

**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        | 14,296                           | NA                               | 4,708            | 1,186                 |
| 1940        | 13,880                           | NA                               | 4,671            | 625                   |
| 1945        | 19,288                           | NA                               | 6,400            | 523                   |
| 1950        | 19,831                           | 9,714                            | 6,324            | 586                   |
| 1954        | 22,786                           | 10,108                           | 5,829            | 695                   |
| 1959        | 27,735                           | 8,927                            | 6,295            | 539                   |
| 1964        | 28,272                           | 8,657                            | 3,352            | 227                   |
| 1969        | 32,618                           | 7,883                            | 2,004            | 194                   |
| 1974        | 42,248                           | 9,526                            | 1,118            | 259                   |
| 1978        | 36,867                           | 9,442                            | 2,563            | 158                   |
| 1982        | 43,657                           | 10,465                           | 2,977            | 135                   |
| 1987        | 43,367                           | 11,768                           | 1,635            | 260                   |
| 1992        | 48,206                           | 12,109                           | 694              | 112                   |
| <b>1997</b> | <b>45,508</b>                    | <b>10,568</b>                    | <b>426</b>       | <b>128</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>890</b>    | 935                | 1,016  |
| <b>Farm income and sales:</b>                       |               | -Thousand Dollars- |        |
| <b>Crops Sold</b>                                   | <b>7,196</b>  | 7,195              | 5,531  |
| Grains  | (D)           | 356                | 240    |
| Tobacco   | <b>5,028</b>  | 4,932              | 3,194  |
| Field seeds, hay, forage, and silage                | <b>654</b>    | 596                | 377    |
| Other field crops                                   | (D)           | (D)                | (D)    |
| Vegetables, sweet corn and melons                   | <b>48</b>     | (D)                | (D)    |
| Fruits, nuts and berries                            | <b>167</b>    | 892                | 1,325  |
| Nursery and greenhouse products                     | <b>765</b>    | 345                | 175    |
| Forest Products Sold                                | <b>339</b>    | 150                | 16     |
| <b>Livestock, Poultry and Products Sold</b>         | <b>31,909</b> | 30,978             | 26,362 |
| Poultry and products                                | (D)           | (D)                | (D)    |
| Dairy products                                      | <b>24,492</b> | 26,391             | 22,027 |
| Cattle and calves                                   | <b>7,218</b>  | 4,461              | 4,176  |
| Hogs and pigs                                       | (D)           | 71                 | 145    |
| Sheep, lambs and wool                               | ----          | (D)                | (D)    |
| Other livestock and products                        | <b>146</b>    | 39                 | 5      |
| <b>Total income from sales:</b>                     | <b>39,105</b> | 38,173             | 31,893 |
| <b>Custom work and other agricultural services:</b> | <b>252</b>    | 536                | 130    |

(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   | 2,000+      |            |
|             |                      |            | 50-174 1/  | 175-499 1/ |           | 1,000-Over 1/ |             |            |
| 1974        | 91                   | 196        | 617        | 310        | 31        | 5             | 4           | 1,254      |
| 1978        | 68                   | 182        | 542        | 288        | 45        | 9             | 4           | 1,138      |
| 1982        | 81                   | 219        | 561        | 297        | 44        | 10            | 2           | 1,212      |
| 1987        | 57                   | 154        | 487        | 256        | 50        | 12            | 2           | 1,016      |
| 1992        | 49                   | 154        | 431        | 234        | 58        | 9             | 1           | 935        |
| <b>1997</b> | <b>45</b>            | <b>164</b> | <b>420</b> | <b>192</b> | <b>56</b> | <b>13</b>     | <b>----</b> | <b>890</b> |

