

**LIVESTOCK ON FARMS JANUARY 1**

YEAR	All Cattle (including milk cows)	Milk Cows (2 years and older) 1/	Hogs and Pigs 2/	Stock Sheep and Lambs
1935	14,883	NA	4,568	6,918
1940	16,574	NA	5,414	4,553
1945	19,446	NA	4,880	2,640
1950	27,294	13,494	8,326	3,476
1954	26,200	14,156	6,170	2,078
1959	27,008	11,458	6,689	1,923
1964	25,242	9,015	2,342	1,158
1969	26,231	5,363	946	682
1974	31,922	4,018	864	208
1978	27,443	3,313	1,062	420
1982	32,134	3,404	252	437
1987	30,614	2,455	284	308
1992	33,200	2,033	44	496
<b>1997</b>	<b>31,884</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>556</b>

1/ "Milk cows that have calved" beginning in 1970. 2/ Beginning in 1970 hog inventory data refers to preceding December. NA Not available.

**FARM INCOME AND SALES**

	1997	1992	1987
<b>Number of farms:</b>	<b>913</b>	884	939
<b>Farm income and sales:</b>			
	-Thousand Dollars-		
<b>Crops Sold</b>	<b>4,232</b>	3,722	3,139
Grains	(D)	(D)	2
Tobacco	----	----	----
Field seeds, hay, forage, and silage	<b>298</b>	302	55
Other field crops	(D)	27	(D)
Vegetables, sweet corn and melons	<b>1,592</b>	(D)	1,692
Fruits, nuts and berries	<b>953</b>	990	1,285
Nursery and greenhouse products	<b>1,285</b>	121	(D)
Forest Products Sold	<b>255</b>	194	----
<b>Livestock, Poultry and Products Sold</b>	<b>11,829</b>	13,938	10,619
Poultry and products	(D)	----	(D)
Dairy products	<b>3,049</b>	3,624	3,800
Cattle and calves	<b>8,682</b>	10,246	6,789
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	4
Sheep, lambs and wool	<b>25</b>	(D)	10
Other livestock and products	<b>72</b>	54	(D)
<b>Total income from sales:</b>	<b>16,061</b>	17,661	13,758
<b>Custom work and other agricultural services:</b>	<b>334</b>	438	13

(D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms. ---- Represents zero.

**NUMBER OF FARMS, BY SIZE, GROUP**

YEAR	Size of Farm (Acres)							All Farms
	1-9	10-49	50-179		500-999	1,000-1,999		
			50-174 1/	175-499 1/		1,000-Over 1/	2,000+	
1974	40	373	639	131	17	1	----	1,201
1978	30	290	550	147	18	2	----	1,037
1982	46	329	526	157	24	1	----	1,083
1987	51	244	469	148	21	6	2	939
1992	45	246	415	147	27	4	1	884
<b>1997</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>913</b>

1/ Applies to 1997. ---- Represents zero.

**OPERATORS' OCCUPATION AND AGE**

	1982	1987	1992	1997
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>				
Farming .....	434	357	355	<b>319</b>
Other .....	649	582	529	<b>594</b>
<b>Operators by age group:</b>				
Under 25 years .....	22	14	11	<b>6</b>
25 to 34 years .....	97	79	62	<b>78</b>
35 to 44 years .....	158	156	161	<b>141</b>
45 to 54 years .....	247	200	178	<b>206</b>
55 to 64 years .....	NA	236	196	<b>208</b>
65 years and over .....	NA	254	276	<b>274</b>
Average Age .....	55	55	56	<b>55</b>

NA Not available.



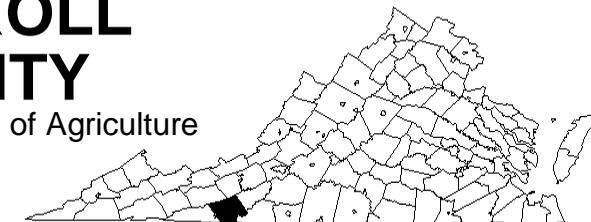
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# CARROLL COUNTY

U.S. Census of Agriculture



Carroll County is situated in the southern part of the Blue Ridge area and borders North Carolina. Formed in 1842 from the eastern part of Grayson, the county was named in honor of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the Maryland patriot.

In 1997, the land in farms in Carroll County totaled 110,201 acres, or 36 percent of the county's area of 304,981 acres. According to the **1997 Census of Agriculture**, there were 913 farms, each averaging 121 acres in size and worth an average of \$169,528, including land and buildings.

The topography of Carroll is hilly and mountainous except for a small section along the southern border. Most of the county is on a plateau, where elevations vary from 2,000 to 3,500 feet above sea level. All streams on the plateau flow into the New River that cuts across the northwest corner of the county. The land drops steeply from the plateau into the Blue Ridge foothills, where elevations range from 1,000 to 1,500 feet. Temperatures average 35 degrees in January and 74 in July on the plateau, but vary elsewhere according to elevation. The frost-free growing season is about 170 days, usually extending from around April 20 to October 10. Annual precipitation averages 45 inches.

