

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Botetourt, Virginia

Number of farms

610 farms in 2002, 628 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

Land in farms

97,091 acres in 2002, 99,693 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

159 acres in 2002, 159 acres in 1997, unchanged.

Market Value of Production

\$9,982,000 in 2002, \$11,210,000 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,850,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,133,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

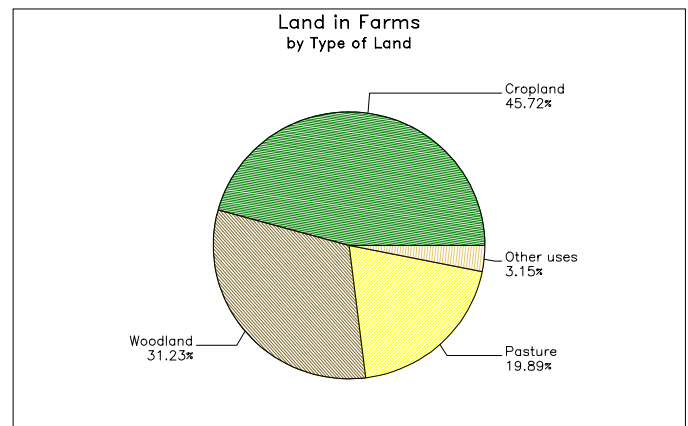
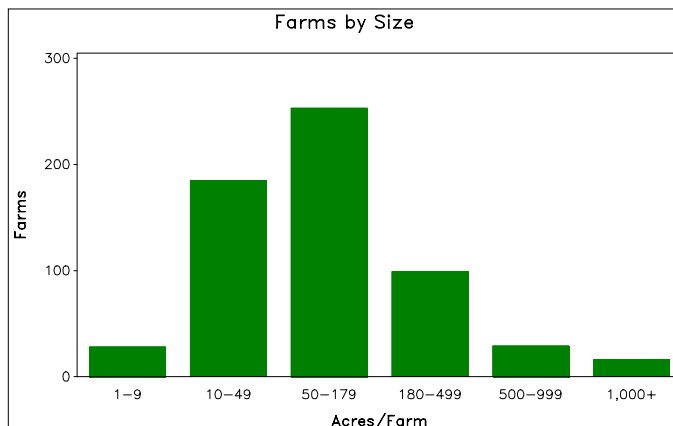
\$16,365 in 2002, \$17,850 in 1997, down 8 percent.

Government Payments

\$564,000 in 2002, \$151,000 in 1997, up 274 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,787 in 2002, \$2,099 in 1997, up 80 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	9,982	56	98	2,506	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,850	75	97	2,530	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,133	43	98	2,035	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	138	64	95	2,308	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	662	14	93	450	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	138	70	95	1,973	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	629	38	97	1,678	3,046
Poultry and eggs	15	51	94	1,832	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,406	35	97	1,620	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,212	19	83	807	2,493
Hogs and pigs	64	31	90	1,621	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	55	25	93	1,187	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	381	19	94	559	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	87	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	21,005	29	97	1,402	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,064	22	97	1,195	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	887	40	96	1,485	2,983
Sheep and lambs	690	27	93	1,224	2,867
Ducks	601	1	78	186	2,630
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	20,301	26	97	1,087	3,059
Corn for silage	1,557	20	87	879	2,307
Corn for grain	1,349	48	96	1,704	2,592
Cut Christmas trees	155	16	81	470	1,877
Apples ³	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,173

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	(D)	Farming	290
\$1,000 to \$2,499	99	Other	320
\$2,500 to \$4,999	86		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	84	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	78	Male	519
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Female	91
\$25,000 to \$39,999	15		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	12	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5	White	877
\$500,000 or more	3	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	12,781	American Indian or Alaska Native	8
Average per farm (\$)	21,022	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,611	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	2,650	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

(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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.