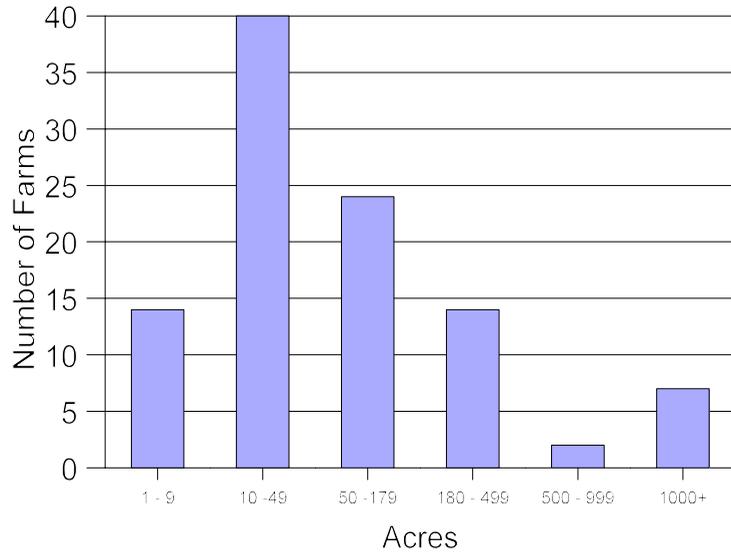
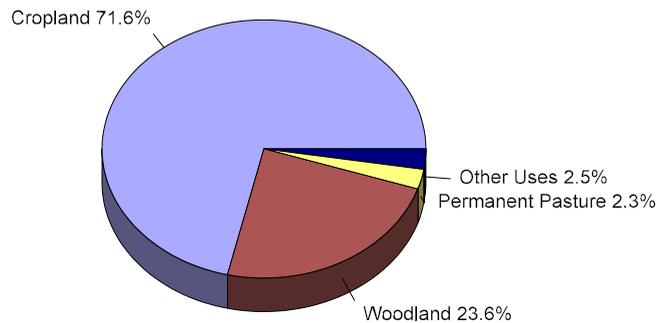


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	55
Other	46
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	84
Female	17
Average age of principal operator (years)	
	58.5
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	119
Black or African American	16
American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	
	2

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. 5/ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm. 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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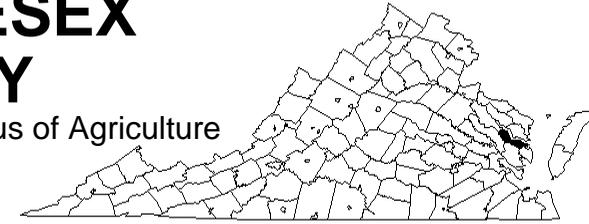
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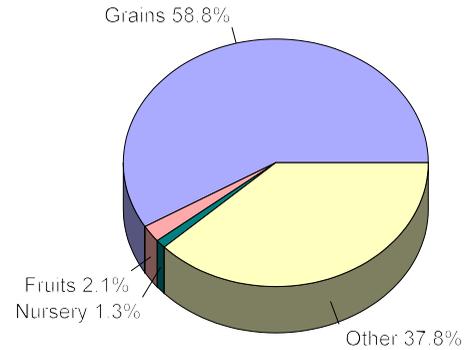
Middlesex County lies in the coastal plain and extends along Virginia's Middle Peninsula to the Chesapeake Bay. The Rappahannock River forms the county's upper boundary, and the Piankatank River and Dragon Run its lower boundary. Middlesex County is the state's second smallest county in total land area. Formed in 1673 from part of Lancaster, the county is one of 12 in Virginia named after English shires.

Agriculture is an integral part of the county's economy, and in 1997, cash receipts from farming totaled approximately \$5.1 million. Crops were the leading source of farm income in 1997, accounting for 97 percent of the total. Poultry products, meat animals, and vegetables supplied additional farm income.

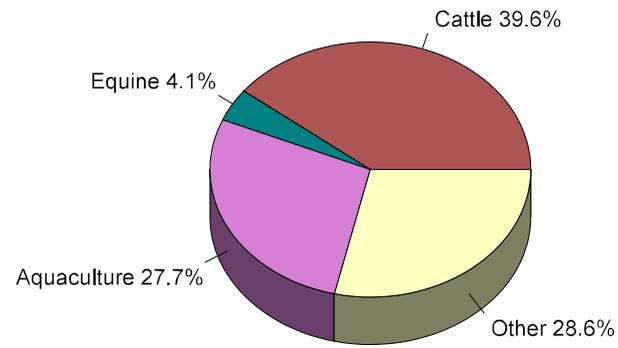
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	101	78
Land in Farms (acres)	21,216	19,045
Average size of farm	210	244
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$5,207,000	\$5,186,000
Average per farm	\$51,556	\$66,486
Government Payments	\$358,000	\$184,000

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	2,729	22	95	1,456	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	99	45	93	1,252	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	62	81	95	2,210	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	223	85	97	2,896	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	83	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	23	79	94	2,724	3,014
Aquaculture	156	17	44	489	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	150	7	87	710	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	1,007	85	97	2,922	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	145	82	96	2,599	2,983
Horses and ponies	129	86	97	2,913	3,065
All Goats	92	79	95	2,319	2,971
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	72	42	79	1,954	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	6,172	25	79	1,150	2,076
Corn for grain	5,734	22	96	1,224	2,592
All Wheat for grain	2,404	25	87	1,214	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,390	80	97	2,821	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	(D)	8	95	(D)	2,710

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
Number	Acres	Dollars	-Acres-						
1940	971	52,358	58	15,302	3,684	3,797	NA	NA	NA
1945	776	47,018	67	15,934	2,257	1,995	1,268	NA	23,722
1950	643	42,160	123	14,342	2,308	1,284	974	NA	20,776
1954	501	37,067	151	16,167	766	2,179	945	NA	15,676
1959	361	37,913	179	14,273	1,202	1,472	774	NA	18,542
1964	215	29,718	229	12,510	1,268	1,179	429	936	9,116
1969	186	26,436	318	12,990	1,488	1,467	209	1,044	4,537
1974 4/	156	26,533	713	16,432	185	976	352	614	6,585
1978	146	27,475	1,050	15,424	1,298	864	281	495	7,816
1982	127	24,875	1,430	15,888	165	1,144	227	956	5,411
1987	83	19,659	1,552	11,487	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
1992	81	21,507	1,979	12,336	1,236	1,010	(D)	(D)	(D)
1997 2/	78	19,045	1,723	14,325	456	494	312	342	2,668
2002	101	21,216	2,726	14,055	491	647	496	943	4,063

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