

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Alleghany, Virginia

#### Number of farms

202 farms in 2002, 206 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

#### Land in farms

32,937 acres in 2002, 35,619 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

#### Average size of farm

163 acres in 2002, 173 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$1,987,000 in 2002, \$2,287,000 in 1997, down 13 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$286,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,702,000 of the total value in 2002.

#### Market Value of Production, average per farm

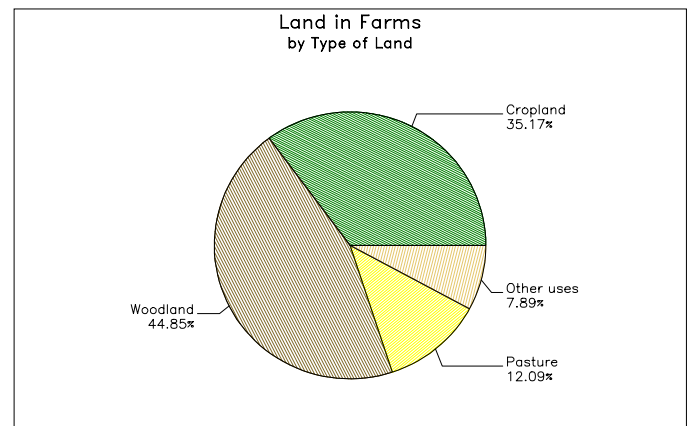
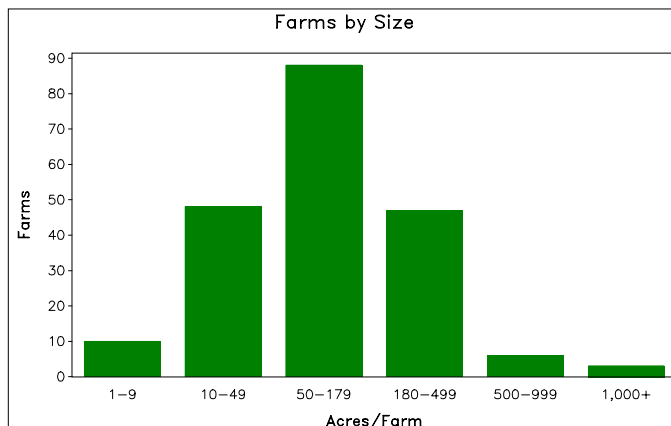
\$9,839 in 2002, \$11,100 in 1997, down 11 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$21,000 in 2002, \$17,000 in 1997, up 24 percent.

#### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,261 in 2002, \$817 in 1997, up 54 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	1,987	94	98	2,947	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	286	95	97	2,967	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,702	75	98	2,763	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	49	80	95	2,525	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	95	-	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	-	-	76	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	147	77	97	2,663	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	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	(Z)	93	93	2,955	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	22	80	94	2,733	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	3,982	65	97	2,622	3,059
Horses and ponies	283	69	97	2,650	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	196	77	96	2,482	2,983
Sheep and lambs	90	69	93	2,316	2,867
Ducks	(D)	45	78	(D)	2,630
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,321	63	97	2,272	3,059
Corn for silage	253	62	87	1,670	2,307
Corn for grain	(D)	80	96	(D)	2,592
Apples	(D)	24	87	(D)	2,173
All Wheat for grain	(D)	85	87	(D)	2,517

**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	99
\$1,000 to \$2,499	42	Other	103
\$2,500 to \$4,999	36		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	28	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	12	Male	177
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Female	25
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	-	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	White	298
\$500,000 or more	1	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	2,050	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	10,147	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	281	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	1,390	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.