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

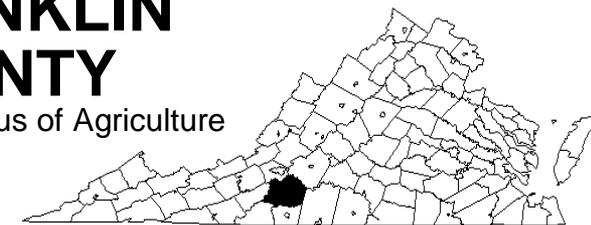
**OPERATORS' OCCUPATION AND AGE**

|   | 1982 | 1987 | 1992 | 1997       |
|---|------|------|------|------------|
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b> |      |      |      |            |
| Farming .....                             | 592  | 499  | 461  | <b>420</b> |
| Other .....                               | 620  | 517  | 474  | <b>470</b> |
| <b>Operators by age group:</b>            |      |      |      |            |
| Under 25 years .....                      | 23   | 8    | 3    | <b>10</b>  |
| 25 to 34 years .....                      | 122  | 96   | 52   | <b>47</b>  |
| 35 to 44 years .....                      | 234  | 183  | 169  | <b>159</b> |
| 45 to 54 years .....                      | 263  | 248  | 222  | <b>194</b> |
| 55 to 64 years .....                      | NA   | 233  | 223  | <b>232</b> |
| 65 years and over .....                   | NA   | 248  | 266  | <b>248</b> |
| Average Age .....                         | 53   | 54   | 56   | <b>56</b>  |

NA Not available.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY**

U.S. Census of Agriculture



Franklin County lies partly in the Piedmont Plateau and partly in the Blue Ridge Mountains in the south-central part of the state. Formed in 1875 from parts of Bedford and Henry, the county is named in honor of Benjamin Franklin, who was then Governor of Pennsylvania.

In 1997, Franklin land in farms amounted to 158,735 acres, or 36 percent of the county's area of 442,955 acres. According to the **1997 Census of Agriculture**, there were 890 farms in the county, each averaging 178 acres in size and worth an average of \$281,879, including land and buildings.

The county boasts a rolling topography, with altitudes ranging from 900 feet in eastern localities to nearly 3,000 feet on the northern and western borders. Temperatures average a moderate 37 degrees in January and 75 in July. The frost-free growing season usually extends from about April 21 to October 16 and averages 178 days. Annual precipitation for the area averages 42 inches.

Agriculture is an integral part of Franklin's economy. Livestock, poultry, and related products are the principal sources of farm income, suppling 82 percent of the total value of farm products sold in 1997. Of these receipts, a full 81 percent came from dairying and cattle. Crops accounted for 18 percent of farm sales. Fruits and poultry are also important farm enterprises to Franklin producers.

Over 65 percent of the county's area is woodland, and nearly 65,000 acres of this are in farms. Not surprisingly, sales of forest products provide an additional source of income on many farms.

In 1990, the estimated county population was 39,549. The total gross personal income that year was \$573.1 million, or an average of \$14,492 per capita.

Rocky Mount, the largest town, is the county seat.



