

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	34,618	NA	13,966	20,430
1940	32,824	NA	15,542	13,941
1945	43,819	NA	18,196	15,022
1950	50,127	14,822	23,924	32,157
1954	61,210	13,809	18,419	27,767
1959	66,561	14,516	24,442	33,341
1964	67,715	13,566	17,413	22,179
1969	85,715	14,636	25,335	28,068
1974	104,217	17,290	21,377	22,498
1978	97,488	20,811	32,922	19,047
1982	118,729	23,847	23,928	24,092
1987	102,081	24,499	18,219	31,826
1992	112,921	25,125	11,220	21,855
1997	111,984	25,477	5,035	7,557

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

Item	1997	1992	1987
Number of Farms:	1,834	1,864	1,895
		(Thousand Dollars)	
Farm Income and Sales:			
Crops Sold	11,265	9,745	6,148
Grains	3,921	2,747	459
Tobacco	----	----	----
Field seeds, hay, forage, and silage	1,774	1,884	1,294
Other field crops	(D)	(D)	(D)
Vegetables, sweet corn and melons	(D)	(D)	(D)
Fruits, nuts and berries	2,374	2,873	2,777
Nursery and greenhouse products	3,018	1,871	1,582
Forest Products Sold	426	313	67
Livestock, Poultry and Products Sold	424,117	358,552	268,122
Poultry and products	335,673	274,148	189,814
Dairy products	57,918	53,236	44,569
Cattle and calves	28,599	26,775	20,168
Hogs and pigs	806	2,151	3,935
Sheep, lambs and wool	392	1,634	9,193
Other livestock and products	729	610	443
Total Income from Sales:	435,382	368,298	274,270
Custom Work and Other Agricultural Services:	2,067	1,781	510

(D) Data withheld to avoid disclosing information for individual farms. ---- Represents zero.

NUMBER OF FARMS, BY SIZE, GROUP

Year	Acreage						All Farms	
	1-9	10-49	50-179	180-499	500-999	1,000-1,999		2,000+
1974	202	477	844	381	46	17	----	1,967
1978	185	484	781	353	54	13	2	1,872
1982	229	538	836	363	66	14	----	2,046
1987	242	479	761	349	49	13	2	1,895
1992	224	513	758	289	61	18	1	1,864
1997	201	505	777	281	52	18	----	1,834

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

OPERATOR OCCUPATION AND AGE

Item	1982	1987	1992	1997
Operators by principal occupation:				
Farming	1,074	1,065	1,043	1,024
Other	972	830	821	810
Operators by age group:				
Under 25 years	37	27	23	18
25 to 34 years	264	265	200	157
35 to 44 years	370	392	403	395
45 to 54 years	465	395	381	463
55 to 64 years	NA	418	400	342
65 years and over	NA	398	457	459
Average Age	52	51	53	53

NA Not available.



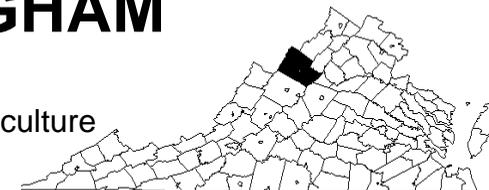
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ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

U.S. Census of Agriculture



Rockingham County is situated in the Shenandoah Valley and is bordered by the Blue Ridge Mountains on the east and the Alleghenies on the west. The county was named in honor of the Marquis of Rockingham, who was twice Prime Minister of England, and is the third largest county in the state.

According to the **1997 Census of Agriculture**, there were 230,409 acres in farms in Rockingham, accounting for 42 percent of the total county area of 544,773 acres. That year there were 1,834 farms each averaging 126 acres in size and worth an average of \$382,956, including land and buildings.

