

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	8,186	NA	3,667	1,712
1940	8,255	NA	3,991	966
1945	10,169	NA	4,804	1,030
1950	11,028	3,773	6,056	1,174
1954	13,877	3,302	5,457	1,173
1959	14,608	2,715	5,822	795
1964	15,604	2,056	2,451	595
1969	15,980	1,416	2,972	800
1974	21,306	1,112	3,257	404
1978	16,729	769	3,602	415
1982	18,892	673	5,862	435
1987	17,394	586	4,782	1,070
1992	18,761	545	1,086	450
1997	17,563	696	371	388

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:	385	384	397
Farm income and sales:			
		-Thousand Dollars-	
Crops Sold	2,241	1,318	932
Grains	909	631	522
Tobacco	81	49	56
Field seeds, hay, forage, and silage	563	350	215
Other field crops	---	(D)	(D)
Vegetables, sweet corn and melons	33	(D)	(D)
Fruits, nuts and berries	---	(D)	(D)
Nursery and greenhouse products	655	268	(D)
Forest Products Sold	14	84	15
Livestock, Poultry and Products Sold	6,486	7,702	5,752
Poultry and products	(D)	(D)	(D)
Dairy products	1,504	(D)	(D)
Cattle and calves	3,334	3,645	3,315
Hogs and pigs	(D)	382	938
Sheep, lambs and wool	18	(D)	25
Other livestock and products	284	61	(D)
Total income from sales:	8,727	9,020	6,684
Custom work and other agricultural services:	7	48	49

(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	13	57	205	127	40	10	2	454
1978	11	96	198	102	41	6	1	455
1982	29	110	197	106	28	12	2	482
1987	16	81	146	111	26	17	2	397
1992	21	71	152	99	29	11	1	384
1997	14	86	142	101	36	6	---	385

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

OPERATORS' OCCUPATION AND AGE

	1982	1987	1992	1997
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Operators by principal occupation:

Farming	200	165	177	167
Other	282	232	207	218

Operators by age group:

Under 25 years	7	1	3	2
25 to 34 years	47	29	26	12
35 to 44 years	98	78	57	60
45 to 54 years	96	85	89	82
55 to 64 years	NA	85	73	91
65 years and over	NA	119	136	138
Average Age	54	56	57	58

NA Not available.



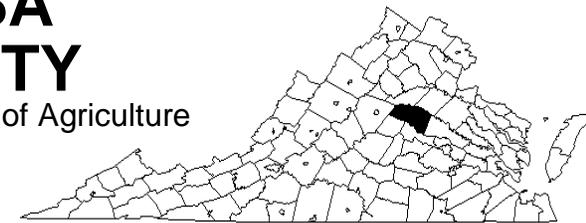
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LOUISA COUNTY

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Louisa County is located in the central Piedmont Plateau. Formed in 1742 from part of Hanover, the county was named in honor of Princess Louisa, the youngest daughter of King George II.

In 1997, Louisa land in farms totaled 79,019 acres, or 25 percent of the county's area of 318,394 acres. According to the **1997 Census of Agriculture**, there were 385 farms in the area, each averaging 205 acres in size and worth an average of \$370,579, including land and buildings. Much as in other areas of Virginia, land in farms in Louisa has been steadily declining since 1939, when 215,701 acres were recorded. Similarly, the number of farms in the county has declined considerably from the peak number of 2,415 in 1934.

Louisa boasts a rolling topography, and altitudes vary from 200 to 500 feet above sea level. Temperatures average 35 degrees in January and 75 in July. The frost-free growing season is approximately 172 days, usually extending from about April 24 to October 14. Annual precipitation averages 42 inches, with July and August receiving the heaviest rainfall. The county's driest month is November.

The county has a diversified agricultural industry with farm income derived from many products. Livestock, poultry, and poultry products accounted for 74 percent of the value of farm products sold in 1997. Of this total, dairy supplied 17 percent. Crops accounted for 26 percent of cash sales. Louisa is the state's leading producer of sun-cured tobacco, but only about 1 percent of the county's farm sales is derived from this source. In addition to tobacco, operators in the county produce corn, wheat, other small grains, soybeans and hay. Many of Louisa's residents are employed in manufacturing plants in nearby Charlottesville, Fredericksburg, and Orange County. As nearly 72 percent of the county's area is wooded, sawmills and lumber plants provide an additional source of income and employment.

The county's estimated population in 1990 was 20,325. The total gross personal income that year was \$305.0 million, or an average of \$14,989 per capita.

The county seat is in the town of Louisa.

