

LIVESTOCK ON FARMS JANUARY 1

YEAR	All Cattle (including milking cows)	Milk Cows (2 years and older) 1/	Hogs and Pigs 2/	Stock Sheep and Lambs
1935	15,260	NA	9,488	563
1940	13,017	NA	10,820	463
1945	17,060	NA	11,412	456
1950	18,204	9,358	14,199	566
1954	19,152	8,004	13,846	385
1959	19,292	5,721	17,718	803
1964	20,642	4,284	10,091	393
1969	25,813	3,451	8,344	330
1974	33,412	2,624	7,212	185
1978	27,978	2,496	9,844	63
1982	34,454	2,623	6,339	110
1987	33,558	3,437	5,886	(D)
1992	36,387	1,574	4,786	110
1997	36,046	2,171	1,018	133

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
Number of farms:	1,235	1,389	1,583
Farm income and sales:			
	-Thousand Dollars-		
Crops Sold	43,396	41,929	25,809
Grains	1,719	2,018	1,541
Tobacco	39,732	38,579	23,426
Field seeds, hay, forage, and silage	596	423	254
Other field crops	398	14	27
Vegetables, sweet corn and melons	51	248	229
Fruits, nuts and berries	66	21	74
Nursery and greenhouse products	833	627	259
Forest Products Sold	1,125	307	339
Livestock, Poultry and Products Sold	13,191	11,520	10,552
Poultry and products	----	----	7
Dairy products	3,280	3,768	4,475
Cattle and calves	4,687	6,921	5,126
Hogs and pigs	940	784	865
Sheep, lambs and wool	----	(D)	(D)
Other livestock and products	386	(D)	(D)
Total income from sales:	56,587	53,450	36,361
Custom work and other agricultural services:	197	645	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	180-499	500-999	1,000-1,999	2,000+	
			50-174 1/	175-499 1/	1,000-Over 1/			
1974	224	367	1,117	525	85	14	1	2,333
1978	237	378	939	460	87	24	1	2,126
1982	159	338	966	463	75	23	3	2,024
1987	89	255	723	395	90	31	3	1,583
1992	76	219	604	354	95	41	6	1,389
1997	37	215	548	311	92	35	----	1,235

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

OPERATORS' OCCUPATION AND AGE

	1982	1987	1992	1997
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Operators by principal occupation:

Farming	1,186	863	753	618
Other	838	720	636	617

Operators by age group:

Under 25 years	48	24	12	15
25 to 34 years	224	135	80	48
35 to 44 years	373	283	239	193
45 to 54 years	415	326	319	327
55 to 64 years	NA	404	312	320
65 years and over	NA	411	427	332
Average Age	52	54	56	60

NA Not available.



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PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY

U.S. Census of Agriculture



Pittsylvania County is located in the southern Piedmont Plateau and borders North Carolina. Formed in 1767 from part of Halifax, the county was named in honor of William Pitt, the Earl of Chatham, who worked for the repeal of the Stamp Act in 1766. Pittsylvania is the largest county in Virginia.

In 1997, Pittsylvania land in farms totaled 266,879 acres, or 43 percent of the county's 621,345 acre area. According to the **1997 Census of Agriculture**, there were 1,235 farms in the county, each averaging 216 acres in size and worth an average of \$279,910, including land and buildings.

The topography of the county ranges from gently rolling to quite hilly. Elevations range from 400 to 800 feet above sea level, although there are several mountains in the area that exceed 1,000 feet, and Smith Mountain in the northwest boasts an elevation of 2,043 feet. The frost-free growing season averages 196 days, usually extending between April 13 and October 26. The average annual precipitation is nearly 43 inches, a total that is slightly higher than the state average.

Agriculture is an integral part of Pittsylvania's economy, and in 1997 the value of all farm products sold totaled \$56.6 million. While approximately 70 percent of these receipts are derived from tobacco, the county's agriculture has become more diversified in recent years. Livestock production has increased significantly, and in 1997 livestock, poultry, and poultry products supplied 23 percent of the total farm income.

Danville, an independent city in the county, is an important manufacturing center and is the state's largest tobacco market. Danville usually ranks among the top flue-cured tobacco markets of the United States in pounds sold. Textile goods lead in the city's manufacturing field, while other important enterprises include fertilizer and lumber.

The estimated population of Pittsylvania County in 1990 was 55,655. The total gross personal income that year was \$829.3 million, or an average of \$14,896 per capita.

The county seat is located near the geographical center of the county at Chatham.

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	7,529	575,530	24	116,783	93,764	42,208	13,304	NA	279,815
1940	6,932	557,492	31	132,661	63,787	54,399	NA	NA	NA
1945	6,939	539,540	43	132,117	38,745	23,928	51,717	NA	268,790
1950	6,181	561,545	63	118,154	62,308	40,693	34,241	NA	280,331
1954	5,715	486,022	103	108,627	46,251	33,461	28,868	NA	243,501
1959	4,566	491,215	119	98,794	55,408	25,047	33,537	NA	252,988
1964	4,029	465,005	150	77,338	54,889	22,023	26,968	25,728	173,194
1969	3,156	424,345	196	62,283	51,008	44,804	22,103	42,773	107,468
1974 2/	2,333	345,851	378	65,100	24,115	46,589	22,910	33,465	96,183
1978	2,126	330,285	641	64,848	28,741	37,097	17,107	39,492	116,875
1982	2,024	330,402	781	73,513	25,017	37,909	15,176	32,497	124,663
1987	1,583	300,699	757	59,151	34,693	37,880	22,829	30,413	96,878
1992	1,389	297,064	986	59,095	25,314	47,029	18,088	33,418	99,356
1997	1,235	266,879	1,273	58,155	23,154	42,252	15,627	26,427	86,150

