

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	11,811	NA	5,401	13,210
1940	9,464	NA	4,526	10,004
1945	12,039	NA	4,835	8,295
1950	17,004	4,357	7,082	13,033
1954	17,114	3,825	4,485	9,478
1959	16,382	3,128	4,607	10,889
1964	17,625	2,816	1,726	9,049
1969	17,973	2,784	1,571	9,632
1974	25,709	2,722	1,741	4,229
1978	22,808	2,257	905	4,178
1982	24,663	2,417	494	5,138
1987	22,293	2,381	103	4,101
1992	22,929	1,631	(D)	2,982
1997	28,480	1,376	(D)	2,267

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:	370	363	360
Farm income and sales:			
	-Thousand Dollars-		
Crops Sold	860	996	503
Grains	328	(D)	(D)
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	(D)
Field seeds, hay, forage, and silage	273	190	167
Other field crops	----	(D)	----
Vegetables, sweet corn and melons	----	----	(D)
Fruits, nuts and berries	----	----	----
Nursery and greenhouse products	(D)	738	(D)
Forest Products Sold		(D)	(D)
Livestock, Poultry and Products Sold	11,195	9,805	11,093
Poultry and products	(D)	----	----
Dairy products	3,490	3,295	4,804
Cattle and calves	7,479	6,159	4,941
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sheep, lambs and wool	119	146	372
Other livestock and products	(D)	(D)	(D)
Total income from sales:	12,054	10,800	11,595
Custom work and other agricultural services:	28	15	93

(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	11	67	162	83	25	8	4	360
1978	10	58	139	85	29	7	5	333
1982	14	92	141	84	25	7	4	367
1987	12	83	150	80	24	6	5	360
1992	23	91	140	79	20	6	4	363
1997	28	89	143	77	20	13	----	370

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

OPERATORS' OCCUPATION AND AGE

	1982	1987	1992	1997
Operators by principal occupation:				
Farming	164	128	148	142
Other	203	232	215	228
Operators by age group:				
Under 25 years	2	2	2	3
25 to 34 years	34	29	20	16
35 to 44 years	56	67	64	79
45 to 54 years	78	70	72	80
55 to 64 years	NA	88	89	80
65 years and over	NA	104	116	112
Average Age	55	55	57	56

NA Not available.



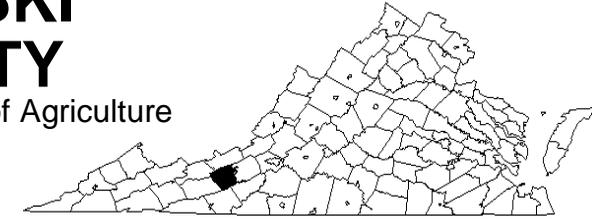
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PULASKI COUNTY

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Pulaski County lies in the southwestern part the Great Valley of Virginia. Formed in 1839 from parts of Montgomery and Wythe, the county was named in honor of Count Pulaski, who fought with LaFayette in the battle for the Colonies at Brandywine.

In 1997, Pulaski land in farms totaled 80,406 acres, or 39 percent of the county's area of 205,167 acres. According to the **1997 Census of Agriculture**, there were 370 farms in the county, each averaging 217 acres in size and worth an average of \$340,528, including land and buildings. As in other areas of the state, the proportion of farms in Pulaski has been steadily declining in recent decades. The number of farms in the county has declined 27 percent since the record large number of 1,358 was reported in 1934. Similarly, farm acreage has dropped 58 percent from the 1930 high of 137,741.

The topography of Pulaski varies from the steep and rugged mountains of the northwestern and southwestern sections to the rolling hills of the central section, including the New River Valley. Elevations range from about 1,600 to 3,600 feet above sea level. The frost free growing season is generally 164 days, while annual precipitation averages 37 inches. Nearly 55 percent of Pulaski is wooded, and part of the Jefferson National Forest is located in the county.

Some of the finest livestock farms in the state are located within Pulaski, and in 1997, the sale of farm products generated \$12.1 million in revenue for the county. Livestock production is the primary source of income, accounting for 91 percent of the value of farm productions sold in 1997. Of this total, cattle and calf sales contributed 57 percent, while dairy products supplied another 31 percent of cash farm receipts. Sheep, lambs, and crops are also important sources of income on many farms.

The county population has continued to increase gradually since the 1970's, and in 1990 the estimated population was 34,496. The total gross personal income that year was \$462.0 million, or an average of \$13,386 per capita.

Pulaski is the county seat.

