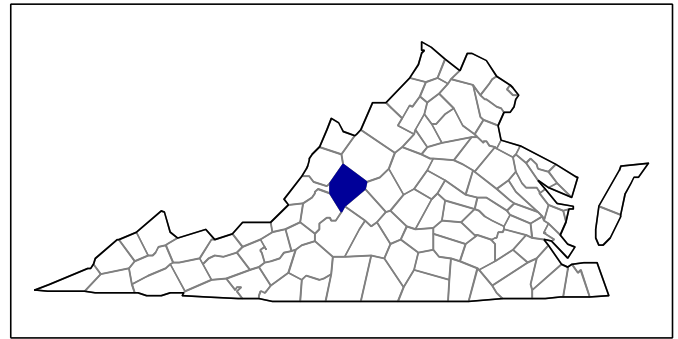




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile



## Rockbridge, Virginia

### Number of farms

789 farms in 2002, 763 farms in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Land in farms

157,308 acres in 2002, 148,886 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

### Average size of farm

199 acres in 2002, 195 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$18,545,000 in 2002, \$15,841,000 in 1997, up 17 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,528,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$16,017,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

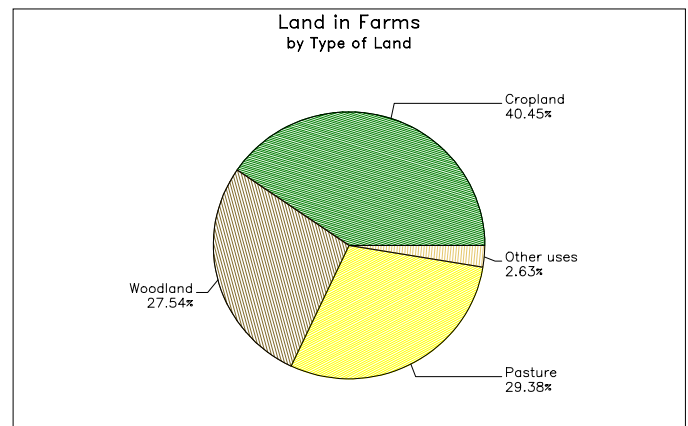
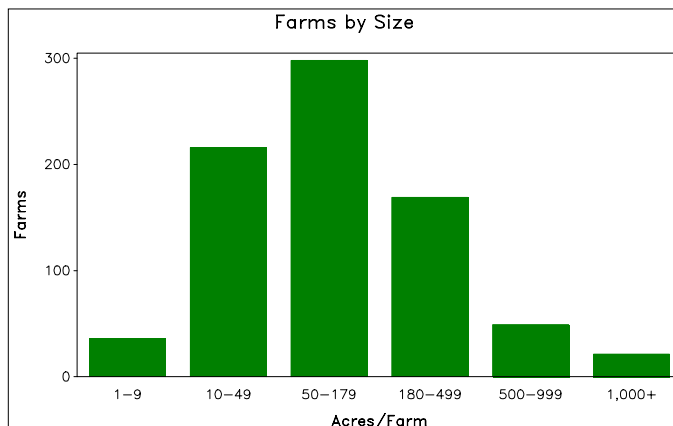
\$23,505 in 2002, \$20,761 in 1997, up 13 percent.

### Government Payments

\$759,000 in 2002, \$150,000 in 1997, up 406 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,104 in 2002, \$1,972 in 1997, up 108 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	18,545	37	98	2,153	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,528	65	97	2,412	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	16,017	26	98	1,487	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	319	57	95	2,123	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	262	25	93	783	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,081	35	95	1,057	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	771	31	97	1,503	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3,289	17	94	709	2,918
Cattle and calves	9,650	16	97	1,017	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,681	26	83	882	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	124	12	93	679	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	225	33	94	1,006	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	2	64	87	2,338	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Turkeys	113,560	7	72	153	2,328
Cattle and calves	37,411	13	97	845	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,701	12	93	648	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,401	15	97	839	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,323	28	96	1,196	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	29,820	12	97	730	3,059
Corn for silage	2,053	16	87	743	2,307
Corn for grain	1,520	44	96	1,659	2,592
Barley	220	41	73	570	1,246
All Wheat for grain	176	66	87	2,066	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	166	Farming	387
\$1,000 to \$2,499	134	Other	402
\$2,500 to \$4,999	118		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	135	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	79	Male	680
\$20,000 to \$24,999	30	Female	109
\$25,000 to \$39,999	48		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	15	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	White	1,109
\$500,000 or more	7	Black or African American	8
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	15,626	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	19,957	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,788	Asian	1
Average per farm (\$)	6,115	More than one race	-
		All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(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.