

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Bland, Virginia

Number of farms

417 farms in 2002, 423 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

Land in farms

94,343 acres in 2002, 88,475 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

Average size of farm

226 acres in 2002, 209 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$8,564,000 in 2002, \$7,487,000 in 1997, up 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$481,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,083,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

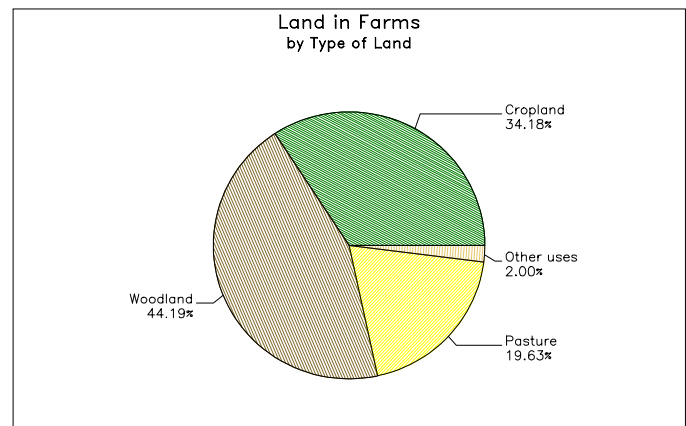
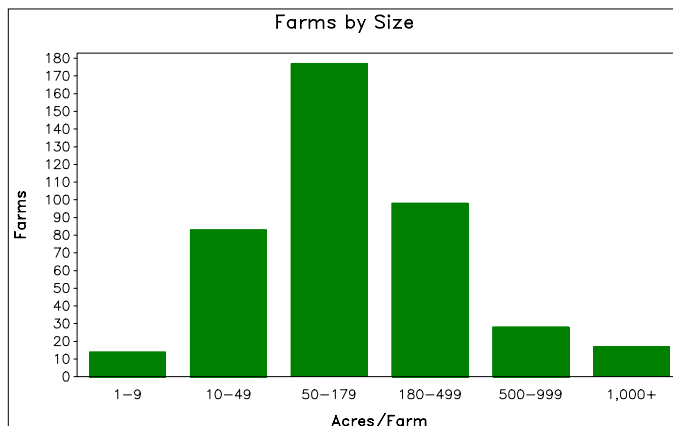
\$20,536 in 2002, \$17,699 in 1997, up 16 percent.

Government Payments

\$189,000 in 2002, \$27,000 in 1997, up 600 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,839 in 2002, \$636 in 1997, up 189 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 | 8,564 | 60 | 98 | 2,573 | 3,075 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 481 | 91 | 97 | 2,895 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 8,083 | 44 | 98 | 2,042 | 3,070 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 66 | 75 | 95 | 2,477 | 2,871 |
| Tobacco | 110 | 31 | 43 | 398 | 560 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | 15 | - | 656 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 19 | 87 | 95 | 2,348 | 2,747 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | (D) | (D) | 93 | (D) | 2,638 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | (D) | (D) | 95 | (D) | 2,708 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | (D) | (D) | 76 | (D) | 1,774 |
| Other crops and hay | 246 | 67 | 97 | 2,427 | 3,046 |
| Poultry and eggs | 2 | 73 | 94 | 2,530 | 2,918 |
| Cattle and calves | 6,263 | 24 | 97 | 1,344 | 3,053 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 1,692 | 35 | 83 | 1,103 | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | 3 | 68 | 90 | 2,666 | 2,919 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 91 | 16 | 93 | 862 | 2,997 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 25 | 77 | 94 | 2,682 | 3,014 |
| Aquaculture | - | - | 44 | - | 1,520 |
| Other animals and other animal products | 7 | 49 | 87 | 1,952 | 2,727 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 17,316 | 37 | 97 | 1,587 | 3,059 |
| Sheep and lambs | 985 | 20 | 93 | 990 | 2,867 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older | 463 | 56 | 96 | 1,954 | 2,983 |
| Horses and ponies | 443 | 59 | 97 | 2,282 | 3,065 |
| All Goats | 297 | 48 | 95 | 1,502 | 2,971 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 11,647 | 46 | 97 | 1,618 | 3,059 |
| Corn for silage | 1,124 | 33 | 87 | 1,055 | 2,307 |
| Oats | 253 | 7 | 64 | 1,169 | 2,215 |
| Cut Christmas trees | (D) | 15 | 81 | (D) | 1,877 |
| Corn for grain | 115 | 85 | 96 | 2,284 | 2,592 |

Other County Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity | Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales | | Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 76 | Farming | 238 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 64 | Other | 179 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 63 | | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 67 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 57 | Male | 377 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 20 | Female | 40 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 23 | | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 13 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 57.7 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 14 | | |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 15 | All operators ² by race: | |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 5 | White | 582 |
| \$500,000 or more | - | Black or African American | 3 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 7,794 | American Indian or Alaska Native | 2 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 18,647 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| | | Asian | - |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 1,125 | More than one race | - |
| Average per farm (\$) | 2,692 | All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | - |

(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.