

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Chesapeake City, Virginia

Number of farms

268 farms in 2002, 249 farms in 1997, up 8 percent.

Land in farms

61,087 acres in 2002, 62,434 acres in 1997, down 2 percent.

Average size of farm

228 acres in 2002, 251 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$35,899,000 in 2002, \$36,592,000 in 1997, down 2 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$33,056,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,843,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

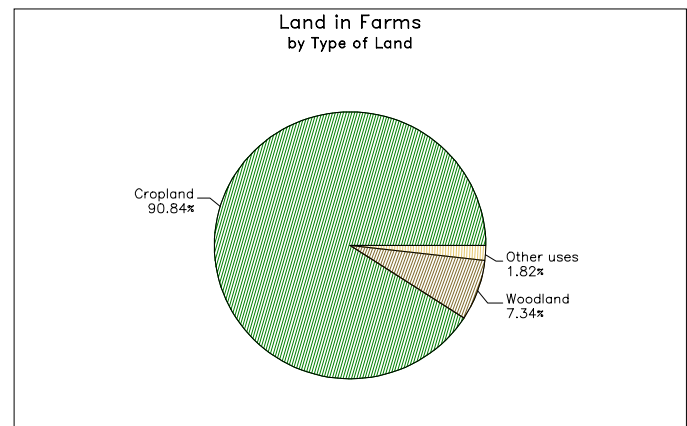
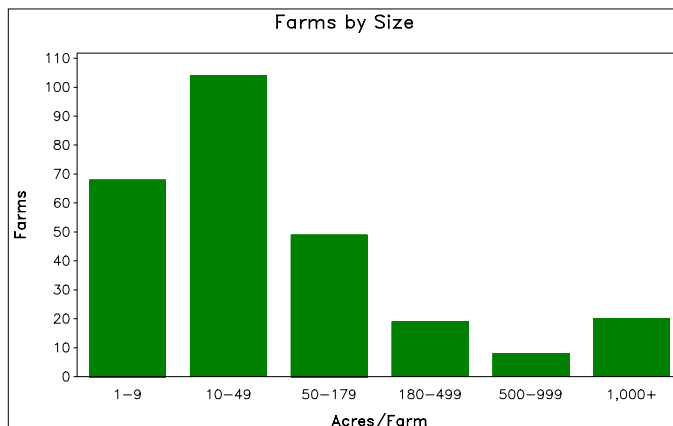
\$133,952 in 2002, \$146,954 in 1997, down 9 percent.

Government Payments

\$831,000 in 2002, \$599,000 in 1997, up 39 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$14,841 in 2002, \$8,808 in 1997, up 68 percent.



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United States Department of Agriculture, Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service**

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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	35,899	16	98	1,532	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	33,056	3	97	795	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,843	68	98	2,593	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	12,509	1	95	906	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	15	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	19,243	2	95	144	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	840	26	97	1,412	3,046
Poultry and eggs	17	48	94	1,761	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,340	63	97	2,413	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	19	48	93	1,922	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	11	36	87	1,771	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	(D)	13	87	(D)	2,926
Cattle and calves	2,058	74	97	2,808	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	955	38	96	1,427	2,983
Horses and ponies	712	36	97	1,719	3,065
All Goats	496	30	95	1,010	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	31,605	2	79	709	2,076
Corn for grain	14,232	3	96	916	2,592
All Wheat for grain	9,222	3	87	674	2,517
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,558	72	97	2,660	3,059
Barley	(D)	17	73	(D)	1,246

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	65	Farming	178
\$1,000 to \$2,499	41	Other	90
\$2,500 to \$4,999	29		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	42	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	23	Male	219
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Female	49
\$25,000 to \$39,999	10		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	17	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7	White	375
\$500,000 or more	12	Black or African American	21
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	29,688	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	112,455	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,749	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	29,354	All operators ² 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.

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.