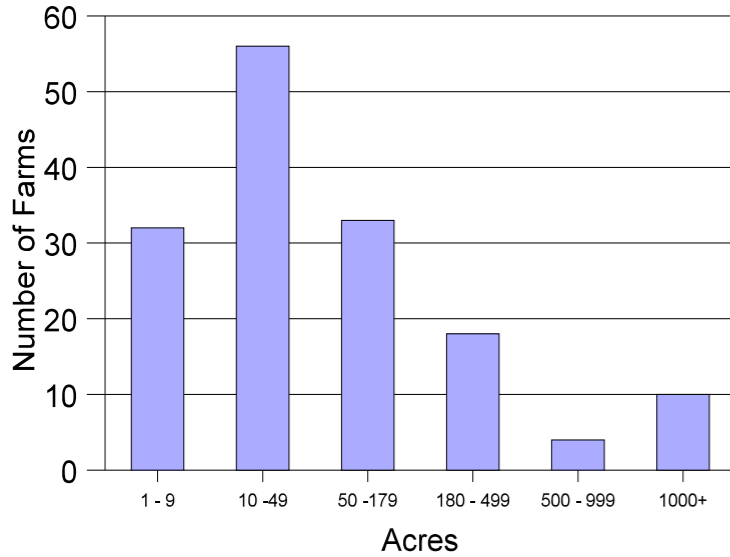
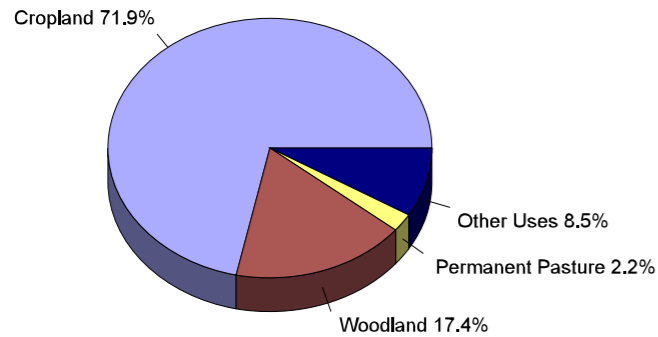


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics

Principal operators by primary occupation:

Farming	64
Other	89

Principal operators by sex:

Male	120
Female	33

Average age of principal operator (years)

53.9

All operators⁵ by race:

White	215
Black or African American	5
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	-

All operators⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin

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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. 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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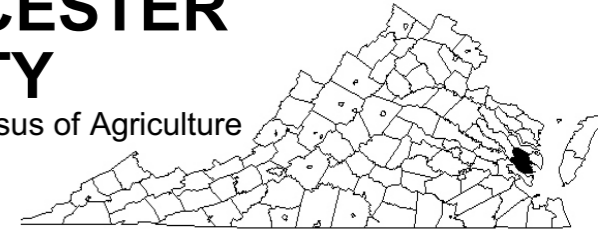
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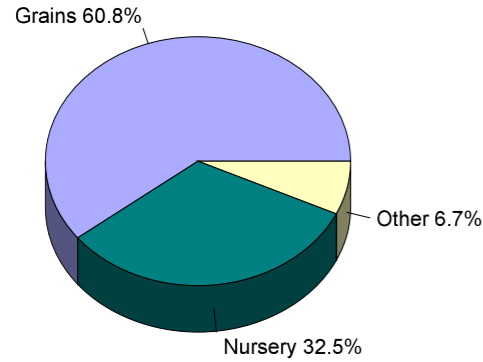
Gloucester County lies in the coastal plain at the southeastern end of Virginia's middle peninsula. It is half surrounded by water with the York River on one side and Chesapeake Bay and Mobjack Bay on the other. Formed in 1651 from part of York, the origins of the county's name are negligible. However, Gloucester was probably named for either the Duke of Gloucester, who was son of King George I, or the town of Gloucester, England. The county is very rich historically; Gloucester is the site of Nathaniel Bacon's death and burial place and was one of the outposts of Cornwallis during the siege of Yorktown. Furthermore, traditional legend says that Pocahontas saved the life of Captain John Smith in this county.

Temperatures in the county average a moderate 40 degrees in January and 77 in July. The frost-free growing season lasts for about 202 days, usually extending from around April 11 to October 30. Annual precipitation averages 47 inches.

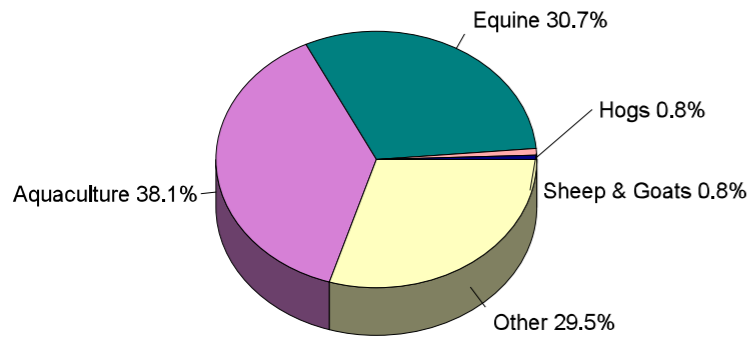
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	153	136
Land in Farms (acres)	25,699	24,697
Average size of farm	168	182
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$4,599,000	\$5,201,000
Average per farm	\$30,056	\$38,242
Government Payments	\$161,000	\$153,000

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	2,292	25	95	1,514	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,228	33	95	1,010	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	76	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	215	71	97	2,493	3,046
Poultry and eggs	5	62	94	2,212	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	7	57	90	2,411	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	7	72	93	2,468	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	253	29	94	882	3,014
Aquaculture	314	9	44	347	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	5	52	87	2,049	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	555	90	97	2,970	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	540	48	96	1,845	2,983
Horses and ponies	488	57	97	2,192	3,065
All Goats	183	66	95	1,886	2,971
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	100	39	79	1,821	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	7,888	20	79	1,095	2,076
Corn for grain	7,698	17	96	1,129	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,458	79	97	2,809	3,059
Barley	438	24	73	430	1,246
All Wheat for grain	378	59	87	1,877	2,517

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
				-Acres-					
1940	1,253	64,175	73	17,231	9,960	3,303	NA	NA	NA
1945	1,078	61,091	74	16,025	4,807	2,177	1,397	NA	33,442
1950	842	57,468	113	15,184	4,099	2,050	1,047	NA	31,228
1954	596	52,458	109	17,265	1,012	1,853	1,584	NA	28,263
1959	455	49,355	202	17,126	2,312	2,230	997	NA	23,582
1964	314	44,963	239	15,054	2,546	1,567	1,237	1,394	13,295
1969	201	35,206	348	15,110	1,363	1,776	232	1,116	10,847
1974 4/	179	30,736	965	16,692	237	1,592	938	1,112	6,024
1978	157	30,459	1,406	17,067	1,007	929	245	2,182	6,850
1982	162	32,895	1,741	20,125	346	511	510	2,042	7,470
1987	130	25,831	2,198	14,991	2,255	1,069	275	276	5,270
1992	111	24,478	2,707	16,401	889	635	146	1,180	4,103
1997 2/	136	24,697	2,495	16,370	607	474	429	1,000	4,405
2002	153	25,699	3,296	17,212	652	592	573	235	4,244