

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	10,691	NA	7,481	7,935
1940	8,430	NA	6,869	6,930
1945	13,784	NA	10,488	6,512
1950	15,861	4,362	11,828	7,469
1954	18,484	3,600	8,348	5,766
1959	21,206	3,311	8,397	4,834
1964	20,478	2,212	3,485	2,555
1969	19,316	1,628	3,031	2,489
1974	22,592	993	2,526	1,761
1978	19,400	1,032	3,287	1,281
1982	23,316	1,108	2,797	1,599
1987	17,799	786	1,303	2,387
1992	19,078	758	1,612	875
1997	18,234	716	1,403	596

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
Number of farms:	568	536	555
Farm income and sales:		-Thousand Dollars-	
Crops Sold	13,927	16,177	10,974
Grains	731	467	285
Tobacco	----	----	----
Field seeds, hay, forage, and silage	415	362	226
Other field crops	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vegetables, sweet corn and melons	(D)	(D)	43
Fruits, nuts and berries	10,582	13,678	9,626
Nursery and greenhouse products	1,963	1,389	(D)
Forest Products Sold	63	99	10
Livestock, Poultry and Products Sold	5,228	6,246	5,397
Poultry and products	----	(D)	(D)
Dairy products	(D)	(D)	1,208
Cattle and calves	3,111	3,622	2,829
Hogs and pigs	274	244	266
Sheep, lambs and wool	(D)	4	78
Other livestock and products	103	84	(D)
Total income from sales:	19,155	22,422	16,371
Custom work and other agricultural services:	281	286	144

(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	24	117	222	150	36	14	1	564
1978	20	117	219	153	36	18	2	565
1982	32	167	228	148	41	16	2	632
1987	28	141	198	137	40	11	1	555
1992	31	147	202	106	37	13	1	536
1997	30	146	227	120	35	10	----	568

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

OPERATORS' OCCUPATION AND AGE

	1982	1987	1992	1997
Operators by principal occupation:				
Farming	259	245	249	243
Other	373	310	287	325
Operators by age group:				
Under 25 years	4	2	2	5
25 to 34 years	53	38	36	30
35 to 44 years	110	89	74	72
45 to 54 years	147	141	115	124
55 to 64 years	NA	135	132	154
65 years and over	NA	150	177	183
Average Age	54	55	57	57

NA Not available.



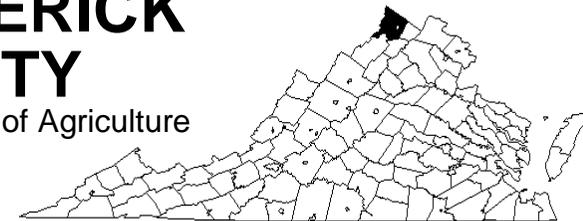
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FREDERICK COUNTY

U.S. Census of Agriculture



Frederick County is located in the northern end of the Great Valley of Virginia, and is the farthest north of any county in the state. Formed from part of Orange in 1738, the county was named in honor of Frederick, Prince of Wales and son of King George II.

The area of Frederick County totals 265,333 acres, of which 99,926 acres, or 38 percent, was in farms in 1997. According to the **1997 Census of Agriculture**, there were 568 farms in the area, each averaging 176 acres in size and worth an average of \$466,257, including land and buildings.

The Little North Mountain divides Frederick into two distinct agricultural sections. The valley section of the county is roughly 10 miles wide and 20 miles long and has a general elevation of 600 to 800 feet. To the west, the county consists of the mountains, ridges, and valleys of the Appalachian system with altitudes ranging from 1,000 feet up to 2,900 feet in height. More than half of the county is forested, and part of the George Washington National Forest is located in the county. Temperatures in the area average 30 degrees in January and 75 in July. The frost-free growing season lasts for about 185 days, usually extending between April 18 and October 17. Annual precipitation averages 37 inches, with the heaviest rainfall occurring during June, July, and August.

Agriculture and the processing of agricultural products are major sources of income for Frederick County. Fruit is the most important agricultural commodity and, in 1997, accounted for 55 percent of the total value of farm products sold. Indeed, the county is renowned for its apples, and Winchester's Apple Blossom Festival draws thousands of visitors and attracts national attention. All livestock, poultry, and poultry products accounted for 27 percent of receipts, with cattle and calves, poultry, and dairy products accounting for the bulk of these sales. Crops accounted for 73 percent of the total sales.

In 1990, the estimated county population was 45,723. The total gross personal income that year was \$749.3 million, or an average of \$16,388 per capita.

Winchester is both the county seat and the largest town.

