

**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        | 4,172                            | NA                               | 1,390            | 5,187                 |
| 1940        | 4,819                            | NA                               | 1,428            | 3,684                 |
| 1945        | 5,046                            | NA                               | 1,235            | 2,578                 |
| 1950        | 7,861                            | 1,493                            | 1,875            | 4,613                 |
| 1954        | 5,630                            | 1,386                            | 1,649            | 3,006                 |
| 1959        | 5,541                            | 1,088                            | 2,171            | 3,115                 |
| 1964        | 5,253                            | 719                              | 986              | 2,368                 |
| 1969        | 6,252                            | 405                              | 1,054            | 4,012                 |
| 1974        | 7,401                            | 290                              | 550              | 2,031                 |
| 1978        | 6,027                            | 231                              | 257              | 1,542                 |
| 1982        | 7,908                            | 202                              | 475              | 1,640                 |
| 1987        | 7,227                            | 217                              | 40               | 854                   |
| 1992        | 8,185                            | 164                              | 257              | 581                   |
| <b>1997</b> | <b>7,627</b>                     | <b>192</b>                       | <b>23</b>        | <b>229</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>176</b>         | 170   | 177   |
| <b>Farm income and sales:</b>                       |                    |       |       |
|   | -Thousand Dollars- |       |       |
| <b>Crops Sold</b>                                   | <b>200</b>         | 186   | 70    |
| Grains  | (D)                | 19    | (D)   |
| Tobacco   | ----               | ----  | ----  |
| Field seeds, hay, forage, and silage                | <b>55</b>          | 113   | 47    |
| Other field crops                                   | ----               | ----  | ----  |
| Vegetables, sweet corn and melons                   | (D)                | (D)   | ----  |
| Fruits, nuts and berries                            | ----               | ----  | (D)   |
| Nursery and greenhouse products                     | (D)                | (D)   | ----  |
| Forest Products Sold                                | <b>68</b>          | 67    | 73    |
| <b>Livestock, Poultry and Products Sold</b>         | <b>2,055</b>       | 2,036 | 1,937 |
| Poultry and products                                | ----               | (D)   | ----  |
| Dairy products                                      | <b>455</b>         | 319   | 391   |
| Cattle and calves                                   | <b>1,290</b>       | 1,500 | 1,396 |
| Hogs and pigs                                       | (D)                | 25    | 57    |
| Sheep, lambs and wool                               | (D)                | (D)   | (D)   |
| Other livestock and products                        | <b>297</b>         | 168   | (D)   |
| <b>Total income from sales:</b>                     | <b>2,255</b>       | 2,221 | 2,006 |
| <b>Custom work and other agricultural services:</b> | <b>38</b>          | 108   | 8     |

(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    | 180-499    | 500-999       | 1,000-1,999 |             |            |
|             |                      |           | 50-174 1/ | 175-499 1/ | 1,000-Over 1/ | 2,000+      |             |            |
| 1974        | 4                    | 18        | 74        | 80         | 17            | 2           | 1           | 196        |
| 1978        | 1                    | 14        | 76        | 75         | 16            | 2           | 2           | 186        |
| 1982        | 4                    | 24        | 70        | 72         | 18            | 8           | 2           | 196        |
| 1987        | 3                    | 20        | 60        | 68         | 19            | 7           | ----        | 177        |
| 1992        | 9                    | 25        | 61        | 51         | 16            | 8           | ----        | 170        |
| <b>1997</b> | <b>5</b>             | <b>26</b> | <b>55</b> | <b>69</b>  | <b>16</b>     | <b>5</b>    | <b>----</b> | <b>176</b> |

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

**OPERATORS' OCCUPATION AND AGE**

|  | 1982 | 1987 | 1992 | 1997 |
|--|------|------|------|------|
|--|------|------|------|------|

**Operators by principal occupation:**

|               |     |    |    |           |
|---------------|-----|----|----|-----------|
| Farming ..... | 76  | 80 | 73 | <b>78</b> |
| Other .....   | 120 | 97 | 97 | <b>98</b> |

**Operators by age group:**

|                         |    |    |      |           |
|-------------------------|----|----|------|-----------|
| Under 25 years .....    | 2  | 4  | ---- | <b>2</b>  |
| 25 to 34 years .....    | 17 | 12 | 19   | <b>14</b> |
| 35 to 44 years .....    | 30 | 24 | 27   | <b>22</b> |
| 45 to 54 years .....    | 50 | 32 | 36   | <b>45</b> |
| 55 to 64 years .....    | NA | 45 | 39   | <b>38</b> |
| 65 years and over ..... | NA | 60 | 49   | <b>55</b> |
| Average Age .....       | 54 | 56 | 55   | <b>56</b> |

NA Not available. ---- Represents zero.