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	1,358	134,264	55	25,730	1,909	71,380	1,843	NA	24,379
1940	1,191	127,157	62	24,890	2,288	62,966	NA	NA	NA
1945	1,089	119,582	80	26,399	668	13,504	53,022	5,914	16,754
1950	1,162	117,341	81	21,627	2,779	23,948	38,238	5,591	28,868
1954	940	110,953	119	17,988	1,787	598	39,196	6,809	18,880
1959	627	101,729	153	16,500	1,711	15,131	39,913	7,711	16,935
1964	496	88,987	154	14,061	1,599	14,697	31,450	NA	NA
1969	382	82,656	246	13,905	1,816	25,683	20,508	3,840	6,257
1974 ^{2/}	360	78,086	404	14,413	1,085	18,594	22,597	NA	NA
1978	333	85,813	762	17,213	1,164	21,592	24,098	6,550	12,706
1982	367	77,382	842	18,402	1,290	21,887	16,083	5,981	9,031
1987	360	78,577	980	19,262	1,811	18,735	22,546	6,137	7,621
1992	363	71,803	1,436	16,520	882	18,243	21,785	5,017	6,707
1997	370	80,406	1,414	19,299	733	20,100	22,726	5,859	9,563

^{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	856	2,429	43,512	45,941	303	1,371	7,003	8,374
1940	705	3,090	28,467	31,557	369	921	5,208	6,129
1945	910	NA	NA	35,599	348	NA	NA	297
1950	801	3,084	18,892	22,076	336	991	1,209	2,200
1954*	231	1,012	8,714	9,726	102	780	667	1,447
1959*	100	1,193	2,464	3,657	44	365	227	592
1964*	40	304	1,104	1,408	13	67	157	224
1969* ^{1/}	7	NA	693	693	1	NA	24	24
1974* ^{1/}	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1978 ^{2/}	7	NA	NA	NA	3	NA	NA	NA
1982	4	(D)	(D)	(D)	NA	NA	NA	NA
1987	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1992	6	356	633	989	4	(D)	(D)	116
1997	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

* 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. (D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms.

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/}	881	80,784	41	16,847	NA	NA
1950 ^{2/}	293	17,464	29	4,972	NA	NA
1954 ^{3/}	2	9,400	31	7,125	NA	NA
1959 ^{3/}	----	----	11	4,226	NA	NA
1964 ^{3/ 4/}	----	----	2	29	NA	NA
1969 ^{4/}	----	----	1	20	5	2,250
1974 ^{5/ 6/}	----	----	NA	NA	9	1,826
1978 ^{5/}	----	----	----	----	3	(D)
1982	----	----	1	(D)	1	(D)
1987	----	----	----	----	1	(D)
1992	----	----	----	----	----	----
1997	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		
	Acreage	Yield	Production	Acreage	Yield	Production
		Bushels	Bushels		Bushels	Bushels
1935 ^{1/}	10,167	30.5	310,167	6,536	14.0	91,187
1940	8,257	33.4	276,078	4,954	12.9	63,687
1945	7,811	32.7	255,656	4,982	17.0	84,478
1950	5,319	47.5	252,482	2,789	17.2	48,039
1954	3,315	47.0	155,956	1,262	21.3	26,898
1959 ^{2/}	2,415	47.3	114,276	581	24.8	14,407
1964	1,060	60.6	64,215	267	23.5	6,278
1969	1,082	67.6	73,141	366	36.0	13,173
1974	1,221	83.9	102,435	394	46.9	18,461
1978	1,694	91.1	154,245	152	41.9	6,370
1982	1,157	97.3	112,562	240	36.2	8,690
1987	738	83.2	61,426	82	40.9	3,350
1992	624	119.0	74,246	46	(D)	(D)
1997	1,092	131.0	143,020	279	77.7	21,680

^{1/} All corn (grain equivalent, including silage and forage) 1935-54. ^{2/} For grain only, 1959-92. (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	235	653	15,031	593	11,728	1,125	13,084	237	17,291	5	622
1940	301	639	15,047	637	15,853	1,684	20,126	278	13,445	4	223
1945	120	795	17,630	548	17,675	1,042	14,665	266	12,742	128	3,591
1950	31	525	14,668	1,028	30,032	269	4,225	62	9,238	2	579
1954	16	676	23,786	777	25,625	282	5,219	33	5,772	NA	227
1959	23	510	17,765	557	23,840	287	6,717	20	1,921	NA	175
1964	12	143	5,488	561	21,594	225	5,464	8	1,732	NA	27
1969	1	310	14,938	251	9,645	29	830	NA	NA	NA	NA
1974	10	81	3,630	133	6,720	58	1,910	6	1,570	NA	NA
1978	9	(D)	(D)	NA	NA	134	4,000	4	159	NA	NA
1982	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	85	2,800	(D)	(D)	NA	NA
1987	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1992	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1997	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	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.

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	4,145	196	368	3,425	2,085	144	130
1940	5,544	513	1,108	4,285	4,334	189	166
1945	7,799	1,080	2,293	6,152	5,764	49	35
1950	10,134	2,211	5,950	6,131	7,632	185	198
1954	10,486	4,478	10,412	3,769	4,575	959	1,438
1959	11,013	5,340	12,446	3,150	3,526	509	696
1964	9,141	3,023	7,487	2,321	3,285	690	995
1969	8,685	1,644	3,630	4,303	8,575	307	477
1974	9,124	1,353	4,031	4,505	9,562	299	608
1978	12,175	1,773	5,331	7,084	12,416	642	1,529
1982	14,149	1,824	5,052	9,927	17,758	618	1,015
1987	15,597	1,857	4,545	10,586	18,262	749	1,166
1992	14,449	2,673	6,642	9,059	20,742	798	2,098
1997	15,550	1,748	5,868	11,596	30,268	502	1,088

^{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.