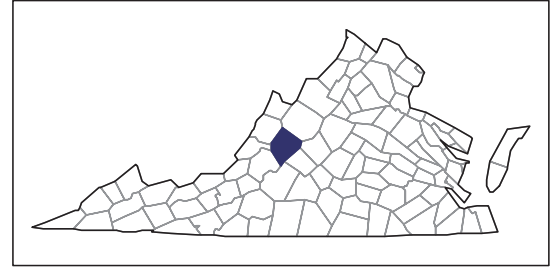


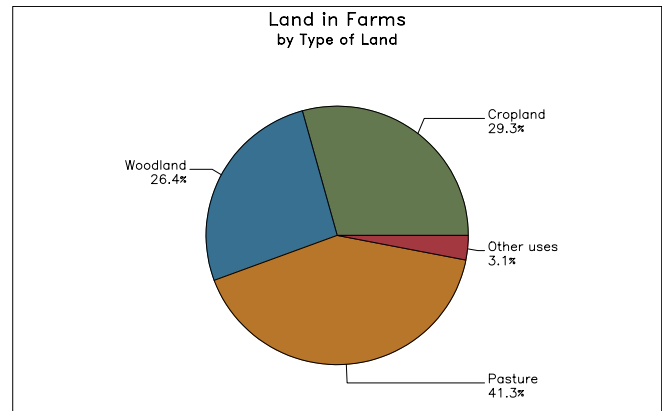
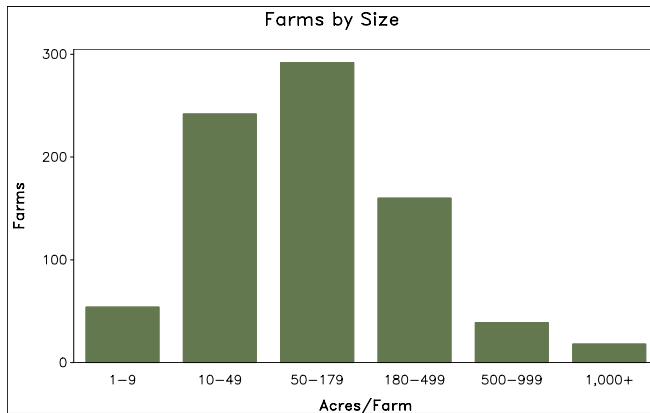
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile



Rockbridge County Virginia

	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	805	789	+ 2
Land in Farms	138,315 acres	157,308 acres	- 12
Average Size of Farm	172 acres	199 acres	- 14
Market Value of Products Sold	\$19,680,000	\$18,545,000	+ 6
Crop Sales \$3,776,000 (19 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$15,904,000 (81 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$24,447	\$23,505	+ 4
Government Payments	\$292,000	\$759,000	- 62
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$2,605	\$4,104	- 37



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Rockbridge 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	19,680	39	98	2,266	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,776	55	98	2,356	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	15,904	26	98	1,703	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	421	61	97	2,184	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	34	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	18	90	95	2,417	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	275	32	96	939	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	736	42	94	1,225	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	18	33	64	920	1,710
Other crops and hay	2,307	8	98	755	3,054
Poultry and eggs	2,254	19	96	866	3,020
Cattle and calves	10,175	16	96	1,180	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,038	26	78	919	2,493
Hogs and pigs	51	31	86	1,581	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	149	19	95	809	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	195	27	94	1,133	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	42	31	94	1,436	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	27,622	14	98	756	3,060
Corn for silage	1,507	22	81	781	2,263
Corn for grain	930	58	94	1,888	2,634
Soybeans for beans	430	61	77	1,696	2,039
Barley for grain	320	23	64	430	1,154
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	53,432	9	72	212	2,371
Cattle and calves	32,455	15	97	976	3,060
Sheep and lambs	1,903	12	94	519	2,891
Layers	1,471	32	97	1,308	3,024
Horses and ponies	1,367	19	97	972	3,066

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	211	Farming	331
\$1,000 to \$2,499	88	Other	474
\$2,500 to \$4,999	89		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	124	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	127	Male	686
\$20,000 to \$24,999	35	Female	119
\$25,000 to \$39,999	50		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	21	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	31		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	14	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$500,000 or more	8	Asian	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	20,031	Black or African American	9
Average per farm (\$)	24,883	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,145
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,645	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	2,044	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	11

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.