

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Caroline, Virginia

Number of farms

237 farms in 2002, 214 farms in 1997, up 11 percent.

Land in farms

59,229 acres in 2002, 58,505 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Average size of farm

250 acres in 2002, 273 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$11,518,000 in 2002, \$11,655,000 in 1997, down 1 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$9,596,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,922,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

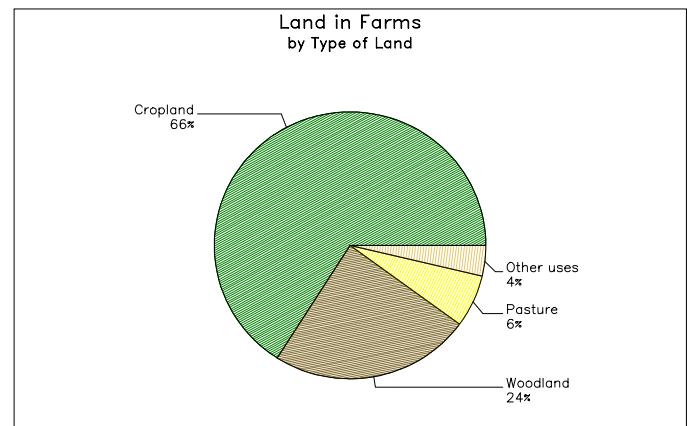
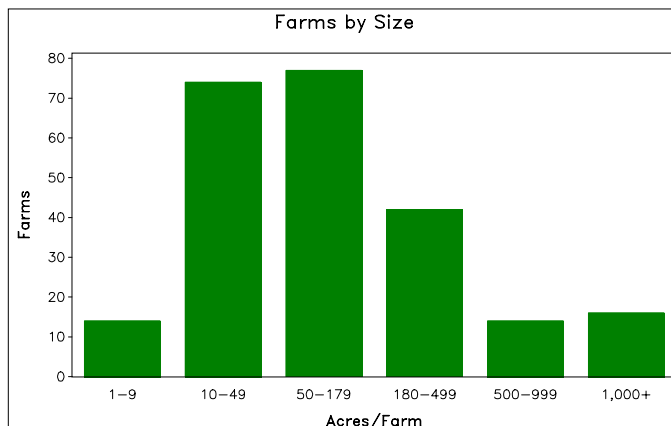
\$48,600 in 2002, \$54,461 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Government Payments

\$639,000 in 2002, \$404,000 in 1997, up 58 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,396 in 2002, \$7,216 in 1997, up 30 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service**

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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	11,518	54	98	2,437	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,596	21	97	1,680	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,922	72	98	2,722	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	6,219	6	95	1,154	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	56	57	93	1,527	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	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4	65	94	2,260	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,255	64	97	2,449	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	11	61	93	2,220	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	102	45	94	1,753	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	4,126	64	97	2,608	3,059
Quail	(D)	9	34	(D)	1,412
Horses and ponies	524	53	97	2,103	3,065
All Goats	365	40	95	1,293	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	229	72	96	2,407	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	18,375	7	79	867	2,076
Corn for grain	10,249	12	96	1,048	2,592
All Wheat for grain	6,406	9	87	819	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,234	66	97	2,413	3,059
Barley	3,021	3	73	183	1,246

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	62	Farming	142
\$1,000 to \$2,499	40	Other	95
\$2,500 to \$4,999	29		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	35	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	27	Male	196
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Female	41
\$25,000 to \$39,999	3		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	11		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	12	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	White	355
\$500,000 or more	5	Black or African American	5
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	13,288	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Average per farm (\$)	55,600	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	960	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	4,019	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(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.