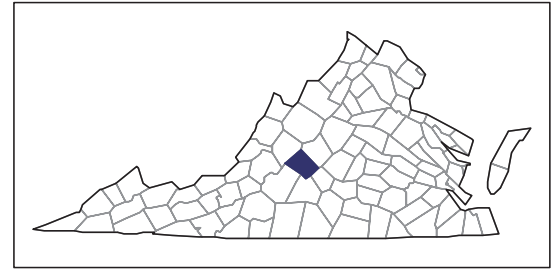


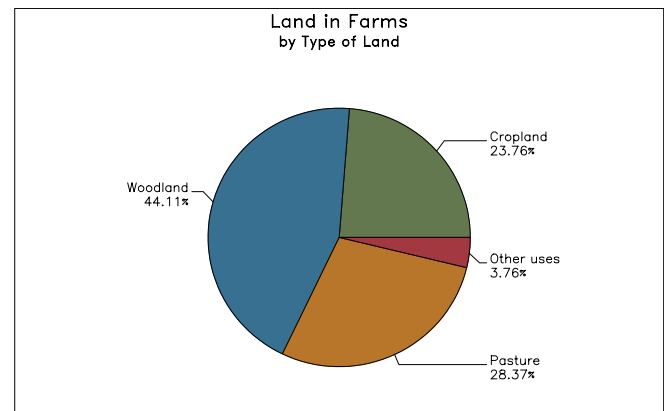
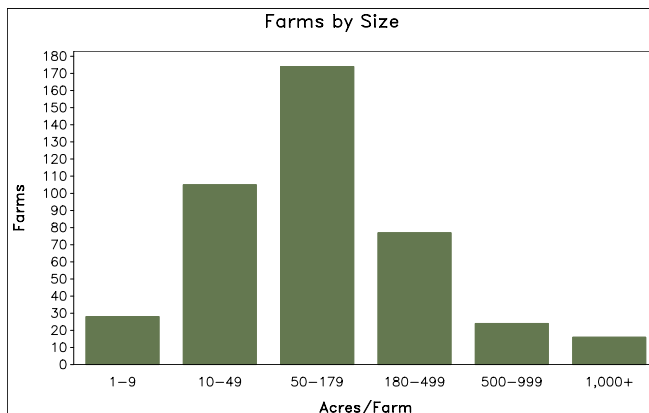
# 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## County Profile



## Amherst County Virginia

	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	424	460	- 8
<b>Land in Farms</b>	88,430 acres	99,863 acres	- 11
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	209 acres	217 acres	- 4
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$7,645,000	\$6,368,000	+ 20
Crop Sales \$1,357,000 (18 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$6,287,000 (82 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$18,030	\$13,844	+ 30
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$89,000	\$61,000	+ 46
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$1,414	\$1,743	- 19



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### Amherst County – Virginia

#### Ranked items among the 98 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

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	7,645	73	98	2,707	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,357	83	98	2,716	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,287	52	98	2,327	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	14	89	97	2,713	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	34	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	417	24	96	771	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	445	53	94	1,476	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	51	64	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	451	54	98	2,226	3,054
Poultry and eggs	22	64	96	2,112	3,020
Cattle and calves	5,968	34	96	1,588	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	231	61	78	1,839	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1	76	86	2,761	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	19	56	95	2,323	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	46	65	94	2,260	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(Z)	83	94	2,731	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	14,550	40	98	1,347	3,060
Corn for silage	434	50	81	1,406	2,263
Corn for grain	(D)	84	94	(D)	2,634
Apples	80	18	88	351	2,144
Grapes	51	15	86	244	2,040
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	15,754	35	97	1,621	3,060
Layers	875	50	97	1,742	3,024
Horses and ponies	567	54	97	2,103	3,066
Goats, all	409	55	97	1,668	3,023
Sheep and lambs	104	68	94	2,314	2,891

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	110	Farming	179
\$1,000 to \$2,499	49	Other	245
\$2,500 to \$4,999	54	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	74	Male	360
\$10,000 to \$19,999	56	Female	64
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11	Black or African American	19
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
\$500,000 or more	1	White	613
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	9,474	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	22,344	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-933		
Average per farm (\$)	-2,201		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

<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.