Elevations in Rockingham range from about 900 feet above sea level along the Shenandoah River to over 4,300 feet in the Alleghenies. In the lower levels, where most of the farms are located, temperatures average 32 degrees in January and 76 in July. A frost-free growing season of roughly 165 days usually extends between April 28 and October 10. Annual precipitation for the area averages 35 inches, with June, July, and August each averaging four inches. Forests cover more than half of the county, with much of the woodland located in the George Washington National Forest and the Shenandoah National Park. Farms included over 32,303 acres of woodland in 1997.

Rockingham is rich in agricultural resources, and agriculture is an integral part of Rockingham's economy. Of farm products sold in 1997, livestock, poultry, and poultry products accounted for 97 percent of receipts. Poultry products accounted for a full 77 percent of this total, while dairy products constituted another 13 percent. Cattle and calves accounted for the remaining 7 percent of this income. Manufacturing plants that process many of these agricultural products serve as another important source of employment and revenue for the county.

In 1990, the estimated population of Rockingham County was 57,482, excluding Harrisonburg, which has a population of 30,707. The total gross personal income that year was \$1,392 million, or an average of \$15,775 per capita.

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	3,831	332,631	59	115,042	5,856	80,750	40,568	NA	80,657
1940	3,884	321,872	72	110,902	6,298	79,887	NA	NA	NA
1945	3,865	308,663	99	104,304	4,067	20,091	103,850	12,149	55,824
1950	3,581	321,685	136	90,408	8,010	30,114	101,791	22,800	56,401
1954	3,577	303,197	177	80,878	3,414	18,382	118,059	17,677	53,260
1959	2,938	300,488	216	78,982	5,050	16,088	118,828	18,042	53,321
1964	2,587	289,115	253	72,687	6,356	23,013	91,152	NA	NA
1969	2,187	270,200	440	70,350	7,622	64,186	54,326	16,123	25,155
1974 2/	1,967	255,078	837	75,536	2,629	61,991	55,429	NA	NA
1978	1,872	252,152	1,567	80,205	4,199	54,803	54,022	16,283	32,666
1982	2,046	261,595	1,773	85,913	2,732	62,360	50,430	13,795	32,858
1987	1,895	242,224	1,926	84,661	5,448	54,469	44,718	12,710	28,345
1992	1,864	236,074	2,738	85,802	3,955	58,782	41,737	12,207	25,639
1997	1,834	230,409	3,069	88,370	4,282	52,781	42,036	8,109	24,194

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	2,829	21,524	209,259	230,783	1,096	30,902	98,661
1940	1,710	20,548	163,642	184,190	690	14,699	60,195	74,894
1945	1,932	NA	NA	193,191	763	NA	NA	193,191
1950	1,065	12,438	158,856	171,294	449	18,664	69,654	88,318
1954*	192	26,892	77,458	104,350	89	9,510	54,044	63,554
1959*	122	17,612	61,056	78,668	69	3,201	40,968	44,169
1964*	94	13,958	56,600	70,558	54	3,198	32,077	35,275
1969* 1/	16	37,494	78,213	115,707	16	18,541	29,169	47,710
1974* 1/	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
1978 2/	30	NA	NA	NA	27	NA	NA	NA
1982	29	24,479	115,027	139,506	27	2,286	25,555	27,841
1987	26	77,524	107,075	184,599	18	(D)	(D)	26,716
1992	29	20,577	428,900	449,477	20	1,783	16,024	17,807
1997	18	23,325	171,956	195,281	13	1,104	16,657	17,761

* 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/	3,049	5,861,061	273	260,216	NA	NA
1950 2/	2,310	7,287,867	396	827,386	NA	NA
1954 3/	1,050	11,007,546	500	2,357,320	NA	NA
1959 3/	621	11,711,881	348	3,208,696	NA	NA
1964 3/ 4/	421	19,140,136	269	3,717,173	972	NA
1969 4/	387	29,084,191	105	2,053,051	355	524,391
1974 5/ 6/	234	30,335,136	NA	NA	296	774,017
1978 5/	202	33,864,093	155	4,855,103	208	771,494
1982	206	45,387,730	148	6,891,545	184	891,400
1987	208	57,715,334	171	8,590,623	126	1,345,464
1992	230	76,248,729	181	11,460,445	128	1,464,387
1997	245	117,987,208	197	13,756,667	79	1,485,069

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 Turkeys and Hens & Pullets with farm sales of \$2,500 and over. 6/ 1974 and 1978 Broilers and other meat type chickens sold. NA Not available.

