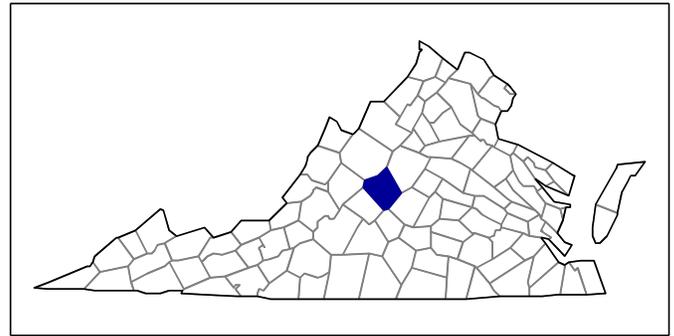




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Number of farms

456 farms in 2002, 438 farms in 1997, up 4 percent.

Land in farms

84,691 acres in 2002, 78,446 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Average size of farm

186 acres in 2002, 179 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$7,565,000 in 2002, \$6,872,000 in 1997, up 10 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$4,862,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,703,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

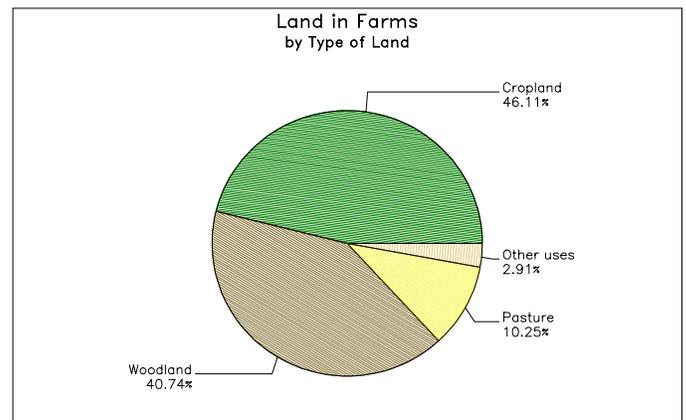
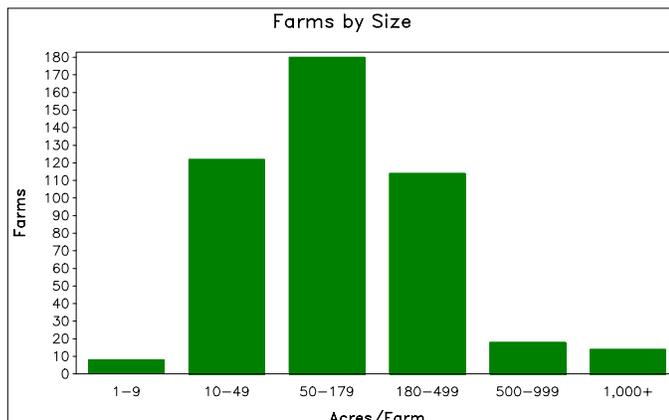
\$16,590 in 2002, \$15,691 in 1997, up 6 percent.

Government Payments

\$224,000 in 2002, \$166,000 in 1997, up 35 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,761 in 2002, \$3,201 in 1997, down 14 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	7,565	64	98	2,614	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	4,862	48	97	2,087	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,703	69	98	2,616	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	572	16	95	957	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,948	4	93	199	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	870	40	95	1,152	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	345	59	97	2,196	3,046
Poultry and eggs	5	60	94	2,192	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,402	48	97	2,042	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	54	27	93	1,203	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	55	65	94	2,300	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	5	53	87	2,075	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	12,612	45	97	1,869	3,059
Sheep and lambs	(D)	13	93	(D)	2,867
All Goats	732	17	95	705	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	520	51	96	1,879	2,983
Horses and ponies	484	58	97	2,202	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	14,759	41	97	1,383	3,059
Apples	953	5	87	62	2,173
All Vegetables harvested	281	14	95	826	2,710
Pumpkins	252	2	73	76	1,714
Grapes	217	5	76	95	1,830

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	116
\$1,000 to \$2,499	56
\$2,500 to \$4,999	87
\$5,000 to \$9,999	67
\$10,000 to \$19,999	76
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4
\$500,000 or more	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	7,978
Average per farm (\$)	17,458
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-143
Average per farm (\$)	-312

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	226
Other	230
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	399
Female	57
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.0
All operators ² by race:	
White	652
Black or African American	21
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	6
More than one race	2
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	21

(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.