

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Bath, Virginia

Number of farms

124 farms in 2002, 153 farms in 1997, down 19 percent.

Land in farms

52,335 acres in 2002, 61,456 acres in 1997, down 15 percent.

Average size of farm

422 acres in 2002, 402 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$2,520,000 in 2002, \$2,182,000 in 1997, up 15 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$100,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,419,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

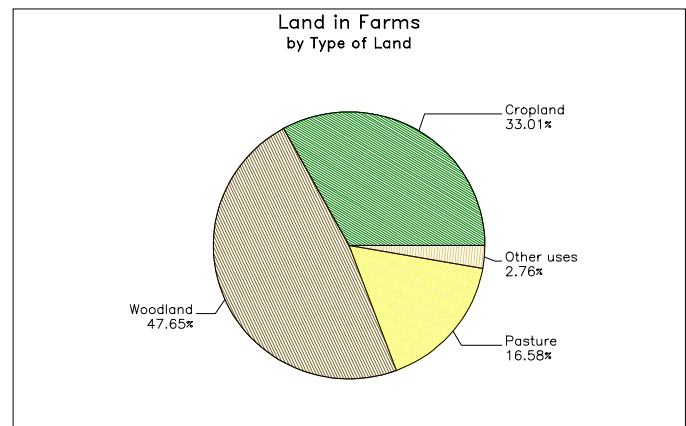
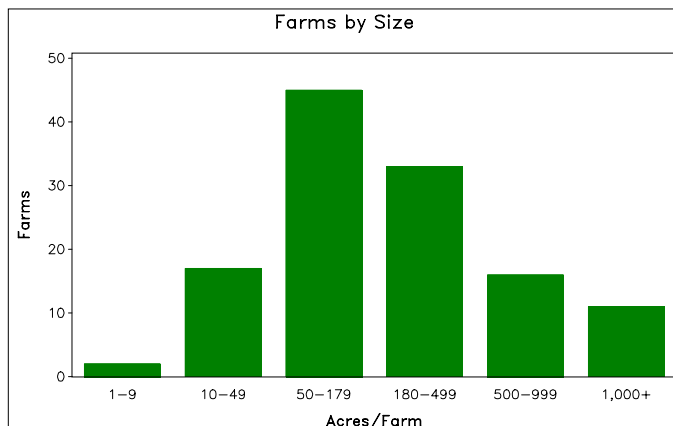
\$20,319 in 2002, \$14,261 in 1997, up 42 percent.

Government Payments

\$37,000 in 2002, \$11,000 in 1997, up 236 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,675 in 2002, \$464 in 1997, up 261 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	2,520	90	98	2,916	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	100	97	97	3,029	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,419	70	98	2,645	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
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	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	7	87	93	2,292	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	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1	78	94	2,586	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	83	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	90	-	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	6	73	93	2,507	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	5,348	61	97	2,484	3,059
Sheep and lambs	310	38	93	1,736	2,867
Horses and ponies	154	84	97	2,884	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	74	89	96	2,794	2,983
Colonies of bees	(D)	55	80	(D)	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,927	61	97	2,067	3,059
Corn for silage	171	68	87	1,808	2,307
Cut Christmas trees	33	52	81	994	1,877
Apples	9	50	87	1,187	2,173
Corn for grain ³	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	(D)
\$1,000 to \$2,499	13
\$2,500 to \$4,999	23
\$5,000 to \$9,999	17
\$10,000 to \$19,999	14
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	6
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5
\$100,000 to \$249,999	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1
\$500,000 or more	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	2,554
Average per farm (\$)	20,932
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	32
Average per farm (\$)	266

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	72
Other	52
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	114
Female	10
Average age of principal operator (years)	59.4
All operators ² by race:	
White	196
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.