

**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	8,226	NA	3,514	1,275
1940	7,416	NA	3,376	600
1945	8,737	NA	2,995	388
1950	10,324	4,848	4,437	398
1954	11,378	4,849	4,831	324
1959	9,476	3,325	5,580	530
1964	10,056	2,757	2,593	506
1969	10,135	1,483	2,945	477
1974	15,330	1,709	2,647	231
1978	13,005	1,749	3,767	386
1982	16,642	1,807	2,299	308
1987	13,133	1,256	2,030	564
1992	14,617	1,507	1,441	170
<b>1997</b>	<b>16,033</b>	<b>1,388</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>207</b>

1/ "Milk cows that have calved" beginning in 1970. 2/ Beginning in 1970 hog inventory data refers to preceding December. NA Not available. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms.

**FARM INCOME AND SALES**

	1997	1992	1987
<b>Number of farms:</b>	<b>536</b>	556	643
<b>Farm income and sales:</b>			
	-Thousand Dollars-		
<b>Crops Sold</b>	<b>6,599</b>	5,167	3,566
Grains	<b>256</b>	234	167
Tobacco	<b>2,824</b>	2,575	1,670
Field seeds, hay, forage, and silage	<b>335</b>	108	95
Other field crops	<b>(D)</b>	11	40
Vegetables, sweet corn and melons	<b>691</b>	729	667
Fruits, nuts and berries	<b>632</b>	779	774
Nursery and greenhouse products	<b>1,757</b>	730	153
Forest Products Sold	<b>136</b>	56	341
<b>Livestock, Poultry and Products Sold</b>	<b>5,590</b>	4,822	4,809
Poultry and products	<b>(D)</b>	(D)	(D)
Dairy products	<b>3,280</b>	2,781	2,104
Cattle and calves	<b>2,132</b>	1,864	2,202
Hogs and pigs	<b>(D)</b>	169	414
Sheep, lambs and wool	<b>(D)</b>	(D)	(D)
Other livestock and products	<b>(D)</b>	(D)	41
<b>Total income from sales:</b>	<b>12,188</b>	9,989	8,375
<b>Custom work and other agricultural services:</b>	<b>251</b>	451	188

(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	54	255	421	115	19	3	1	868
1978	62	204	387	114	18	3	2	790
1982	56	233	350	118	19	5	3	781
1987	31	192	303	97	16	4	2	643
1992	28	169	244	93	16	6	2	556
<b>1997</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>504</b>

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

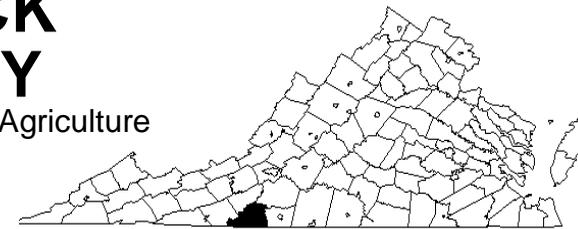
**OPERATORS' OCCUPATION AND AGE**

	1982	1987	1992	1997
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>				
Farming .....	376	285	214	<b>223</b>
Other .....	405	358	342	<b>313</b>
<b>Operators by age group:</b>				
Under 25 years .....	6	2	5	<b>5</b>
25 to 34 years .....	78	45	34	<b>25</b>
35 to 44 years .....	130	110	93	<b>74</b>
45 to 54 years .....	178	138	135	<b>137</b>
55 to 64 years .....	NA	167	137	<b>131</b>
65 years and over .....	NA	181	152	<b>164</b>
Average Age .....	54	56	55	<b>56</b>

NA Not available.

# PATRICK COUNTY

U.S. Census of Agriculture



Patrick County is situated partly on the Piedmont Plateau and partly in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Formed from part of Henry in 1790, the county is the second in Virginia to be named after Patrick Henry.

