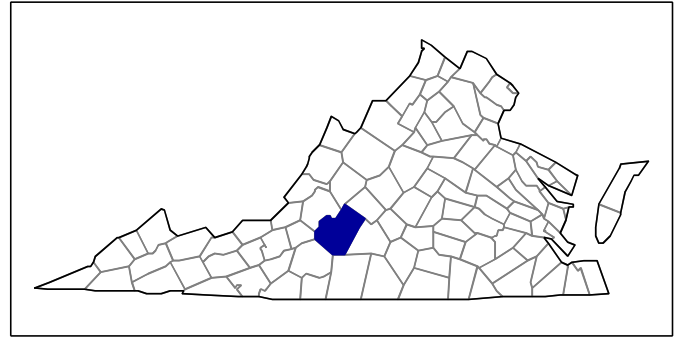




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Number of farms

1,289 farms in 2002, 1,454 farms in 1997, down 11 percent.

Land in farms

199,244 acres in 2002, 207,276 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

155 acres in 2002, 143 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$19,375,000 in 2002, \$20,552,000 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,568,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$15,807,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

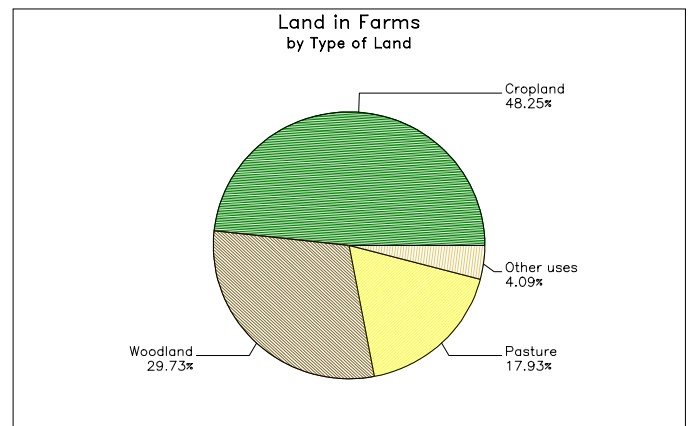
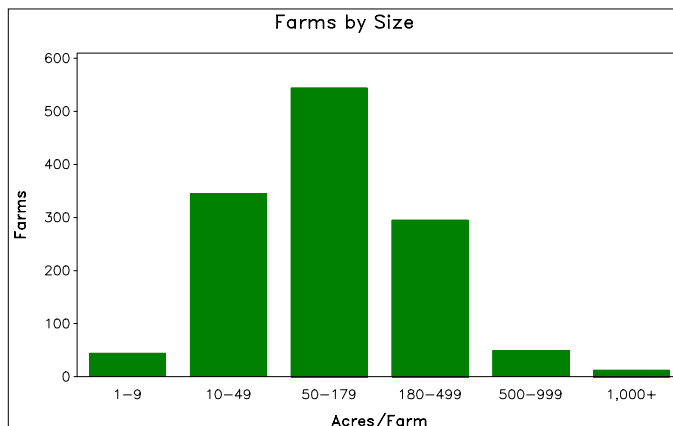
\$15,031 in 2002, \$14,135 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Government Payments

\$798,000 in 2002, \$193,000 in 1997, up 313 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,181 in 2002, \$1,451 in 1997, up 119 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	19,375	34	98	2,119	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,568	56	97	2,253	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	15,807	27	98	1,501	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	197	63	95	2,232	2,871
Tobacco	96	34	43	402	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	46	76	95	2,082	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	510	16	93	517	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,234	32	95	1,007	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	118	13	76	390	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,367	14	97	960	3,046
Poultry and eggs	18	47	94	1,755	2,918
Cattle and calves	10,518	15	97	962	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	4,562	14	83	659	2,493
Hogs and pigs	176	24	90	1,292	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	31	36	93	1,596	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	492	15	94	396	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	46,693	6	97	631	3,059
Horses and ponies	2,104	8	97	439	3,065
Hogs and pigs	1,461	21	87	1,227	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,217	31	96	1,247	2,983
All Goats	919	9	95	527	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	48,146	4	97	319	3,059
Corn for silage	2,574	12	87	641	2,307
Corn for grain	746	58	96	1,878	2,592
All Wheat for grain	441	55	87	1,819	2,517
Barley	386	28	73	451	1,246

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	315
\$1,000 to \$2,499	199
\$2,500 to \$4,999	209
\$5,000 to \$9,999	249
\$10,000 to \$19,999	155
\$20,000 to \$24,999	24
\$25,000 to \$39,999	54
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15
\$50,000 to \$99,999	37
\$100,000 to \$249,999	21
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6
\$500,000 or more	5
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	19,484
Average per farm (\$)	15,034
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,123
Average per farm (\$)	867

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	660
Other	629
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,144
Female	145
Average age of principal operator (years)	59.0
All operators ² by race:	
White	1,759
Black or African American	33
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	10
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	17

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

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.