Farm income in Carroll is derived from many products, the most important of which are cattle, milk, apples, and vegetables. In 1997 livestock, poultry and poultry products contributed 74 percent of the cash receipts from farming. Dairying brought in 19 percent, followed by fruits, nuts and berries with 6 percent. Some of the most productive apple orchards in Virginia are located in Carroll on the slopes of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Hillsville is the County seat, but Galax, which is partly in Grayson County, is the largest town in the area. In 1990 the estimated population of Carroll County was 26,594. Total gross personal income that year was \$336.8 million, or an average of \$12,664 per capita.

**FARM DATA & LAND USE**

YEAR	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg. Value Per Acre For Land & Buildings	LAND USE					
				Cropland			Other Pasture <u>1/</u>	Woodland	
				Harvested	Other	Pasture		Pasture	Not Pastured
				Number	Acres	Dollars	-Acres-		
1935	3,962	249,275	27	51,575	7,242	94,035	14,321	NA	70,968
1940	4,005	263,741	38	55,485	8,843	90,234	NA	NA	NA
1945	4,097	255,795	53	55,125	1,059	85,674	30,763	NA	76,930
1950	4,185	251,250	98	46,427	9,499	60,342	39,960	NA	83,527
1954	3,757	232,709	106	40,423	5,977	43,052	56,645	NA	78,068
1959	2,655	195,774	134	33,333	5,657	46,633	34,792	NA	65,146
1964	2,411	189,985	165	32,836	3,770	27,242	20,489	7,078	13,096
1969	1,711	148,275	253	23,988	4,792	49,232	10,088	9,645	12,283
1974 <u>2/</u>	1,201	118,547	486	22,788	3,263	37,932	14,487	6,649	10,353
1978	1,037	115,142	755	22,439	1,976	38,062	13,286	13,452	21,668
1982	1,083	122,291	851	23,944	2,225	40,073	15,372	14,065	22,374
1987	939	117,167	904	22,760	2,517	42,211	12,877	14,400	17,401
1992	884	113,165	1,164	24,435	2,504	34,684	18,983	11,180	18,458
<b>1997</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>110,201</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>25,271</b>	<b>1,998</b>	<b>35,391</b>	<b>14,090</b>	<b>11,555</b>	<b>18,808</b>

1/ 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. 2/ Beginning with 1964, agricultural operations under individual management with annual sales of \$1,000 or more. NA Not Available.

**APPLE AND PEACH TREE NUMBERS**

YEAR	APPLES				PEACHES			
	No. Farms Reporting	Non-bearing Trees	Bearing Trees	Total	No. Farms Reporting	Non-bearing Trees	Bearing Trees	Total
	1935	2,977	18,412	174,177	192,589	766	13,429	30,520
1940	3,003	25,004	156,678	181,682	786	18,396	36,408	54,804
1945	3,215	NA	NA	170,697	596	NA	NA	28,941
1950	2,686	33,003	109,350	142,353	544	5,437	15,633	21,070
1954*	817	27,242	64,003	91,245	187	3,092	5,437	8,529
1959*	466	20,527	55,588	76,115	115	7,272	15,267	22,539
1964*	273	34,245	46,107	80,352	150	15,793	18,351	34,144
1969* <u>1/</u>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1974* <u>1/</u>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1978 <u>2/</u>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1982	98	11,630	38,619	50,249	69	7,198	19,834	27,032
1987	84	14,949	44,601	59,550	51	2,917	13,895	16,812
1992	56	8,118	37,801	45,919	38	1,990	13,188	15,178
<b>1997</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>13,929</b>	<b>34,950</b>	<b>48,879</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>8,882</b>	<b>10,286</b>

\* Does not include data for farms with less than 20 trees and grapevines. 1/ Data for farms with total sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 2/ Data for all farms. NA Not available.

**POULTRY SALES**

YEAR	Broilers		Turkeys		Hens & Pullets of Laying Age	
	Number of Farms	Number Sold	Number of Farms	Number Sold	Number of Farms	Number Sold
1945 <u>1/</u>	3,255	215,278	183	6,933	NA	NA
1950 <u>2/</u>	1,566	68,669	78	2,278	NA	NA
1954 <u>3/</u>	1	1,000	89	1,466	NA	NA
1959 <u>3/</u>	4	57,800	40	719	NA	NA
1964 <u>3/ 4/</u>	2	(D)	19	236	NA	NA
1969 <u>4/</u>	----	----	----	----	12	3,763
1974 <u>5/ 6/</u>	2	(D)	NA	NA	12	3,066
1978 <u>5/</u>	----	----	1	(D)	9	7,162
1982	1	(D)	2	(D)	6	(D)
1987	----	----	----	----	1	(D)
1992	----	----	----	----	----	----
<b>1997</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

1/ 1945 Chickens raised. Turkeys raised. 2/ 1950 Chickens sold. Turkeys raised. 3/ 1964, 1959 and 1954 Turkeys and turkey fryers raised. 4/ 1969 and 1964 Broilers and other meat-type chickens less than 3 months old. 1969 and 1964 Turkeys with farm sales of \$2,500 and over. 5/ 1974 and 1978 Broilers and other meat type chickens sold. 6/ 1974 Turkeys and Hens & Pullets with farm sales of \$2,500 and over. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms. ---- Represents zero. NA Not available.

