

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Hanover, Virginia

Number of farms

682 farms in 2002, 598 farms in 1997, up 14 percent.

Land in farms

100,537 acres in 2002, 104,064 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

147 acres in 2002, 174 acres in 1997, down 16 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$31,799,000 in 2002, \$30,530,000 in 1997, up 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$24,935,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$6,864,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

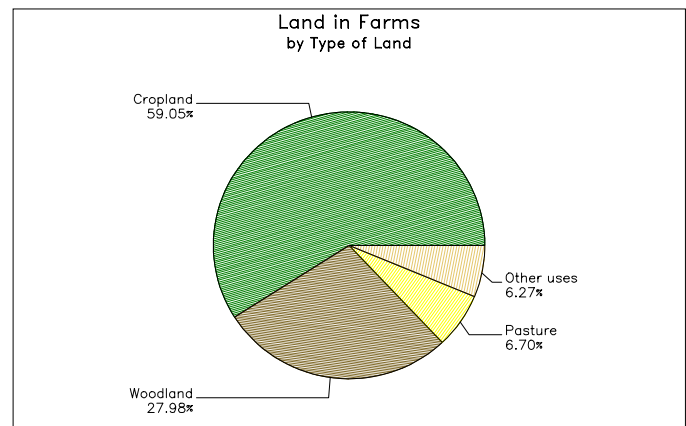
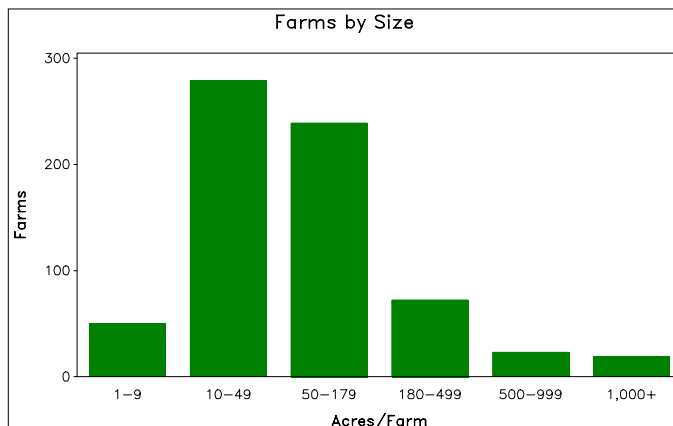
\$46,627 in 2002, \$51,054 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,099,000 in 2002, \$379,000 in 1997, up 190 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,993 in 2002, \$4,918 in 1997, up 103 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	31,799	20	98	1,649	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	24,935	6	97	1,002	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,864	47	98	2,143	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,479	8	95	1,204	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,561	4	95	472	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	78	50	93	1,377	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	15,954	3	95	178	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	52	27	76	639	1,774
Other crops and hay	812	28	97	1,458	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1,842	23	94	839	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,977	52	97	2,178	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,199	31	83	979	2,493
Hogs and pigs	80	27	90	1,529	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	114	14	93	732	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	634	11	94	263	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	18	29	87	1,576	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	471,000	11	79	388	2,599
Cattle and calves	9,813	49	97	2,063	3,059
Horses and ponies	2,039	9	97	464	3,065
Sheep and lambs	1,228	16	93	830	2,867
Quail	(D)	4	34	(D)	1,412
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	18,619	6	79	864	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,654	44	97	1,456	3,059
Corn for grain	9,986	13	96	1,057	2,592
All Wheat for grain	7,464	6	87	754	2,517
Barley	2,751	4	73	192	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	202	Farming	363
\$1,000 to \$2,499	128	Other	319
\$2,500 to \$4,999	88	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	80	Male	547
\$10,000 to \$19,999	65	Female	135
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
\$25,000 to \$39,999	30	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	White	941
\$50,000 to \$99,999	19	Black or African American	21
\$100,000 to \$249,999	24	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	11	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	14	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	32,714	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	48,180	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,423		
Average per farm (\$)	6,514		

(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.