In 1997, Patrick land in farms totaled 74,190 acres, or 24 percent of the county's area of 309,224 acres. According to the **1997 Census of Agriculture**, there were 504 farms in the county, each averaging 138 acres in size and worth an average of \$200,649, including land and buildings. As in other areas of the state, farm numbers in Patrick have been declining steadily since 1939, when 3,005 farms were recorded. Similarly, land in farms has dropped nearly 31 percent from the 240,251 acres recorded in that year.

Altitudes in the county vary widely, from 900 feet above sea level in southeastern regions to 3,200 feet on the mountain peaks. About one-third of the county lies on the Blue Ridge Plateau, where altitude are more uniform and range from 2,900 to 3,000 feet above sea level. Temperatures average 39 degrees in January and 75 in July. Annual precipitation for the area averages 49 inches. The frost-free growing season usually extends from April 12 to around October 25, generally averaging 196 days.

Agriculture, once Patrick's principal industry, has given way to manufacturing in recent years. However, agriculture brought in a total of \$12.2 million in farm income in 1997. Of this total, tobacco provided \$2.8 million. In 1997, crops provided 54 percent of the total value of farm products sold; livestock, poultry, and poultry products the remaining 46 percent. As more than three-fourths of the county is wooded, timber and related products supply an additional source of income on some farms.

In 1990, the estimated county population was 17,473. The total gross personal income that year was estimated at \$265.4 million, or an average of \$15,191 per capita.