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	2,415	212,733	21	37,975	18,875	28,232	4,684	NA	117,478
1940	2,256	215,701	27	39,675	16,513	28,368	NA	NA	NA
1945	2,142	212,492	33	45,567	9,133	11,703	24,606	NA	115,512
1950	1,545	193,472	56	30,841	16,872	19,126	10,814	NA	109,521
1954	1,371	173,583	72	32,491	10,609	12,736	18,219	NA	93,452
1959	1,010	158,298	91	27,903	7,177	9,575	19,169	NA	90,820
1964	692	138,355	111	22,445	7,234	12,978	10,503	6,751	41,259
1969	497	96,871	244	21,217	3,795	16,983	8,673	10,059	15,584
1974 2/	454	101,117	549	22,127	2,668	18,447	7,897	6,004	21,760
1978	455	94,088	772	23,112	3,751	16,331	7,354	7,727	32,331
1982	482	93,718	959	23,553	1,913	15,484	6,643	7,745	33,887
1987	397	88,594	988	23,441	4,577	14,817	6,698	7,542	27,174
1992	384	81,427	1,424	21,646	2,820	15,328	7,255	5,648	25,814
1997	385	79,019	2,056	23,122	3,063	15,166	5,670	4,927	24,132

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.

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/	1,834	208,721	152	5,574	NA	NA
1950 2/	484	63,033	121	3,033	NA	NA
1954 3/	11	172,205	63	5,890	NA	NA
1959 3/	11	265,915	44	9,041	NA	NA
1964 3/ 4/	3	58,500	7	68	NA	NA
1969 4/	5	221,970	----	----	21	35,264
1974 5/ 6/	2	(D)	NA	NA	10	26,550
1978 5/	3	438,500	----	----	11	(D)
1982	2	(D)	1	(D)	7	(D)
1987	3	(D)	----	----	----	----
1992	2	(D)	----	----	3	(D)
1997	2	(D)	2	(D)	1	(D)

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
1935 1/	15,122	20.6	312,187	7,390	11.2	82,698	269	NA	NA
1940	13,536	24.6	332,800	7,228	13.2	95,575	NA	NA	1,225
1945	12,062	30.4	366,157	7,827	18.5	144,947	NA	NA	8,396
1950	7,468	38.9	290,151	4,915	17.5	85,976	466	16.0	7,467
1954	6,066	32.2	195,419	4,230	27.4	115,831	874	13.5	11,814
1959 2/	4,563	53.6	244,714	3,606	21.7	78,241	846	18.6	15,737
1964	2,381	46.3	110,205	2,153	27.9	59,986	487	14.1	6,877
1969	2,279	63.8	145,315	1,264	36.6	46,296	312	28.3	8,817
1974	3,104	67.8	210,520	2,206	29.6	65,392	926	17.6	16,305
1978	4,508	65.7	296,155	1,630	36.1	58,793	826	23.0	19,010
1982	5,025	83.4	419,109	1,912	32.7	62,470	1,491	21.6	32,230
1987	3,686	47.0	173,297	1,305	33.2	43,261	1,409	18.2	25,614
1992	2,629	97.3	255,812	1,495	42.0	62,720	1,504	30.0	45,103
1997	2,652	102.1	270,638	1,078	50.5	54,432	1,727	35.4	61,074

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

CROP ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

YEAR	TOBACCO		
	Acreage	Yield	Production
1935	644	741.7	477,629
1940	739	966.6	714,325
1945	553	924.7	511,332
1950	628	882.2	554,009
1954	710	909.6	645,788
1959	491	1,154.1	566,642
1964	358	1,052.9	376,925
1969	256	1,257.6	321,945
1974	284	1,218.3	345,983
1978	215	1,370.8	294,717
1982	139	1,648.6	229,154
1987	81	1,008.1	81,654
1992	35	1,459.7	51,091
1997	33	1,739.4	57,401

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	52	418	7,438	131	1,824	97	911	248	21,833	196	17,050
1940	132	608	12,294	247	6,158	129	1,231	312	20,453	162	12,354
1945	297	1,263	37,292	359	9,753	211	4,370	151	12,436	74	7,474
1950	161	1,005	31,772	288	6,389	18	425	55	11,574	14	4,893
1954	48	2,165	80,613	709	26,019	152	2,741	24	8,859	2	1,944
1959	3	1,664	57,344	760	26,344	97	1,902	12	3,598	6	2,405
1964	7	866	31,252	900	38,467	39	935	4	939	2	590
1969	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1974	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	5	248	2	204
1978	14	200	8,268	1,021	45,987	53	1,471	4	378	2	175
1982	15	68	3,060	563	28,700	NA	NA	(D)	(D)	NA	NA
1987	12	150	6,376	477	21,310	NA	NA	(D)	(D)	NA	NA
1992	12	157	7,710	463	25,428	NA	NA	1	150	NA	NA
1997	17	(D)	(D)	487	31,895	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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	12,559	249	348	8,484	7,956	160	118
1940	15,390	286	481	12,844	12,121	118	110
1945	21,170	420	930	19,993	20,709	17	16
1950	15,872	1,217	3,590	13,352	16,053	92	80
1954	15,669	1,848	3,554	10,474	10,480	654	837
1959	16,211	1,390	3,707	11,970	15,592	219	302
1964	13,620	1,297	2,467	9,852	10,285	592	850
1969	13,214	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1974	13,066	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1978	13,968	897	2,173	11,177	17,264	663	1,243
1982	13,217	1,237	3,334	10,754	16,988	239	429
1987	15,130	1,756	4,888	11,358	20,029	919	1,817
1992	15,291	3,097	7,208	10,341	23,382	318	662
1997	16,814	1,738	3,846	13,532	25,805	577	1,296

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.