

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Suffolk, Virginia

#### Number of farms

247 farms in 2002, 257 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

#### Land in farms

70,592 acres in 2002, 78,796 acres in 1997, down 10 percent.

#### Average size of farm

286 acres in 2002, 307 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$40,939,000 in 2002, \$39,046,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$35,745,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,194,000 of the total value in 2002.

#### Market Value of Production, average per farm

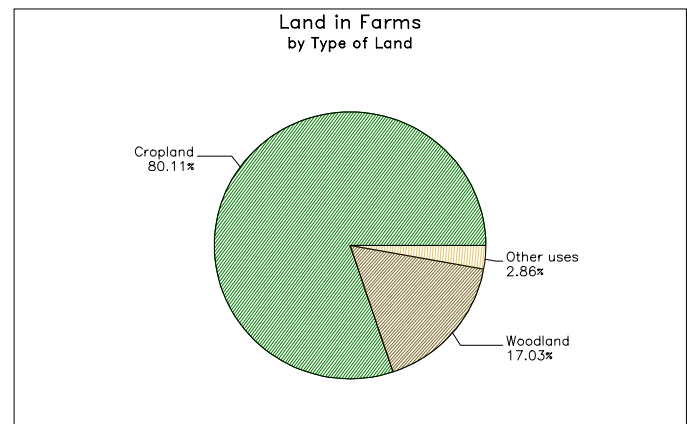
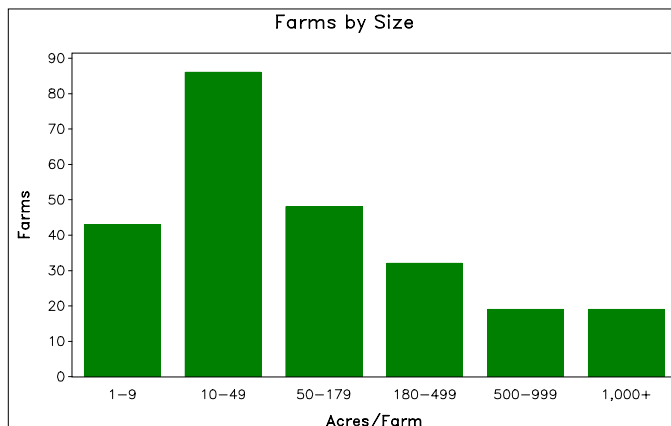
\$165,746 in 2002, \$151,928 in 1997, up 9 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$1,839,000 in 2002, \$755,000 in 1997, up 144 percent.

#### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$20,432 in 2002, \$6,342 in 1997, up 222 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	40,939	11	98	1,407	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	35,745	2	97	729	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,194	57	98	2,335	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,517	13	95	1,275	2,871
Tobacco	231	26	43	362	560
Cotton and cottonseed	3,067	3	15	236	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	552	17	95	969	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	95	46	93	1,275	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	22,012	1	95	126	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	76	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	5,271	2	97	242	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4,063	15	94	659	2,918
Cattle and calves	207	86	97	2,909	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	565	14	90	1,009	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	148	39	94	1,399	3,014
Aquaculture	125	19	44	533	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	505,666	10	79	381	2,599
Hogs and pigs	3,775	14	87	950	2,926
Cattle and calves	1,080	84	97	2,916	3,059
Horses and ponies	659	43	97	1,827	3,065
All Goats	283	51	95	1,543	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
All Cotton	15,389	2	17	204	663
Soybeans	14,590	12	79	938	2,076
Peanuts	10,845	2	14	41	398
Corn for grain	10,780	11	96	1,031	2,592
All Wheat for grain	4,777	14	87	941	2,517

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	48	Farming	152
\$1,000 to \$2,499	33	Other	95
\$2,500 to \$4,999	16	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	29	Male	192
\$10,000 to \$19,999	20	Female	55
\$20,000 to \$24,999	-	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	20	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	1	White	352
\$50,000 to \$99,999	13	Black or African American	21
\$100,000 to \$249,999	30	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	31	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	6	Asian	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	41,093	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	167,045	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,121		
Average per farm (\$)	12,687		

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.