

Introduction

This document presents data and analysis from the 1997 Census of Agriculture for Virginia. County, Planning District (PD), and Extension District (ED) data have been compiled from selected census tables in order to present a statistical picture of Virginia agriculture. The discussion in the main body of the document is organized into sections which, with a few exceptions, correspond to a particular detailed table in the Appendix that lists county, PD, and ED data. In a few cases, section discussions refer to multiple appendix tables. Unless indicated otherwise, 1997 data are presented in all tables. In some cases, Census data are withheld because of non-disclosure restrictions. All such non-disclosure is indicated in the appendix tables. However, PD and ED summary data are calculated and displayed, disregarding the non-disclosed counties. Thus, sums that include non-disclosed counties must be understood to somewhat under-represent actual PD or ED totals.

Extension District definitions have changed since 1992. However, for selected tables, data from 1992 have been compiled as if the indicated counties and PD's belonged to the 1997 Extension District in 1992. Changes by PD from previous Census data are discussed. Table 1 lists Planning District numbers and names. Although Patrick County is in West Piedmont Planning District, VCE organization places the county in Southwest Extension District. (Readers who wish to examine data for all the counties in West Piedmont Planning District will need to aggregate data across tables.)

Table 1. Virginia Planning Districts and Associated Counties			
Planning District Number	Planning District Name	Planning District Number	Planning District Name
1	Lenowisco Lee Scott	4	New River Valley Floyd Montgomery Pulaski
2	Cumberland Plateau Russell Tazewell	5	Fifth Roanoke
3	Mount Rogers Carroll Grayson Washington Wythe	6	Central Shenandoah Augusta Rockbridge Rockingham

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Planning District Number	Planning District Name	Planning District Number	Planning District Name
7	Lord Fairfax Clarke Frederick Shenandoah	13	Southside Brunswick Halifax Mecklenburg
8	Northern Virginia Fairfax Loudoun Prince William	14	Piedmont Amelia Buckingham Charlotte Cumberland Lunenburg Nottoway Prince Edward
9	Rappahannock-Rapidan Culpeper Fauquier Madison Orange Rappahannock	15	Richmond Regional Chesterfield Goochland Hanover Henrico Powhatan
10	Thomas Jefferson Albemarle Fluvanna Louisa Nelson	16	Radco Caroline King George Spotsylvania Stafford
11	Central Virginia Amherst Appomattox Bedford Campbell	17	Northern Neck Lancaster Northumberland Richmond Westmoreland
12	West Piedmont Franklin Henry Patrick Pittsylvania	18	Middle Peninsula Essex Gloucester King and Queen King William Middlesex

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19	Crater Dinwiddie Greensville Prince George Surry Sussex	21	Peninsula James City York
20	Southeastern Virginia Isle of Wight Southampton Chesapeake Suffolk Virginia Beach	22	Accomack-Northampton Accomack Northampton