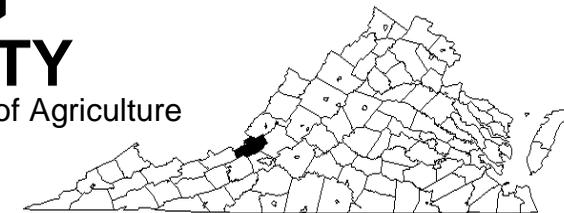
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# CRAIG COUNTY

U.S. Census of Agriculture



Craig County is situated in the south central part of the Great Valley of Virginia and borders on the state of West Virginia. Formed in 1850, the county was named in honor of Robert Craig.

According to the **1997 Census of Agriculture**, there were 45,684 acres of farmland in Craig County, only 22 percent of the total county area of 211,245 acres. There were 176 farms in the county, each averaging 260 acres in size and worth an average of \$364,567, including land and buildings.

The topography of Craig varies widely and includes a full 179,276 acres of woodland. Several major ridges of the Allegheny Mountains extend in a northeast-southeast direction and reach a height of nearly 4,000 feet. In addition, there are many fertile valleys, the largest of which is along Sinking Creek. Temperatures in the area average about 35 degrees in January and 73 in July. Annual precipitation averages 41 inches. The frost-free growing season covers roughly 178 days, typically extending from April 24 to October 19.

Of the farm products sold, livestock, poultry, and related products supplied about 91 percent of the total value in 1997. About 57 percent of these receipts came from the sale of cattle and calves, another 20 percent came from dairy products, and all other livestock and crops contributed only 22 percent. Many of the small farms are operated on a part-time basis by persons who have other employment in adjoining counties.

As nearly three-fourths of the county's land area is wooded, it is not surprising that forestry is another integral part of Craig's economy. There are about 19,589 acres of woodland on farms, the Jefferson National Forest contains another 112,166 acres, and the remaining acres are in commercial forests. Indeed, local sawmills provide employment and income for a large number of the county's residents.

In 1990, the estimated population of Craig County was 4,372. The total gross personal income that year was \$58.1 million, or an average of \$13,297 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 1/ | Woodland     |               |
|             |                 |               |  | Harvested    | Other      | Pasture       |                  | Pasture      | Not Pastured  |
|             |                 |               |  | Number       | Acres      | Dollars       | -Acres-          |              |               |
| 1935        | 644             | 104,002       | 22                                       | 12,273       | 650        | 18,590        | 18,017           | NA           | 50,537        |
| 1940        | 543             | 78,714        | 28                                       | 11,482       | 314        | 26,102        | NA               | NA           | NA            |
| 1945        | 486             | 81,324        | 37                                       | 13,090       | 281        | 2,448         | 29,104           | NA           | 35,700        |
| 1950        | 449             | 76,189        | 46                                       | 10,732       | 1,505      | 8,613         | 22,881           | NA           | 30,782        |
| 1954        | 409             | 69,829        | 44                                       | 8,205        | 1,292      | 15,977        | 9,836            | NA           | 33,453        |
| 1959        | 330             | 61,446        | 65                                       | 7,908        | 1,418      | 10,587        | 13,694           | NA           | 26,221        |
| 1964        | 328             | 64,348        | 82                                       | 7,020        | 1,043      | 2,017         | 9,021            | 2,560        | 9,162         |
| 1969        | 265             | 59,743        | 144                                      | 5,906        | 1,745      | 13,305        | 6,484            | 5,683        | 11,389        |
| 1974 2/     | 196             | 49,456        | 289                                      | 5,656        | 771        | 7,604         | 10,406           | 4,728        | 9,925         |
| 1978        | 186             | 50,793        | 588                                      | 6,909        | 278        | 8,387         | 11,636           | 4,880        | 17,035        |
| 1982        | 196             | 56,252        | 706                                      | 7,281        | 435        | 9,857         | 10,459           | 6,431        | 19,613        |
| 1987        | 177             | 50,308        | 699                                      | 7,355        | 1,392      | 11,639        | 7,350            | 3,788        | 17,341        |
| 1992        | 170             | 45,451        | 841                                      | 7,533        | 882        | 9,165         | 7,303            | 3,951        | 15,638        |
| <b>1997</b> | <b>176</b>      | <b>45,684</b> | <b>1,251</b>                             | <b>7,401</b> | <b>820</b> | <b>11,369</b> | <b>5,669</b>     | <b>5,088</b> | <b>13,885</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                | 555               | 2,376         | 18,907    | 21,283              | 260               | 1,362         | 2,627     |
| 1940        | 205                 | NA                | NA            | 9,650     | 80                  | NA                | NA            | 1,514     |
| 1945        | 365                 | NA                | NA            | 12,957    | 87                  | NA                | NA            | 1,137     |
| 1950        | 334                 | 487               | 8,037         | 8,524     | 130                 | 304               | 1,268         | 1,572     |
| 1954*       | 82                  | 453               | 2,319         | 2,772     | 28                  | 71                | 154           | 225       |
| 1959*       | 35                  | 178               | 831           | 1,009     | 15                  | 46                | 119           | 165       |
| 1964*       | 30                  | 222               | 843           | 1,065     | 11                  | 6                 | 65            | 71        |
| 1969* 1/    | NA                  | NA                | NA            | NA        | NA                  | NA                | NA            | NA        |
| 1974* 1/    | NA                  | NA                | NA            | NA        | NA                  | NA                | NA            | NA        |
| 1978 2/     | NA                  | NA                | NA            | NA        | NA                  | NA                | NA            | NA        |
| 1982        | 3                   | (D)               | (D)           | 60        | 3                   | (D)               | (D)           | 18        |
| 1987        | NA                  | NA                | NA            | NA        | NA                  | NA                | NA            | NA        |
| 1992        | NA                  | NA                | NA            | NA        | NA                  | NA                | NA            | NA        |
| <b>1997</b> | <b>NA</b>           | <b>NA</b>         | <b>NA</b>     | <b>NA</b> | <b>NA</b>           | <b>NA</b>         | <b>NA</b>     | <b>NA</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. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms.

