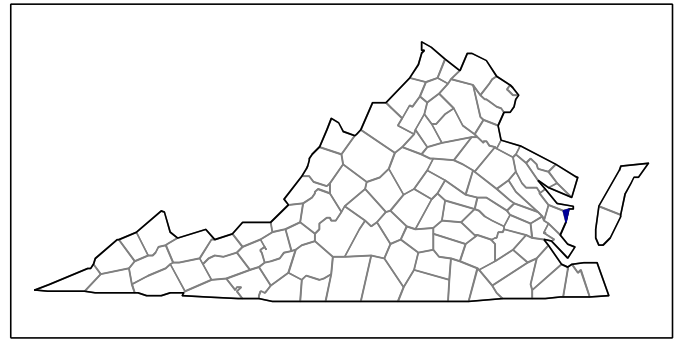




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile



## Mathews, Virginia

### Number of farms

47 farms in 2002, 71 farms in 1997, down 34 percent.

### Land in farms

(D) acres in 2002, 8,688 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farm

(D) acres in 2002, 122 acres in 1997.

### Market Value of Production

\$4,346,000 in 2002, \$3,548,000 in 1997, up 22 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,023,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$322,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

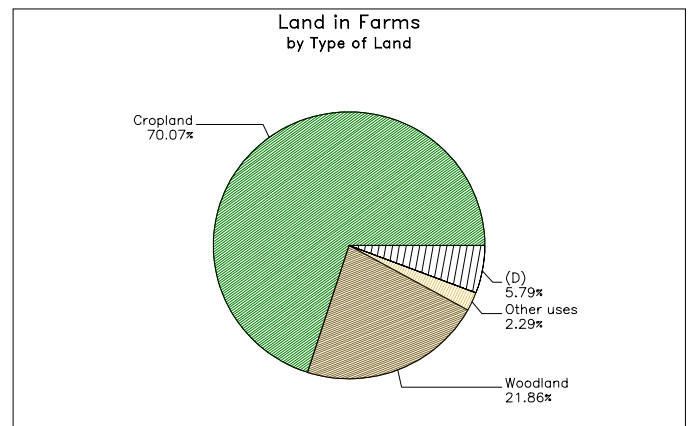
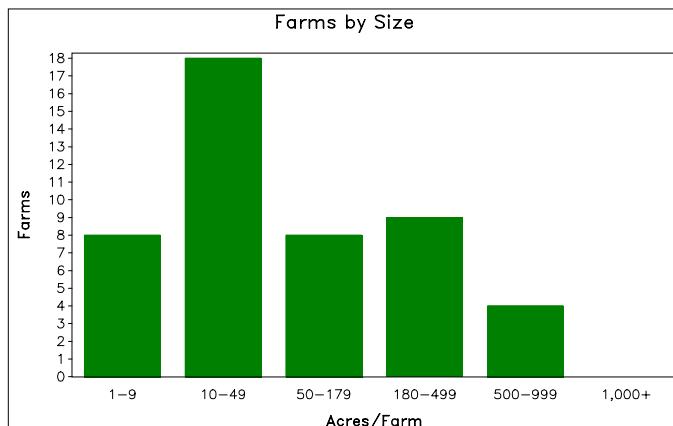
\$92,460 in 2002, \$49,975 in 1997, up 85 percent.

### Government Payments

\$23,000 in 2002, \$98,000 in 1997, down 77 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,703 in 2002, \$7,567 in 1997, down 25 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	4,346	82	98	2,805	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,023	52	97	2,195	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	322	92	98	2,983	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	92	54	95	1,763	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	53	58	93	1,552	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	19	95	97	2,979	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	-	-	83	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	2	89	93	2,817	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	228	12	44	409	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	23	96	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	277	95	97	3,005	3,059
Geese	(D)	3	70	(D)	2,396
Ducks	(D)	6	78	(D)	2,630
Hogs and pigs	36	66	87	2,647	2,926
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans	1,978	43	79	1,385	2,076
Corn for grain	1,179	50	96	1,751	2,592
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	717	91	97	2,925	3,059
All Wheat for grain	360	60	87	1,888	2,517
Nursery stock	(D)	14	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	7	Farming	17
\$1,000 to \$2,499	7	Other	30
\$2,500 to \$4,999	8		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	9	Male	36
\$20,000 to \$24,999	-	Female	11
\$25,000 to \$39,999	1		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	Average age of principal operator (years)	(D)
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	White	69
\$500,000 or more	1	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,602	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	76,645	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	843	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	17,935	All operators <sup>2</sup> 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.

<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.