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**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        | 3,953           | 373,982        | 20                                       | 66,604        | 25,352       | 42,496        | 15,819           | NA            | 197,122       |
| 1940        | 3,867           | 363,120        | 23                                       | 68,816        | 19,678       | 49,301        | NA               | NA            | NA            |
| 1945        | 3,624           | 356,976        | 31                                       | 71,769        | 17,078       | 20,528        | 48,277           | NA            | 185,207       |
| 1950        | 3,122           | 319,720        | 51                                       | 52,606        | 18,811       | 19,365        | 49,215           | NA            | 161,684       |
| 1954        | 2,941           | 313,351        | 64                                       | 51,084        | 18,188       | 14,263        | 50,181           | NA            | 167,964       |
| 1959        | 2,091           | 279,260        | 109                                      | 44,719        | 15,652       | 14,341        | 42,570           | NA            | 151,890       |
| 1964        | 1,860           | 258,765        | 152                                      | 40,007        | 14,070       | 10,996        | 29,830           | 18,153        | 59,970        |
| 1969        | 1,443           | 226,630        | 192                                      | 36,437        | 12,565       | 35,285        | 17,164           | 20,507        | 50,281        |
| 1974 2/     | 1,254           | 202,594        | 409                                      | 39,265        | 6,972        | 35,543        | 17,379           | 25,567        | 36,305        |
| 1978        | 1,138           | 198,737        | 637                                      | 41,438        | 5,398        | 30,818        | 20,226           | 26,490        | 64,403        |
| 1982        | 1,212           | 193,330        | 851                                      | 44,143        | 4,735        | 36,605        | 16,803           | 25,279        | 56,889        |
| 1987        | 1,016           | 180,212        | 936                                      | 45,287        | 6,866        | 30,593        | 16,834           | 20,470        | 51,775        |
| 1992        | 935             | 166,477        | 1,307                                    | 43,391        | 5,595        | 33,671        | 12,786           | 17,577        | 47,343        |
| <b>1997</b> | <b>890</b>      | <b>158,735</b> | <b>1,534</b>                             | <b>44,127</b> | <b>4,963</b> | <b>32,631</b> | <b>13,027</b>    | <b>15,951</b> | <b>43,528</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. Acres 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        | 2,781               | 25,083            | 132,497       | 157,580       | 1,872               | 17,323            | 29,371        | 46,694       |
| 1940        | 2,655               | 25,207            | 128,692       | 153,899       | 1,911               | NA                | NA            | 68,817       |
| 1945        | 2,850               | NA                | NA            | 145,949       | 2,118               | NA                | NA            | 57,462       |
| 1950        | 1,844               | 23,851            | 75,001        | 98,852        | 1,164               | 10,008            | 20,126        | 30,134       |
| 1954*       | 339                 | 14,709            | 53,377        | 68,086        | 187                 | 1,822             | 7,510         | 9,332        |
| 1959*       | 198                 | 14,326            | 34,962        | 49,288        | 100                 | 1,399             | 4,187         | 5,586        |
| 1964*       | 53                  | 19,287            | 23,381        | 42,668        | 20                  | 627               | 2,567         | 3,194        |
| 1969* 1/    | 34                  | 22,404            | 27,272        | 49,676        | 11                  | 204               | 2,432         | 2,636        |
| 1974* 1/    | NA                  | NA                | NA            | NA            | NA                  | NA                | NA            | NA           |
| 1978 2/     | 60                  | NA                | NA            | NA            | 25                  | NA                | NA            | NA           |
| 1982        | 41                  | 16,120            | 54,392        | 70,512        | 28                  | 1,323             | 4,934         | 6,257        |
| 1987        | 55                  | 19,122            | 49,725        | 68,847        | 25                  | 452               | 4,684         | 5,136        |
| 1992        | 42                  | 3,621             | 55,465        | 59,086        | 19                  | 165               | 3,363         | 3,528        |