**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 1/         | 372         | 43,774          | 65          | 2,484                        | NA          |
| 1950 2/     | 203             | 7,864       | 53              | 1,472       | NA                           | NA          |
| 1954 3/     | 1               | 20,000      | 26              | 513         | NA                           | NA          |
| 1959 3/     | ----            | ----        | 24              | 164         | NA                           | NA          |
| 1964 3 4/   | ----            | ----        | 25              | 198         | NA                           | NA          |
| 1969 4/     | ----            | ----        | ----            | ----        | 4                            | 828         |
| 1974 5/ 6/  | ----            | ----        | NA              | NA          | 3                            | (D)         |
| 1978 5/     | ----            | ----        | ----            | ----        | 2                            | (D)         |
| 1982        | ----            | ----        | ----            | ----        | 3                            | 54          |
| 1987        | ----            | ----        | ----            | ----        | 1                            | (D)         |
| 1992        | ----            | ----        | 1               | (D)         | ----                         | ----        |
| <b>1997</b> | <b>----</b>     | <b>----</b> | <b>----</b>     | <b>----</b> | <b>----</b>                  | <b>----</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     |           |            |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|             | Acreage   | Yield       | Production   | Acreage   | Yield     | Production |
|             |           | Bushels     | Bushels      |           | Bushels   | Bushels    |
|             | 1935 1/   | 3,173       | 27.9         | 88,414    | 2,361     | 10.6       |
| 1940        | 2,693     | 35.9        | 96,759       | 1,702     | 12.5      | 21,195     |
| 1945        | 2,511     | 41.0        | 103,037      | 1,578     | 21.0      | 33,157     |
| 1950        | 1,473     | 54.0        | 79,550       | 1,111     | 17.3      | 19,238     |
| 1954        | 1,103     | 49.5        | 54,562       | 610       | 23.8      | 14,533     |
| 1959 2/     | 989       | 64.1        | 63,370       | 346       | 26.5      | 9,170      |
| 1964        | 505       | 64.8        | 32,713       | 153       | 27.2      | 4,161      |
| 1969        | 528       | 91.2        | 48,172       | 80        | 35.4      | 2,830      |
| 1974        | 926       | 96.0        | 88,852       | 22        | 30.3      | 667        |
| 1978        | 945       | 89.0        | 84,080       | NA        | NA        | NA         |
| 1982        | 976       | 90.5        | 88,333       | (D)       | (D)       | (D)        |
| 1987        | 509       | 48.6        | 24,735       | NA        | NA        | NA         |
| 1992        | 285       | 81.5        | 23,240       | (D)       | (D)       | (D)        |
| <b>1997</b> | <b>63</b> | <b>77.3</b> | <b>4,868</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 1/ | Oats Threshed or Combined 2/ |           | Barley Threshed or Combined 2/ |           | Rye Threshed or Combined 2/ |           | Potatoes 3/ |           | Sweet Potatoes |           |
|-------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
|             | Acreage                | Acreage                      | Bushels   | Acreage                        | Bushels   | Acreage                     | Bushels   | Acreage     | Bushels   | Acreage        | Bushels   |
|             | 1935                   | 6                            | 244       | 5,826                          | 5         | 56                          | 166       | 1,586       | 157       | 12,099         | 10        |
| 1940        | 1                      | 282                          | 7,615     | 155                            | 7,315     | 95                          | 865       | 122         | 25,644    | NA             | NA        |
| 1945        | 7                      | 559                          | 21,215    | 15                             | 318       | 53                          | 742       | 119         | 12,537    | NA             | NA        |
| 1950        | 6                      | 368                          | 9,931     | 152                            | 3,662     | 18                          | 347       | 36          | 5,801     | 1              | 465       |
