

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Virginia Beach City, Virginia

Number of farms

172 farms in 2002, 188 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

Land in farms

28,382 acres in 2002, 33,798 acres in 1997, down 16 percent.

Average size of farm

165 acres in 2002, 180 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$9,661,000 in 2002, \$15,282,000 in 1997, down 37 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$7,716,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,945,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

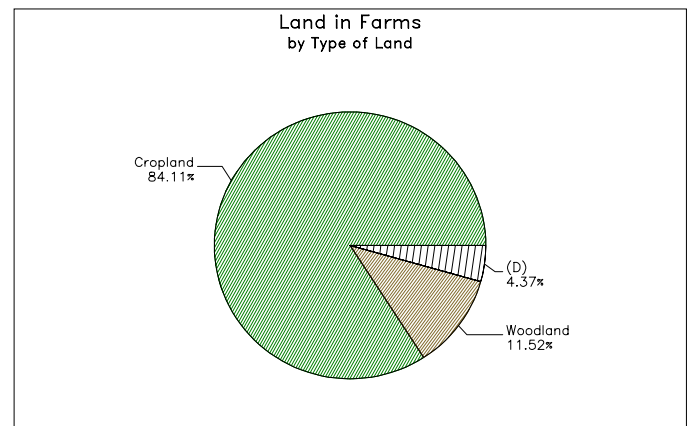
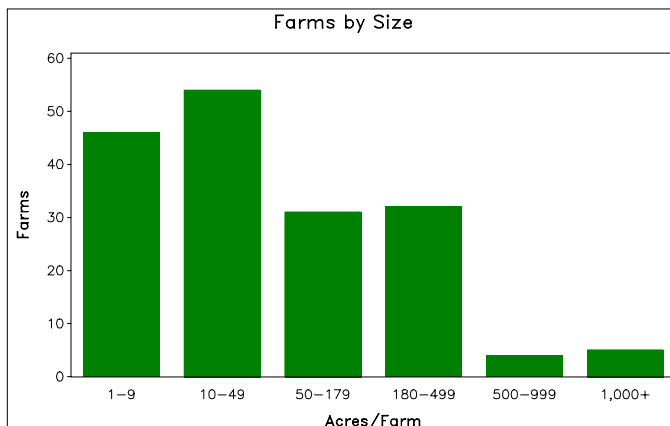
\$56,168 in 2002, \$81,286 in 1997, down 31 percent.

Government Payments

\$422,000 in 2002, \$265,000 in 1997, up 59 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$9,803 in 2002, \$7,585 in 1997, up 29 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	9,661	57	98	2,521	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	7,716	27	97	1,829	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,945	71	98	2,716	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,647	18	95	1,351	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	43	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	15	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,748	6	95	568	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	293	22	93	741	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,931	25	95	816	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	18	46	94	1,747	2,918
Cattle and calves	75	92	97	2,982	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1,630	9	90	768	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	8	69	93	2,400	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	81	49	94	1,968	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)					
Hogs and pigs	(D)	10	87	(D)	2,926
Layers 20 weeks old and older	567	47	96	1,800	2,983
Cattle and calves	430	93	97	2,980	3,059
Horses and ponies	420	61	97	2,324	3,065
Sheep and lambs	178	49	93	2,020	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	13,306	15	79	958	2,076
Corn for grain	4,852	27	96	1,289	2,592
All Wheat for grain	3,143	21	87	1,105	2,517
Potatoes	(D)	2	64	(D)	1,551
All Cotton	512	13	17	545	663

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	41	Farming	90
\$1,000 to \$2,499	25	Other	82
\$2,500 to \$4,999	15		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	12	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	21	Male	133
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Female	39
\$25,000 to \$39,999	20		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	14		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	White	217
\$500,000 or more	6	Black or African American	23
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	10,051	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	57,767	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,080	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	6,205	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(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.