

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Grayson, Virginia

Number of farms

939 farms in 2002, 1,033 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

Land in farms

150,609 acres in 2002, 147,341 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

160 acres in 2002, 143 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$27,828,000 in 2002, \$20,424,000 in 1997, up 36 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$6,815,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$21,013,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

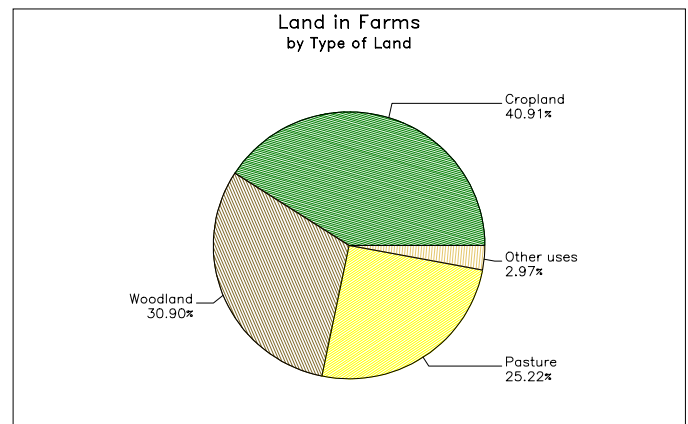
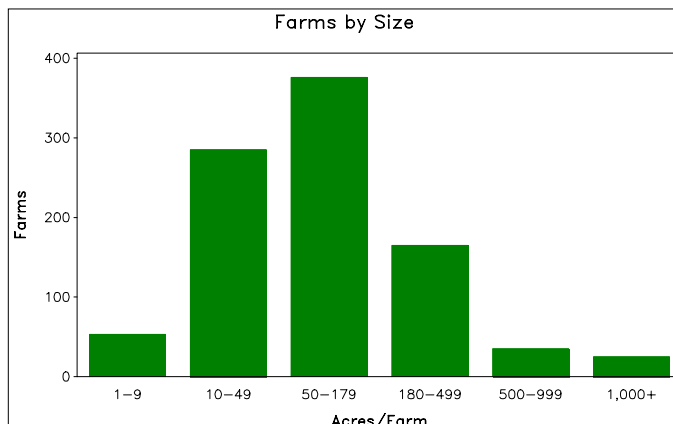
\$29,636 in 2002, \$19,771 in 1997, up 50 percent.

Government Payments

\$216,000 in 2002, \$160,000 in 1997, up 35 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,874 in 2002, \$1,439 in 1997, up 100 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	27,828	23	98	1,785	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,815	32	97	1,904	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	21,013	15	98	1,262	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	22	86	95	2,642	2,871
Tobacco	798	20	43	279	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	30	81	95	2,220	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,567	28	95	907	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	3,863	1	76	16	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1	86	94	2,710	2,918
Cattle and calves	15,448	9	97	681	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,192	13	83	606	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2	70	90	2,686	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	71	21	93	1,017	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	282	24	94	788	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	34,016	16	97	937	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,229	19	97	1,011	3,065
Sheep and lambs	887	23	93	1,066	2,867
All Goats	713	20	95	725	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	275	67	96	2,301	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	20,788	25	97	1,068	3,059
Cut Christmas trees	3,021	1	81	17	1,877
Corn for silage	1,462	25	87	919	2,307
Tobacco	291	19	43	262	563
Nursery stock	(D)	15	77	(D)	2,129

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	208	Farming	486
\$1,000 to \$2,499	142	Other	453
\$2,500 to \$4,999	111		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	127	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	138	Male	859
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23	Female	80
\$25,000 to \$39,999	63		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	27	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	42		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	39	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10	White	1,358
\$500,000 or more	9	Black or African American	5
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	21,537	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	22,936	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	6,897	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	7,346	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

(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.