| 1954        | 6                      | 312                          | 12,956    | 77                             | 3,183     | 12                          | 209       | 16          | 4,159     | NA             | 272       |
| 1959        | 1                      | 352                          | 16,121    | 85                             | 4,785     | 5                           | 67        | 10          | 1,033     | NA             | 65        |
| 1964        | 5                      | 140                          | 6,078     | 23                             | 960       | NA                          | NA        | 7           | 1,611     | NA             | 141       |
| 1969        | 1                      | NA                           | NA        | NA                             | NA        | NA                          | NA        | NA          | NA        | NA             | NA        |
| 1974        | NA                     | NA                           | NA        | NA                             | NA        | NA                          | NA        | 5           | 426       | 1              | 220       |
| 1978        | NA                     | 37                           | 1,715     | NA                             | NA        | NA                          | NA        | (D)         | (D)       | NA             | NA        |
| 1982        | NA                     | 60                           | 3,170     | NA                             | NA        | NA                          | NA        | NA          | NA        | NA             | NA        |
| 1987        | NA                     | 24                           | 1,130     | NA                             | NA        | NA                          | NA        | NA          | NA        | NA             | NA        |
| 1992        | 7                      | 9                            | 450       | NA                             | NA        | NA                          | NA        | NA          | NA        | NA             | NA        |
| <b>1997</b> | <b>(D)</b>             | <b>NA</b>                    | <b>NA</b> | <b>NA</b>                      | <b>NA</b> | <b>NA</b>                   | <b>NA</b> | <b>NA</b>   | <b>NA</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 1/ |              | Other Tame Hay 2/ |              | Small Grains for Hay 2/ 3/ |            |
|-------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------|
|             | Acreage      | Acreage            | Tons         | Acreage           | Tons         | Acreage                    | Tons       |
|             | 1935         | 5,218              | 9            | 11                | 3,204        | 1,073                      | 95         |
| 1940        | 5,370        | 53                 | 114          | 4,548             | 3,979        | 103                        | 80         |
| 1945        | 7,455        | 115                | 199          | 7,130             | 6,952        | 7                          | 9          |
| 1950        | 7,166        | 218                | 472          | 6,452             | 7,570        | 45                         | 35         |
| 1954        | 5,791        | 533                | 789          | 3,670             | 3,357        | 372                        | 461        |
| 1959        | 5,999        | 1,222              | 2,470        | 3,831             | 4,183        | 166                        | 206        |
| 1964        | 5,880        | 550                | 1,081        | 4,001             | 4,257        | 394                        | 449        |
| 1969        | 4,776        | NA                 | NA           | NA                | NA           | NA                         | NA         |
| 1974        | 4,334        | NA                 | NA           | NA                | NA           | NA                         | NA         |
| 1978        | 5,369        | 436                | 666          | 4,268             | 6,129        | 155                        | 239        |
| 1982        | 5,756        | 398                | 704          | 4,914             | 7,975        | (D)                        | (D)        |
| 1987        | 6,627        | 656                | 1,159        | 5,075             | 7,136        | 152                        | 238        |
| 1992        | 7,122        | 1,682              | 1,982        | 4,644             | 8,728        | (D)                        | (D)        |
| <b>1997</b> | <b>7,245</b> | <b>476</b>         | <b>1,147</b> | <b>5,273</b>      | <b>8,190</b> | <b>161</b>                 | <b>274</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. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms.