

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Clarke, Virginia

Number of farms

472 farms in 2002, 409 farms in 1997, up 15 percent.

Land in farms

74,279 acres in 2002, 76,371 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

157 acres in 2002, 187 acres in 1997, down 16 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$15,616,000 in 2002, \$13,443,000 in 1997, up 16 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$5,276,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$10,340,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

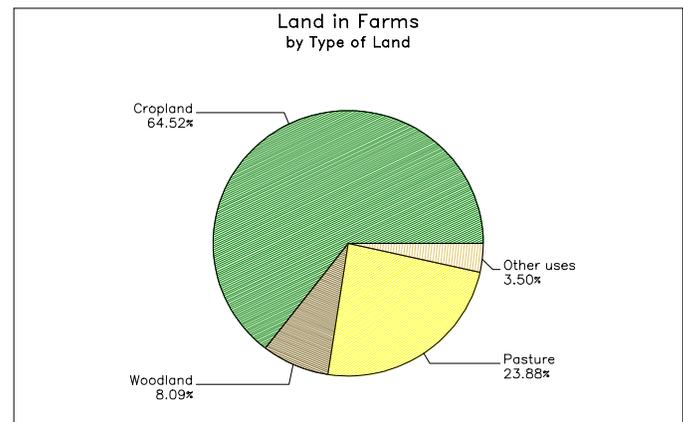
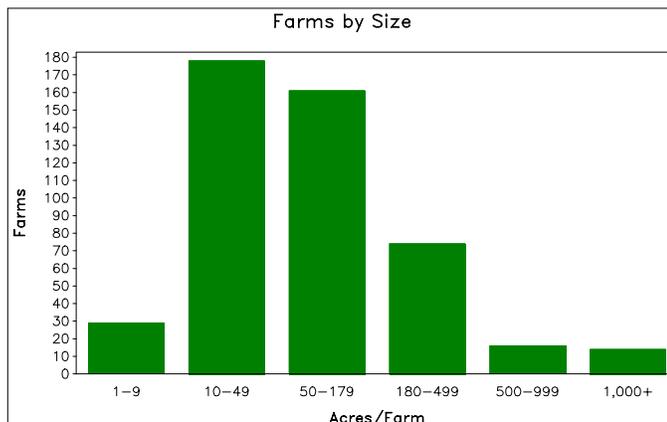
\$33,086 in 2002, \$32,869 in 1997, up 1 percent.

Government Payments

\$422,000 in 2002, \$244,000 in 1997, up 73 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,272 in 2002, \$3,256 in 1997, up 123 percent.



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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	15,616	42	98	2,255	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,276	44	97	2,051	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	10,340	37	98	1,859	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,185	37	95	1,731	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	72	63	95	1,879	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,734	6	93	258	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,373	30	95	960	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	46	30	76	670	1,774
Other crops and hay	866	23	97	1,382	3,046
Poultry and eggs	25	42	94	1,643	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,217	31	97	1,481	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,069	23	83	825	2,493
Hogs and pigs	20	40	90	2,057	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	134	11	93	635	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,748	5	94	58	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	127	9	87	769	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	16,887	38	97	1,618	3,059
Sheep and lambs	2,434	9	93	463	2,867
Horses and ponies	2,322	7	97	370	3,065
Colonies of bees	1,385	1	80	368	2,392
Layers 20 weeks old and older	667	45	96	1,685	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	16,376	38	97	1,284	3,059
Corn for grain	3,582	31	96	1,399	2,592
Apples	2,056	3	87	38	2,173
Soybeans	1,530	46	79	1,439	2,076
Corn for silage	1,487	24	87	914	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	129	Farming	250
\$1,000 to \$2,499	86	Other	222
\$2,500 to \$4,999	56		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	48	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	51	Male	360
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17	Female	112
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	16		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	22	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	White	692
\$500,000 or more	6	Black or African American	9
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,573	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	37,231	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,553	Asian	2
Average per farm (\$)	-3,290	More than one race	4
		All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7

(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.