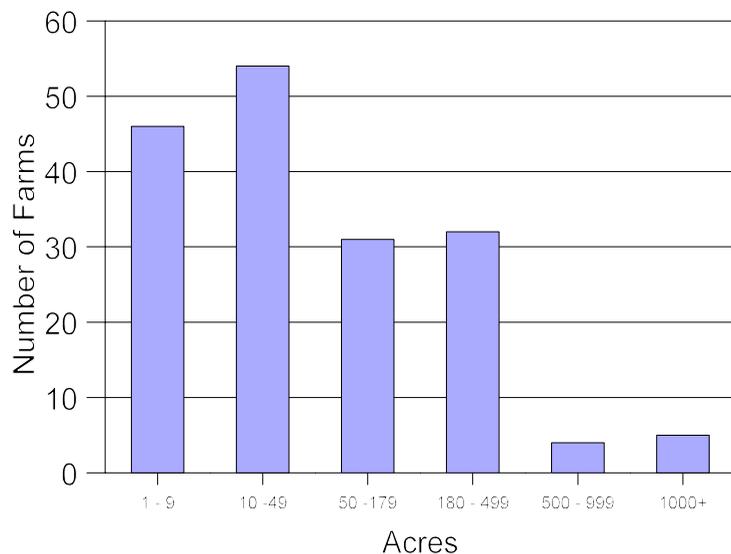
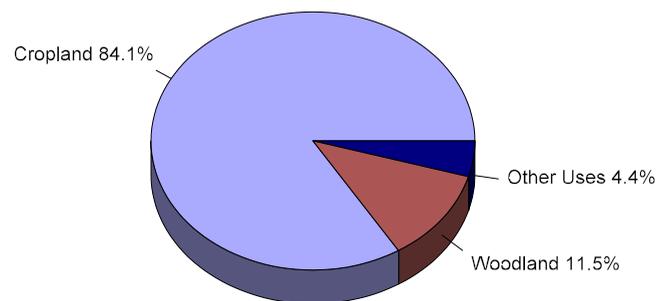


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	90
Other	82
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	133
Female	39
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.7
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	217
Black or African American	23
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	3
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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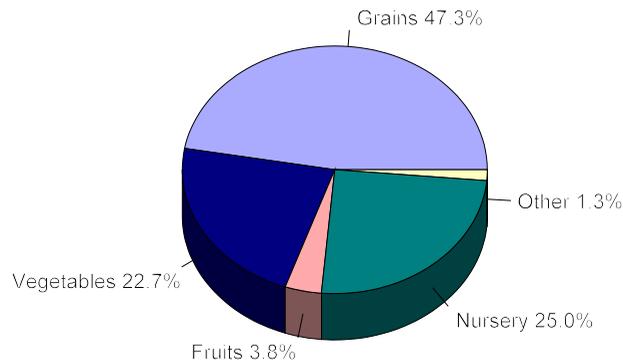
Princess Anne County and the City of Virginia Beach merged on January 1, 1963, to form the new City of Virginia Beach. Princess Anne County was originally formed from part of Norfolk in 1691.

The topography of the county is level to gently rolling, with elevations ranging from sea level to just 25 feet. Temperatures for the area average a moderate 41 degrees in January and 78 in July. The frost-free growing season is roughly 237 days, usually extending from around March 24 to November 16. Annual precipitation averages 47 inches.

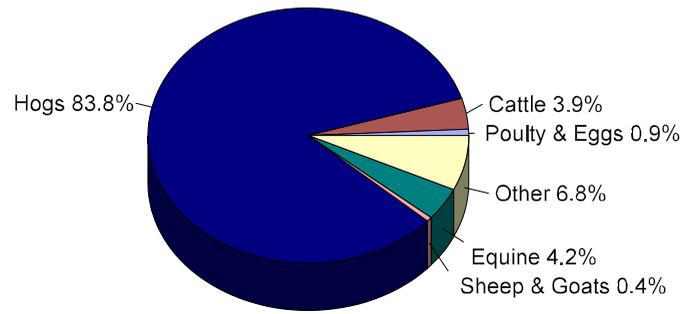
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	172	188
Land in Farms (acres)	28,382	33,798
Average size of farm	165	180
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$9,661,000	\$15,282,000
Average per farm	\$56,168	\$81,286
Government Payments	\$422,000	\$265,000

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	3,647	18	95	1,351	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	43	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	15	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,748	6	95	568	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	293	22	93	741	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,931	25	95	816	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	18	46	94	1,747	2,918
Cattle and calves	75	92	97	2,982	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1,630	9	90	768	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	8	69	93	2,400	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	81	49	94	1,968	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	(D)	10	87	(D)	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	567	47	96	1,800	2,983
Cattle and calves	430	93	97	2,980	3,059
Horses and ponies	420	61	97	2,324	3,065
Sheep and lambs	178	49	93	2,020	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	13,306	15	79	958	2,076
Corn for grain	4,852	27	96	1,289	2,592
All Wheat for grain	3,143	21	87	1,105	2,517
Potatoes	(D)	2	64	(D)	1,551
All Cotton	512	13	17	545	663

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
1945	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1950	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1954	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1959	417	60,383	312	34,729	2,403	5,440	964	1,609	11,582
1964	394	62,998	681	37,441	5,400	3,527	970	NA	NA
1969	210	52,486	754	36,822	5,616	1,328	220	932	5,178
1974 4/	220	41,662	1,189	31,259	331	823	261	NA	NA
1978	228	43,646	1,939	32,617	1,253	954	613	813	4,173
1982	231	51,275	2,558	40,522	641	776	610	228	5,039
1987	165	39,358	1,932	26,489	4,462	791	490	307	2,741
1992	156	43,332	2,507	34,870	3,171	885	217	474	2,724
1997 2/	188	33,798	2,504	25,823	1,070	957	845	154	3,997
2002	172	28,382	3,645	21,609	1,560	704	(D)	(D)	(D)

See footnotes on back.

