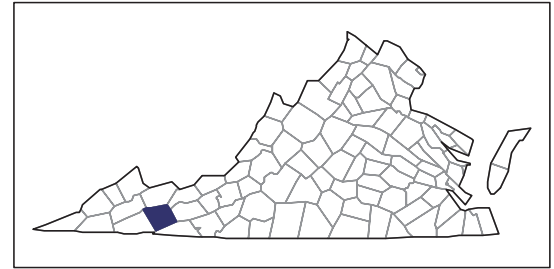


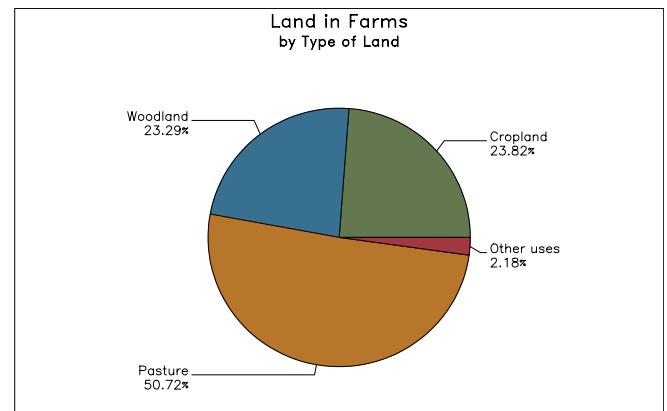
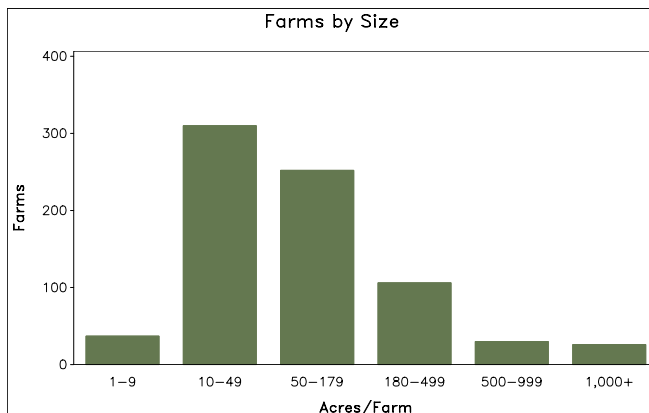
# 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## County Profile



## Smyth County Virginia

	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	761	877	- 13
<b>Land in Farms</b>	127,307 acres	124,884 acres	+ 2
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	167 acres	142 acres	+ 18
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$26,108,000	\$21,873,000	+ 19
Crop Sales \$2,114,000 (8 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$23,994,000 (92 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$34,307	\$24,941	+ 38
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$279,000	\$557,000	- 50
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$1,764	\$4,281	- 59



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### Smyth 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	26,108	28	98	2,079	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,114	73	98	2,566	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	23,994	19	98	1,377	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	248	68	97	2,295	2,933
Tobacco	276	21	34	284	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	304	34	95	1,303	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	42	96	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	178	63	94	1,845	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	871	35	98	1,675	3,054
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	3,020
Cattle and calves	17,134	9	96	793	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,812	14	78	661	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	86	(D)	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	301	7	95	422	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	53	56	94	2,160	3,024
Aquaculture	565	7	44	298	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	4	65	94	2,310	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	19,200	26	98	1,082	3,060
Corn for silage	2,274	14	81	594	2,263
Corn for grain	274	77	94	2,173	2,634
Wheat for grain, all	(D)	68	81	(D)	2,481
Vegetables harvested for sale	92	37	95	1,376	2,794
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	39,234	11	97	804	3,060
Quail	4,032	6	38	205	1,386
Goats, all	1,956	5	97	301	3,023
Sheep and lambs	1,813	13	94	540	2,891
Horses and ponies	1,217	24	97	1,140	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	223	Farming	310
\$1,000 to \$2,499	81	Other	451
\$2,500 to \$4,999	97		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	89	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	84	Male	674
\$20,000 to \$24,999	28	Female	87
\$25,000 to \$39,999	52		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	21	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	36		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	24	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
\$500,000 or more	13	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	23,624	Black or African American	4
Average per farm (\$)	31,044	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,109
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,593	More than one race	14
Average per farm (\$)	4,721	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	2

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.