**CROP ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION**

YEAR	CORN			WHEAT			TOBACCO		
	Acreage	Yield	Production	Acreage	Yield	Production	Acreage	Yield	Production
		Bushels	Bushels		Bushels	Bushels		Lbs.	Lbs.
1935 <u>1/</u>	19,384	19.5	377,517	6,257	9.2	57,361	25	723.2	18,080
1940	18,086	24.1	435,940	4,675	11.4	53,275	18	935.0	16,830
1945	16,742	32.4	542,036	3,087	15.1	46,620	34	839.8	28,552
1950	11,030	36.9	407,409	2,785	17.5	48,627	56	784.1	43,908
1954	7,339	35.8	262,778	1,361	18.5	25,132	52	1,215	63,177
1959 <u>2/</u>	3,829	49.3	188,714	828	24.8	20,543	32	1,440	46,083
1964	1,472	59.8	88,002	389	26.4	10,254	20	2,060	41,205
1969	1,029	75.4	77,580	108	36.9	3,985	20	2,118	42,359
1974	1,233	76.1	93,868	143	42.1	6,021	4	2,678	10,713
1978	878	92.7	81,391	44	33.4	1,470	10	2,274	22,736
1982	623	79.4	49,481	64	33.7	2,155	(D)	(D)	(D)
1987	192	63.0	12,093	21	38.1	800	(D)	(D)	(D)
1992	179	75.3	13,486	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>1997</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>13,486</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>

1/ All corn (grain equivalent, including silage and forage) 1935-54. 2/ For grain only, 1959-92. NA Not available. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms.

**CROP ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION**

YEAR	Vegetables for sale <u>1/</u>	Oats Threshed or Combined <u>2/</u>		Barley Threshed or Combined <u>2/</u>		Rye Threshed or Combined <u>2/</u>		Potatoes <u>3/</u>		Sweet Potatoes	
	Acreage	Acreage	Bushels	Acreage	Bushels	Acreage	Bushels	Acreage	Bushels	Acreage	Bushels
1935	2,083	362	6,821	53	736	1,982	13,987	1,269	93,157	102	8,608
1940	1,805	710	13,519	NA	NA	753	6,529	902	55,794	109	9,223
1945	1,948	452	10,905	68	1,696	376	2,720	1,016	76,378	99	10,350
1950	729	381	9,195	105	2,156	165	2,364	306	42,089	37	6,978
1954	804	1,106	28,231	84	2,366	84	1,252	146	38,615	12	3,932
1959	576	661	20,204	18	535	20	323	124	14,651	NA	NA
1964	500	225	8,384	17	810	49	931	54	10,746	2	623
1969	431	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1974	751	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	119	12,649	NA	NA
1978	962	60	2,784	NA	NA	NA	NA	7	1,116	(D)	(D)
1982	1,185	58	4,962	NA	NA	NA	NA	21	3,873	NA	NA
1987	927	1,740	37	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	303	NA	NA
1992	922	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	50	5,830	NA	NA
<b>1997</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>

1/ Excludes potatoes and sweet potatoes. 2/ Beginning with 1964 includes farms with total sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 3/ Potatoes are in hundred weight starting in 1959. NA Not available. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms.

**CROP ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION**

YEAR	All Hay	Alfalfa for Hay <u>1/</u>		Other Tame Hay <u>2/</u>		Small Grains for Hay <u>2/ 3/</u>	
	Acreage	Acreage	Tons	Acreage	Tons	Acreage	Tons
1935	10,868	39	42	3,370	3,180	37	29
1940	16,317	49	123	10,042	12,252	239	355
1945	20,146	188	277	14,204	15,143	106	120
1950	25,494	840	1,721	18,546	19,765	703	683
1954	26,262	3,119	6,636	17,319	16,561	2,042	2,235
1959	24,504	6,875	13,426	11,366	11,271	964	1,196
1964	25,326	3,243	6,266	18,244	20,829	1,131	1,598
1969	17,469	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1974	16,949	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1978	16,433	1,700	3,588	13,338	20,123	300	487
1982	18,382	2,273	5,991	14,501	24,953	344	812
1987	18,853	2,353	5,115	13,594	20,224	905	1,133
1992	20,893	4,243	8,818	14,303	24,069	607	1,695
<b>1997</b>	<b>22,492</b>	<b>2,936</b>	<b>7,948</b>	<b>17,184</b>	<b>34,858</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>1,372</b>

1/ Beginning with 1964 includes farms with total sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 2/ Beginning with 1964 includes farms with total sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. Beginning with 1978 data are for all farms. Includes clover-timothy, lespedeza and orchard grass mixtures cut for hay. 3/ Beginning with 1978 data are for all farms. NA Not available.