Stuart 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	2,949	236,591	20	40,410	18,535	22,618	9,511	NA	133,942
1940	3,005	240,251	23	40,865	20,311	20,977	NA	NA	NA
1945	2,658	213,743	31	36,549	16,163	8,945	24,402	NA	120,652
1950	2,424	208,077	59	29,348	14,819	21,363	17,413	NA	117,073
1954	2,255	202,748	66	27,778	9,495	12,429	19,950	NA	127,637
1959	1,621	166,316	96	21,249	8,653	9,348	19,658	NA	102,523
1964	1,420	148,165	135	18,955	7,840	5,908	10,583	6,920	39,341
1969	1,057	122,764	181	14,040	8,312	15,531	7,088	9,817	27,590
1974 2/	868	103,857	370	16,548	4,151	15,071	10,645	9,735	23,311
1978	790	97,273	619	17,136	3,801	16,362	4,996	12,456	37,071
1982	781	97,542	848	17,510	3,869	19,465	4,821	7,791	37,526
1987	643	80,707	867	15,757	3,585	12,627	8,648	6,107	28,385
1992	556	79,449	1,205	14,833	4,864	13,971	5,182	9,273	28,397
<b>1997</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>74,190</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>17,436</b>	<b>2,492</b>	<b>16,156</b>	<b>5,982</b>	<b>6,831</b>	<b>22,363</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. 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	2,078	29,032	259,284	288,316	977	9,650	26,888
1940	1,929	40,398	230,640	271,038	1,010	21,175	25,674	46,849
1945	1,502	NA	NA	216,426	803	NA	NA	35,789
1950	1,409	29,572	103,003	132,575	690	7,028	21,659	28,687
1954*	485	11,793	54,446	66,239	202	2,880	10,339	13,219
1959*	296	10,426	36,404	46,830	114	6,639	9,195	15,834
1964*	200	21,588	27,121	48,709	98	9,114	11,876	20,990
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	94	9,897	46,765	58,662	74	10,449	35,493	45,942
1987	71	8,361	31,330	39,691	56	4,157	31,788	35,945
1992	52	2,939	31,092	34,031	39	7,112	19,931	27,043
<b>1997</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>8,867</b>	<b>22,886</b>	<b>31,753</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2,304</b>	<b>17,563</b>	<b>19,867</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/	2,240	182,941	9	116	NA	NA
1950 2/	761	51,305	10	166	NA	NA
1954 3/	1	1,750	39	289	NA	NA
1959 3/	----	----	10	136	NA	NA
1964 3/ 4/	----	----	5	58	NA	NA
1969 4/	4	80	----	----	8	10,608
1974 5/ 6/	4	4	NA	NA	8	(D)
1978 5/	----	----	----	----	1	(D)
1982	----	----	----	----	6	(D)
1987	----	----	----	----	2	(D)
1992	----	----	3	23	4	384
<b>1997</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(D)</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	Production	Acreage	Yield	Production	Acreage	Yield	Production	Acreage	Yield	Production
		Bushels	Bushels		Bushels	Bushels		Bushels	Bushels		Lbs.	Lbs.
1935 1/	17,834	15.3	273,719	4,592	8.5	39,127	1,020	NA	NA	2,009	681	1,369,032
1940	17,203	18.1	311,183	2,475	10.6	26,241	NA	NA	28	3,347	849	2,840,219
1945	13,642	26.0	354,881	943	16.3	15,393	NA	NA	350	2,794	1,010	2,820,802
1950	9,924	28.3	280,951	870	17.0	14,802	6	10.7	64	2,516	1,060	2,667,072
1954	7,634	33.2	253,773	496	22.3	11,066	13	8.0	104	2,776	1,307	3,627,114
1959 2/	6,269	43.5	272,621	676	24.3	16,405	78	11.8	920	1,839	1,470	2,704,196
1964	3,707	52.2	193,575	534	29.1	15,521	52	20.5	1,066	1,784	2,023	3,608,750
1969	2,109	60.7	127,920	343	35.1	12,031	175	21.2	3,713	1,492	1,749	2,609,243
1974	3,217	62.7	201,558	627	39.0	24,482	255	15.6	3,976	1,535	1,674	2,570,309
1978	2,979	85.4	254,417	145	27.9	4,052	250	15.7	3,919	1,479	1,861	2,752,614
1982	2,107	77.0	162,328	125	32.7	4,086	651	17.6	11,428	1,287	1,738	2,236,951
1987	2,002	73.8	147,838	116	33.6	3,902	239	17.6	4,213	763	1,863	1,421,841
1992	1,983	92.4	183,272	127	32.9	4,172	105	24.3	2,549	870	1,980	1,722,803
<b>1997</b>	<b>1,148</b>	<b>88.3</b>	<b>101,313</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>7,010</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>7,482</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>1,935,639</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	353	112	1,865	16	177	1,992	13,610	680	36,520	324	29,583
1940	170	218	3,793	168	4,031	1,251	10,629	726	39,427	263	25,237
1945	348	244	5,887	54	1,225	555	6,760	591	34,996	370	29,503
1950	87	315	6,789	132	4,848	157	2,169	178	20,668	45	8,109
1954	75	354	10,594	200	3,874	244	3,344	100	22,655	14	6,402
1959	116	281	9,142	49	1,605	188	3,098	70	7,457	14	4,109
1964	64	100	3,235	79	3,170	295	5,963	33	6,169	4	3,681
1969	137	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1974	109	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	74	4,327	18	1,628
1978	445	80	2,960	(D)	(D)	NA	NA	16	1,482	(D)	(D)
1982	559	69	3,210	41	(D)	28	645	30	2,460	11	1,880
1987	488	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	46	7,245	NA	NA
1992	367	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	30	1,106	NA	NA
<b>1997</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3,385</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 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	4,257	83	135	1,105	1,095	93	81
1940	6,062	105	193	3,137	3,181	116	106
1945	9,970	92	157	7,307	8,358	33	38
1950	12,142	434	1,200	8,729	9,478	957	1,010
1954	13,231	1,127	2,583	8,245	8,145	2,148	2,461
1959	9,684	1,863	4,630	6,031	6,919	788	916
1964	9,587	1,335	2,421	6,836	7,877	889	1,159
1969	6,856	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1974	7,357	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1978	8,493	566	1,486	6,558	9,680	447	493
1982	9,401	798	1,761	7,511	10,009	434	592
1987	10,093	1,051	2,466	7,727	11,817	592	975
1992	10,026	1,958	4,168	6,240	11,575	402	905
<b>1997</b>	<b>13,191</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>3,145</b>	<b>10,208</b>	<b>16,701</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>441</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 orchard grass mixtures cut for hay. 3/ Beginning with 1978 data are for all farms. NA Not available. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms.