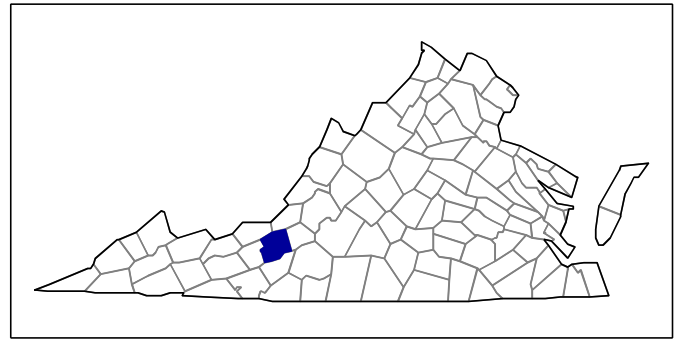




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Number of farms

650 farms in 2002, 637 farms in 1997, up 2 percent.

Land in farms

99,670 acres in 2002, 100,664 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

153 acres in 2002, 158 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$17,914,000 in 2002, \$15,858,000 in 1997, up 13 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$5,803,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$12,112,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

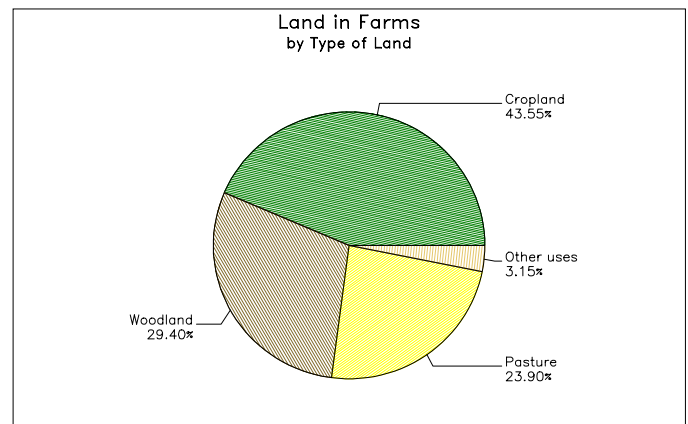
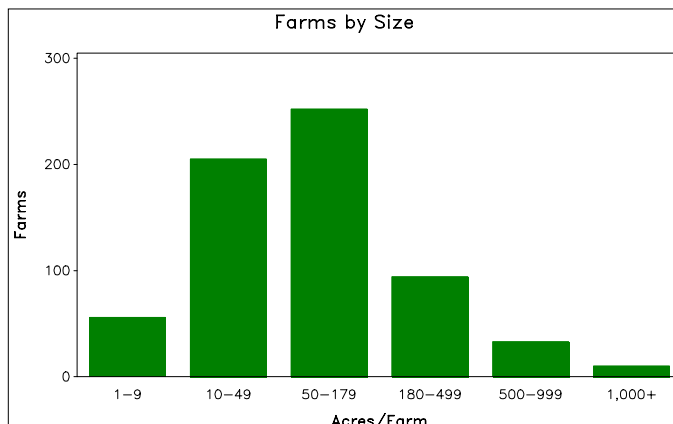
\$27,560 in 2002, \$24,894 in 1997, up 11 percent.

Government Payments

\$548,000 in 2002, \$127,000 in 1997, up 331 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,424 in 2002, \$2,350 in 1997, up 131 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 | 17,914 | 39 | 98 | 2,175 | 3,075 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 5,803 | 41 | 97 | 2,003 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 12,112 | 33 | 98 | 1,719 | 3,070 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 119 | 66 | 95 | 2,340 | 2,871 |
| Tobacco | (D) | (D) | 43 | (D) | 560 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | 15 | - | 656 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 187 | 35 | 95 | 1,402 | 2,747 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | (D) | (D) | 93 | (D) | 2,638 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 4,300 | 15 | 95 | 501 | 2,708 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | 60 | 21 | 76 | 578 | 1,774 |
| Other crops and hay | 1,079 | 18 | 97 | 1,164 | 3,046 |
| Poultry and eggs | (D) | (D) | 94 | (D) | 2,918 |
| Cattle and calves | 5,941 | 27 | 97 | 1,392 | 3,053 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 5,404 | 12 | 83 | 599 | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | (D) | (D) | 90 | (D) | 2,919 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 167 | 8 | 93 | 520 | 2,997 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 230 | 32 | 94 | 979 | 3,014 |
| Aquaculture | - | - | 44 | - | 1,520 |
| Other animals and other animal products | 309 | 3 | 87 | 424 | 2,727 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 23,270 | 27 | 97 | 1,297 | 3,059 |
| Sheep and lambs | 3,092 | 5 | 93 | 365 | 2,867 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older | 2,874 | 24 | 96 | 895 | 2,983 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens ³ | (D) | (D) | 79 | (D) | 2,599 |
| Quail ³ | (D) | (D) | 34 | (D) | 1,412 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | | | |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 18,944 | 32 | 97 | 1,154 | 3,059 |
| Corn for silage | 2,333 | 14 | 87 | 678 | 2,307 |
| Corn for grain | 651 | 59 | 96 | 1,909 | 2,592 |
| All Wheat for grain | 393 | 57 | 87 | 1,857 | 2,517 |
| Nursery stock ³ | (D) | (D) | 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 | 170 | Farming | 337 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 88 | Other | 313 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 77 | Principal operators by sex: | |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 114 | Male | 565 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 73 | Female | 85 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 16 | Average age of principal operator (years) | 56.2 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 30 | All operators ² by race: | |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 16 | White | 954 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 27 | Black or African American | 13 |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 26 | American Indian or Alaska Native | - |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 8 | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | - |
| \$500,000 or more | 5 | Asian | - |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 15,035 | More than one race | 6 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 23,239 | All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 14 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 2,561 | | |
| Average per farm (\$) | 3,959 | | |

(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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.