| <b>1997</b> | <b>29</b>           | <b>2,575</b>      | <b>11,987</b> | <b>14,562</b> | <b>18</b>           | <b>1,835</b>      | <b>11,870</b> | <b>3,705</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 1/     | 3,108           | 552,344     | 82              | 1,910       | NA                           | NA          |
| 1950 2/     | 890             | 209,905     | 61              | 5,029       | NA                           | NA          |
| 1954 3/     | 42              | 457,308     | 41              | 20,189      | NA                           | NA          |
| 1959 3/     | 33              | 808,070     | 21              | 4,203       | NA                           | NA          |
| 1964 3/ 4/  | 10              | 185,355     | 5               | 3,607       | NA                           | NA          |
| 1969 4/     | 3               | 141,010     | ----            | ----        | 37                           | 26,952      |
| 1974 5/ 6/  | 2               | (D)         | NA              | NA          | 22                           | 30,411      |
| 1978 5/     | 3               | (D)         | 4               | 124         | 11                           | (D)         |
| 1982        | 3               | 72          | 4               | 80          | 11                           | (D)         |
| 1987        | ----            | ----        | ----            | ----        | 2                            | (D)         |
| 1992        | 2               | (D)         | 2               | (D)         | 4                            | 178         |
| <b>1997</b> | <b>1</b>        | <b>(D)</b>  | ----            | ----        | <b>3</b>                     | <b>36</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        |             |               | SOYBEANS   |             |               | TOBACCO      |              |                  |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
|             | Acreage      | Yield       | Produc-tion    | Acreage      | Yield       | Produc-tion   | Acreage    | Yield       | Produc-tion   | Acreage      | Yield        | Produc-tion      |
|             |              |             | Bushels        |              |             | Bushels       |            |             | Bushels       |              |              | Bushels          |
| 1935 1/     | 23,250       | 17.4        | 404,163        | 16,255       | 9.6         | 155,748       | 3,371      | NA          | NA            | 3,302        | 762.1        | 2,516,327        |
| 1940        | 20,669       | 21.9        | 453,500        | 10,069       | 11.5        | 115,580       | NA         | NA          | 123           | 4,892        | 839.2        | 4,105,340        |
| 1945        | 17,424       | 25.3        | 441,194        | 9,307        | 14.9        | 138,569       | NA         | NA          | 1,283         | 4,031        | 1,026        | 4,134,600        |
| 1950        | 11,525       | 32.4        | 373,897        | 7,527        | 19.2        | 144,316       | 8          | 21.1        | 169           | 3,199        | 1,050        | 3,357,535        |
| 1954        | 9,066        | 30.5        | 276,145        | 5,287        | 23.3        | 123,381       | 9          | 7.7         | 69            | 3,535        | 1,337        | 4,726,745        |
| 1959 2/     | 7,698        | 36.3        | 279,803        | 4,926        | 24.0        | 118,314       | 10         | 18.0        | 180           | 2,390        | 1,643        | 3,926,184        |
| 1964        | 5,006        | 48.0        | 240,125        | 2,906        | 26.8        | 77,785        | 17         | 13.2        | 225           | 2,403        | 2,021        | 4,855,650        |
| 1969        | 4,516        | 69.4        | 313,553        | 1,591        | 37.0        | 58,891        | 96         | 21.9        | 2,100         | 2,336        | 1,933        | 4,514,800        |
| 1974        | 4,815        | 71.2        | 342,688        | 2,280        | 36.2        | 82,425        | 250        | 18.6        | 4,645         | 2,251        | 1,855        | 4,175,824        |
| 1978        | 5,065        | 82.6        | 418,555        | 1,090        | 35.5        | 38,693        | 204        | 23.3        | 4,756         | 2,168        | 1,911        | 4,143,600        |
| 1982        | 5,158        | 83.5        | 430,603        | 1,728        | 30.8        | 53,222        | 350        | 19.5        | 6,841         | 1,604        | 2,153        | 3,453,388        |
| 1987        | 2,993        | 71.0        | 212,548        | 1,129        | 35.0        | 39,559        | 159        | 24.0        | 3,820         | 1,123        | 2,203        | 2,473,829        |
| 1992        | 3,137        | 92.6        | 290,464        | 1,203        | 34.0        | 40,921        | 569        | 27.3        | 15,518        | 1,467        | 2,162        | 3,172,184        |
| <b>1997</b> | <b>1,914</b> | <b>80.4</b> | <b>153,838</b> | <b>1,208</b> | <b>51.0</b> | <b>61,653</b> | <b>401</b> | <b>27.3</b> | <b>10,934</b> | <b>1,391</b> | <b>2,281</b> | <b>3,172,407</b> |

