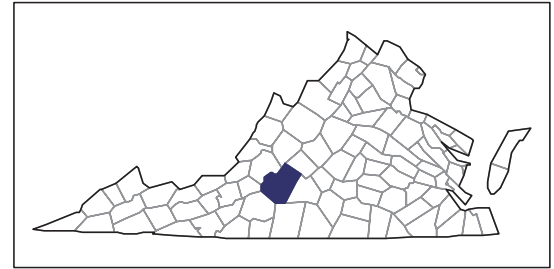


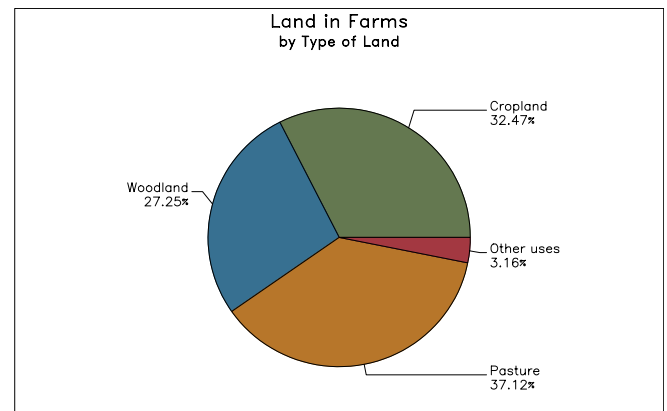
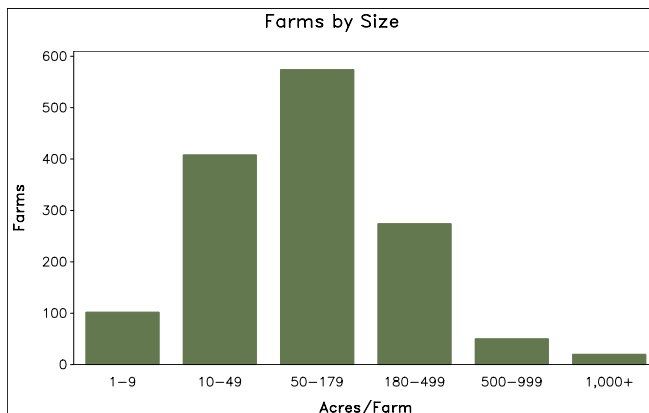
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile



Bedford County Virginia

	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,428	1,289	+ 11
Land in Farms	212,237 acres	199,244 acres	+ 7
Average Size of Farm	149 acres	155 acres	- 4
Market Value of Products Sold	\$23,647,000	\$19,375,000	+ 22
Crop Sales \$3,907,000 (17 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$19,741,000 (83 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$16,560	\$15,031	+ 10
Government Payments	\$342,000	\$798,000	- 57
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$2,013	\$3,181	- 37



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Bedford County – Virginia

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

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	23,647	32	98	2,149	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,907	54	98	2,346	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	19,741	23	98	1,526	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	344	63	97	2,226	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	34	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	215	43	95	1,472	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,187	13	96	425	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	519	49	94	1,402	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	47	17	64	621	1,710
Other crops and hay	1,593	13	98	1,071	3,054
Poultry and eggs	48	46	96	1,683	3,020
Cattle and calves	12,239	15	96	1,035	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	7,007	8	78	604	2,493
Hogs and pigs	30	37	86	1,791	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	31	43	95	2,021	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	213	26	94	1,069	3,024
Aquaculture	16	27	44	955	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	156	6	94	800	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	47,333	3	98	317	3,060
Corn for silage	2,476	11	81	559	2,263
Corn for grain	702	64	94	1,966	2,634
Wheat for grain, all	526	50	81	1,824	2,481
Barley for grain	280	25	64	459	1,154
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	52,031	5	97	544	3,060
Horses and ponies	2,498	7	97	377	3,066
Layers	1,987	27	97	1,117	3,024
Goats, all	1,130	16	97	647	3,023
Hogs and pigs	500	27	89	1,425	2,958

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	465	Farming	553
\$1,000 to \$2,499	139	Other	875
\$2,500 to \$4,999	194	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	220	Male	1,239
\$10,000 to \$19,999	184	Female	189
\$20,000 to \$24,999	46	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	78	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	26	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	31	Asian	7
\$100,000 to \$249,999	31	Black or African American	31
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	5	White	2,048
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	28,956	More than one race	21
Average per farm (\$)	20,277	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-2,097		
Average per farm (\$)	-1,469		

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.

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.