CROP ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

Year	CORN			WHEAT		
	Acreage	Yield	Production	Acreage	Yield	Production
1935 1/	24,056	25.5	612,834	38,090	17.8	677,221
1940	24,382	38.7	943,439	33,149	19.4	641,899
1945	20,269	29.0	588,428	26,530	22.4	594,650
1950	16,011	51.4	823,180	18,469	20.3	374,434
1954	12,299	38.1	468,040	10,165	26.1	265,583
1959 2/	11,710	59.0	690,608	7,153	27.0	193,112
1964	4,503	44.3	199,595	5,484	29.6	162,475
1969	8,617	85.3	734,645	3,471	37.2	129,014
1974	14,795	81.9	1,211,842	3,811	39.8	151,809
1978	18,567	108.9	2,021,573	1,601	40.5	64,830
1982	20,936	107.0	2,240,072	1,677	39.0	65,445
1987	5,008	54.6	273,391	1,641	41.4	67,932
1992	16,455	105.6	1,737,737	1,834	47.8	87,732
1997	12,555	106.8	1,341,116	2,269	63.4	143,899

1/ All corn (grain equivalent, including silage and forage) 1935-54. 2/ For grain only, 1959-92.

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	493	519	13,925	6,475	182,961	1,949	23,867	965	83,589	364	15,545
1940	276	898	25,026	8,536	282,280	1,328	21,980	642	67,008	56	5,006
1945	536	2,407	72,340	7,682	239,367	810	13,062	637	73,762	151	6,473
1950	101	2,519	77,445	8,006	257,563	143	2,584	380	59,860	2	3,593
1954	67	2,794	117,293	9,335	374,900	209	4,379	187	54,180	NA	2,440
1959	68	2,033	91,754	9,206	392,677	157	3,242	99	17,421	1	2,102
1964	49	895	35,284	8,002	378,253	192	4,762	49	11,985	NA	685
1969	27	348	14,413	6,646	333,529	172	4,390	NA	NA	NA	NA
1974	14	264	12,206	3,694	202,596	292	8,459	21	2,960	2	180
1978	59	232	8,328	2,260	116,074	562	14,649	8	450	NA	NA
1982	52	138	5,859	1,137	63,966	483	13,679	18	1,346	NA	NA
1987	27	70	2,736	1,102	61,875	912	28,008	1	(D)	NA	NA
1992	75	223	18,444	1,839	116,786	925	29,886	17	1,323	NA	NA
1997	129	72	4,720	958	67,967	291	11,235	13	2,312	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	32,265	2,237	3,911	NA	NA	89	114
1940	NA	2,029	4,028	NA	NA	320	334
1945	NA	2,874	5,446	NA	NA	NA	NA
1950	NA	6,974	16,451	NA	NA	NA	NA
1954	NA	10,130	20,593	NA	NA	828	953
1959	NA	16,164	42,370	NA	NA	435	537
1964	NA	12,130	19,564	NA	NA	764	930
1969	NA	5,013	15,202	NA	NA	910	1,887
1974	35,696	5,919	16,723	19,089	36,994	629	879
1978	41,644	8,948	30,487	20,605	37,209	2,279	4,542
1982	42,856	10,399	34,456	21,609	42,580	2,865	6,616
1987	55,677	11,873	34,970	25,196	47,740	5,516	13,554
1992	49,610	13,469	43,797	24,005	54,163	2,715	7,380
1997	51,722	8,124	23,580	31,860	65,599	2,951	6,454

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.