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/	5,707	577,525	41	550	NA	NA
1950 2/	918	48,194	69	1,119	NA	NA
1954 3/	7	48,500	86	2,421	NA	NA
1959 3/	7	63,500	52	511	NA	NA
1964 3/ 4/	2	(D)	20	98	NA	NA
1969 4/	----	----	----	----	28	27,097
1974 5/ 6/	----	----	NA	NA	15	56,683
1978 5/	3	(D)	1	(D)	9	(D)
1982	----	----	4	31	11	(D)
1987	----	----	----	----	8	(D)
1992	----	----	----	----	2	(D)
1997	9	----	1	----	2	----

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/	46,053	14.7	675,309	24,081	7.4	179,065	611	NA	NA
1940	47,157	18.4	869,864	19,377	10.9	210,246	NA	NA	272
1945	42,312	22.8	963,401	18,836	14.7	277,679	NA	NA	2,765
1950	36,352	29.4	1,067,094	16,948	15.0	253,837	64	16.1	1,030
1954	30,315	27.5	833,421	14,945	22.7	338,770	88	5.6	497
1959 2/	25,508	24.6	626,339	21,452	22.6	484,231	879	14.3	12,532
1964	17,957	34.5	619,885	13,790	25.7	354,065	1,900	16.9	32,028
1969	11,199	48.7	545,659	8,735	32.6	284,453	3,820	21.3	81,551
1974	8,447	47.3	399,210	11,611	34.0	394,772	9,587	17.9	171,572
1978	8,424	49.7	418,772	6,104	29.1	177,385	9,918	18.5	183,065
1982	8,300	60.6	503,366	14,077	30.7	431,810	14,892	19.3	288,123
1987	3,816	34.9	133,157	8,872	36.3	321,922	8,597	15.9	137,014
1992	3,458	75.3	260,255	10,807	40.1	433,234	4,649	25.3	117,775
1997	2,757	59.9	165,276	8,708	43.4	377,871	2,565	23.7	60,903

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			PEANUTS		
	Acreage	Yield	Production	Acreage	Yield	Production
1935	19,457	759.9	14,784,534	8	NA	NA
1940	31,485	845.1	26,609,247	1	600.0	600
1945	24,111	1,048.8	25,287,156	NA	NA	NA
1950	23,019	1,068.9	24,605,727	1	100.0	100
1954	23,210	1,204.0	27,944,882	1	150.0	150
1959	16,527	1,523.6	25,180,898	1	1,279.0	1,279
1964	15,088	2,122.8	32,028,344	1	2,452.0	2,452
1969	14,177	1,789.0	25,362,353	NA	NA	NA
1974	14,474	1,879.4	27,202,537	NA	NA	NA
1978	14,579	1,930.8	28,149,697	NA	NA	NA
1982	11,682	2,013.0	23,515,853	(D)	(D)	(D)
1987	8,926	1,919.9	17,137,339	(D)	(D)	(D)
1992	11,597	2,126.8	24,663,930	(D)	(D)	(D)
1997	11,132	NA	24,945,874	NA	NA	NA

NA Not available. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms.

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	988	296	4,238	26	322	1,686	10,160	1,050	76,040	1,471	148,786
1940	358	226	4,140	163	2,725	570	5,549	941	61,378	911	89,630
1945	560	294	5,711	251	4,683	456	4,665	1,465	94,068	1,253	97,957
1950	125	1,273	30,953	476	12,662	241	2,726	220	43,711	210	38,623
1954	111	2,424	74,467	648	20,069	449	6,700	131	32,681	60	14,543
1959	96	2,262	65,606	1,877	65,203	481	7,048	41	7,207	67	13,234
1964	109	1,112	39,223	1,641	65,587	447	7,251	38	9,079	59	13,361
1969	298	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1974	151	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	156	12,210	55	4,882
1978	199	1,551	50,111	869	33,287	(D)	(D)	146	11,978	16	3,746
1982	287	625	22,090	573	25,841	58	1,233	127	14,248	36	3,889
1987	259	640	23,414	375	19,344	NA	NA	62	2,419	7	1,408
1992	247	567	32,414	672	39,443	NA	NA	19	1,618	10	1,409
1997	58	343	15,605	263	17,305	NA	NA	31	1,817	10	1,226

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	12,252	1,247	1,812	2,069	1,939	788	590
1940	23,108	1,143	1,970	14,673	15,215	513	468
1945	34,020	853	1,696	32,049	36,873	80	73
1950	36,170	2,522	5,260	30,988	35,257	1,413	1,525
1954	33,370	3,445	5,752	25,818	23,023	2,677	3,033
1959	27,077	4,417	9,156	20,345	20,208	1,576	1,653
1964	18,295	2,788	4,198	12,128	11,176	1,987	1,992
1969	15,633	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1974	15,651	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1978	19,556	1,188	2,324	12,951	16,179	3,303	3,848
1982	20,680	2,928	6,907	14,168	19,073	2,578	3,395
1987	25,651	3,175	6,967	16,636	21,288	3,537	4,639
1992	27,359	4,913	10,247	16,971	25,556	3,334	5,128
1997	31,746	1,406	3,198	23,835	40,329	3,729	7,238

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.