

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Smyth, Virginia

#### Number of farms

877 farms in 2002, 921 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

#### Land in farms

124,884 acres in 2002, 131,082 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

#### Average size of farm

142 acres in 2002, 142 acres in 1997, unchanged.

#### Market Value of Production

\$21,873,000 in 2002, \$20,335,000 in 1997, up 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,930,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$18,943,000 of the total value in 2002.

#### Market Value of Production, average per farm

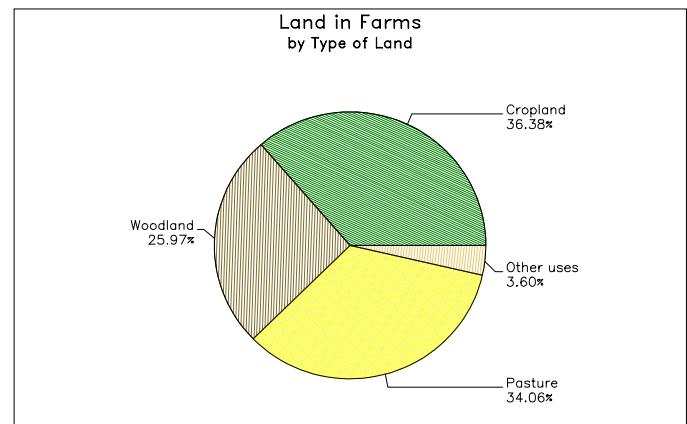
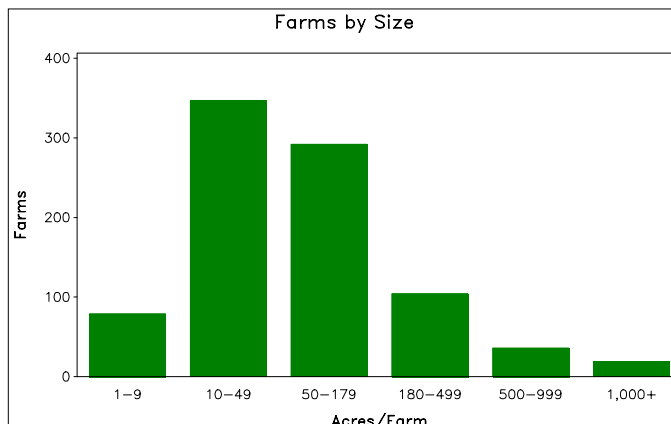
\$24,941 in 2002, \$22,079 in 1997, up 13 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$557,000 in 2002, \$91,000 in 1997, up 512 percent.

#### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,281 in 2002, \$1,129 in 1997, up 279 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	21,873	29	98	2,015	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,930	60	97	2,345	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	18,943	18	98	1,347	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	94	70	95	2,395	2,871
Tobacco	1,711	15	43	208	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	60	69	95	1,964	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	159	37	93	1,019	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	114	73	95	2,040	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	239	6	76	231	1,774
Other crops and hay	553	42	97	1,818	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1	82	94	2,671	2,918
Cattle and calves	12,514	12	97	828	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,564	11	83	581	2,493
Hogs and pigs	11	50	90	2,289	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	565	3	93	164	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	76	52	94	2,024	3,014
Aquaculture	204	14	44	429	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	9	42	87	1,875	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	35,096	14	97	911	3,059
All Goats	1,627	3	95	247	2,971
Horses and ponies	1,029	24	97	1,242	3,065
Sheep and lambs	577	29	93	1,357	2,867
Quail	286	13	34	633	1,412
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	19,400	30	97	1,132	3,059
Corn for silage	2,480	13	87	653	2,307
Tobacco	597	15	43	184	563
Corn for grain	247	79	96	2,158	2,592
Cut Christmas trees	154	17	81	472	1,877

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	191	Farming	435
\$1,000 to \$2,499	121	Other	442
\$2,500 to \$4,999	141		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	118	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	130	Male	774
\$20,000 to \$24,999	22	Female	103
\$25,000 to \$39,999	46		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	24	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	37		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	27	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	12	White	1,189
\$500,000 or more	8	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	20,061	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	22,875	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,888	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	4,433	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	10

(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.