1/ All corn (grain equivalent, including silage and forage) 1935-54. 2/ For grain only, 1959-92. NA Not available.

**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        | 1,705                  | 689                          | 9,648     | 16                             | 2,136        | 1,637                       | 13,024    | 815         | 55,550       | 492            | 51,242    |
| 1940        | 1,137                  | 799                          | 13,637    | 54                             | 1,020        | 966                         | 9,330     | 916         | 51,531       | 387            | 35,556    |
| 1945        | 1,226                  | 1,003                        | 21,692    | 82                             | 2,098        | 808                         | 9,186     | 702         | 49,054       | 334            | 28,374    |
| 1950        | 289                    | 920                          | 24,399    | 443                            | 12,160       | 250                         | 3,601     | 191         | 26,266       | 35             | 10,503    |
| 1954        | 212                    | 1,713                        | 62,516    | 673                            | 25,995       | 195                         | 4,095     | 116         | 31,749       | 4              | 6,905     |
| 1959        | 163                    | 1,088                        | 37,379    | 911                            | 34,640       | 244                         | 4,923     | 79          | 11,728       | 16             | 7,226     |
| 1964        | 106                    | 595                          | 22,153    | 859                            | 38,696       | 329                         | 7,490     | 45          | 6,315        | 4              | 2,447     |
| 1969        | 102                    | NA                           | NA        | NA                             | NA           | NA                          | NA        | NA          | NA           | NA             | NA        |
| 1974        | 70                     | NA                           | NA        | NA                             | NA           | NA                          | NA        | 28          | 2,168        | 6              | 1,039     |
| 1978        | 63                     | 359                          | 13,009    | 549                            | 26,992       | NA                          | NA        | 11          | 1,024        | 11             | 1,158     |
| 1982        | 88                     | 132                          | 6,474     | 663                            | 29,823       | 37                          | 940       | 63          | 4,241        | 8              | 1,375     |
| 1987        | 92                     | 107                          | 3,996     | 279                            | 14,062       | NA                          | NA        | (D)         | (D)          | NA             | NA        |
| 1992        | 55                     | 66                           | 4,565     | 286                            | 18,545       | NA                          | NA        | 6           | 1,040        | NA             | NA        |
| <b>1997</b> | <b>24</b>              | <b>NA</b>                    | <b>NA</b> | <b>114</b>                     | <b>7,690</b> | <b>NA</b>                   | <b>NA</b> | <b>11</b>   | <b>1,083</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.

**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        | 13,913        | 483                | 727          | 5,028             | 4,728         | 414                        | 342          |
| 1940        | 21,450        | 832                | 1,410        | 13,882            | 15,215        | 514                        | 446          |
| 1945        | 29,930        | 669                | 1,351        | 23,337            | 20,981        | 630                        | 704          |
| 1950        | 25,809        | 2,297              | 5,729        | 19,931            | 23,565        | 1,512                      | 1,666        |
| 1954        | 27,395        | 4,401              | 7,694        | 16,672            | 13,156        | 3,997                      | 4,543        |
| 1959        | 24,510        | 7,563              | 18,438       | 12,258            | 11,822        | 2,611                      | 3,388        |
| 1964        | 20,816        | 7,216              | 15,384       | 8,052             | 8,120         | 3,017                      | 4,204        |
| 1969        | 16,236        | NA                 | NA           | NA                | NA            | NA                         | NA           |
| 1974        | 16,961        | NA                 | NA           | NA                | NA            | NA                         | NA           |
| 1978        | 20,701        | 4,185              | 11,241       | 11,268            | 17,230        | 2,247                      | 3,940        |
| 1982        | 23,298        | 4,782              | 12,924       | 13,465            | 20,476        | 2,117                      | 3,603        |
| 1987        | 28,294        | 4,444              | 10,439       | 16,734            | 24,011        | 2,883                      | 6,456        |
| 1992        | 27,726        | 5,550              | 14,153       | 16,095            | 30,434        | 2,012                      | 4,407        |
| <b>1997</b> | <b>28,943</b> | <b>2,180</b>       | <b>4,681</b> | <b>20,162</b>     | <b>40,306</b> | <b>2,248</b>               | <b>5,185</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 orchardgrass mixtures cut for hay. 3/ Beginning with 1978 data are for all farms. NA Not available.