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	1,919	232,968	40	69,434	10,316	51,659	14,869	NA	81,497
1940	1,674	199,123	44	58,840	8,218	54,776	NA	NA	NA
1945	2,004	225,557	58	69,778	3,738	20,118	60,719	NA	66,009
1950	1,548	199,760	83	52,053	14,637	24,515	31,278	NA	68,180
1954	1,302	183,052	98	47,637	7,591	23,917	33,832	NA	65,064
1959	1,003	175,770	157	47,388	5,607	16,408	44,028	NA	56,230
1964	793	157,435	195	39,734	4,873	17,566	26,022	7,234	14,851
1969	660	130,041	303	33,652	6,052	24,685	19,198	8,285	9,371
1974 2/	564	114,144	706	31,993	5,372	22,059	19,738	6,686	11,722
1978	565	123,220	1,115	36,207	3,104	29,473	21,573	8,999	19,518
1982	632	126,087	1,320	35,955	2,865	25,800	20,706	7,483	26,846
1987	555	111,116	1,431	33,940	4,118	21,358	17,470	7,688	20,425
1992	536	98,142	2,943	34,585	2,910	20,999	14,242	5,731	15,762
1997	568	99,926	2,640	34,668	3,220	22,479	12,593	5,056	17,304

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	1,192	204,393	653,645	858,038	448	34,169	54,183	88,352
1940	697	133,212	585,887	719,099	233	21,024	79,999	101,023
1945	952	NA	NA	733,451	555	NA	NA	146,037
1950	506	120,001	466,238	586,239	305	36,467	90,672	127,139
1954*	236	113,305	421,882	535,187	124	8,922	132,568	141,490
1959*	186	133,941	405,353	539,294	108	24,854	120,483	145,337
1964*	141	122,490	358,702	481,192	77	19,434	77,926	97,360
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	101	152,856	398,344	551,200	48	17,487	53,359	70,846
1987	88	112,853	493,639	606,492	38	11,564	71,989	83,553
1992	77	110,314	657,802	768,116	36	10,915	55,520	66,435
1997	77	210,797	728,696	939,493	33	4,884	58,632	63,516

* 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/	1,657	396,804	103	8,263	NA	NA
1950 2/	645	559,787	57	60,166	NA	NA
1954 3/	39	580,395	53	238,486	NA	NA
1959 3/	19	824,300	33	260,791	NA	NA
1964 3/ 4/	7	342,000	2	(D)	NA	NA
1969 4/	2	(D)	1	61	16	(D)
1974 5/ 6/	3	66	NA	NA	16	81,277
1978 5/	2	(D)	----	----	17	(D)
1982	----	----	----	----	11	(D)
1987	----	----	2	(D)	9	(D)
1992	----	----	1	(D)	2	(D)
1997	----	----	1	(D)	4	96

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		
	Acreage	Yield	Production	Acreage	Yield	Production	Acreage	Yield	Production
		Bushels	Bushels		Bushels	Bushels		Bushels	Bushels
1935 1/	13,230	18.9	249,439	12,702	12.6	160,536	125	NA	NA
1940	11,695	35.9	420,329	9,873	16.3	160,917	NA	NA	182
1945	11,566	25.3	293,095	10,841	19.7	213,944	NA	NA	233
1950	8,509	45.9	390,343	7,379	18.6	136,944	44	20.5	900
1954	7,263	37.4	271,885	4,451	24.8	110,413	34	12.8	435
1959 2/	5,877	41.1	241,625	2,702	21.3	57,600	18	11.4	205
1964	2,872	40.0	114,745	1,920	26.1	50,070	NA	NA	NA
1969	2,791	70.2	195,872	1,224	31.6	38,665	125	20.0	2,506
1974	3,573	54.6	195,198	1,397	32.2	45,018	30	23.3	700
1978	5,487	78.2	428,941	761	29.1	22,109	NA	NA	NA
1982	5,488	76.5	419,757	894	34.8	31,070	40	30.0	1,200
1987	2,762	43.7	120,561	936	40.0	37,432	165	24.8	4,090
1992	2,644	99.1	261,980	811	55.4	44,915	210	32.6	6,840
1997	3,053	65.0	198,292	584	56.1	32,774	872	24.6	21,463

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
1935	511	967	17,818	1,062	18,229	2,647	24,258	444	37,724
1940	143	1,331	27,559	2,272	53,372	1,509	15,597	296	22,782
1945	249	1,478	31,985	940	28,855	1,443	20,544	351	26,356
1950	71	1,200	31,274	1,216	39,486	245	3,020	111	16,645
1954	45	1,435	47,816	2,145	88,681	242	4,618	61	10,535
1959	41	1,561	59,260	1,570	53,415	174	3,108	46	6,142
1964	22	980	26,647	1,303	58,835	113	1,802	15	866
1969	23	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1974	67	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	14	2,119
1978	142	314	12,972	919	38,440	NA	NA	18	2,104
1982	114	563	24,062	367	15,318	NA	NA	15	2,341
1987	66	299	10,253	456	22,338	NA	NA	(D)	178
1992	137	193	13,153	400	25,989	NA	NA	9	665
1997	98	135	6,693	90	4,365	NA	NA	6	594

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	15,872	2,046	2,529	11,424	8,745	14	12
1940	12,339	2,232	3,708	7,943	7,326	202	169
1945	18,986	2,634	3,894	14,450	13,520	137	144
1950	14,858	2,867	6,623	10,601	12,507	98	101
1954	14,997	4,391	8,109	8,204	8,709	445	457
1959	18,169	6,185	14,052	9,561	11,998	128	117
1964	16,875	4,695	6,952	10,258	8,976	375	324
1969	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1974	11,825	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1978	17,225	3,082	7,307	12,246	17,496	229	255
1982	17,278	2,524	7,526	13,725	19,222	282	549
1987	18,458	3,327	8,640	12,470	16,785	630	1,140
1992	20,030	4,318	10,695	13,149	21,100	607	1,736
1997	19,665	2,551	6,800	14,213	21,947	689	689

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.