

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Rockingham, Virginia

### Number of farms

2,043 farms in 2002, 2,129 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Land in farms

248,578 acres in 2002, 241,836 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

### Average size of farm

122 acres in 2002, 114 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$446,663,000 in 2002, \$444,380,000 in 1997, up 1 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$13,365,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$433,298,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

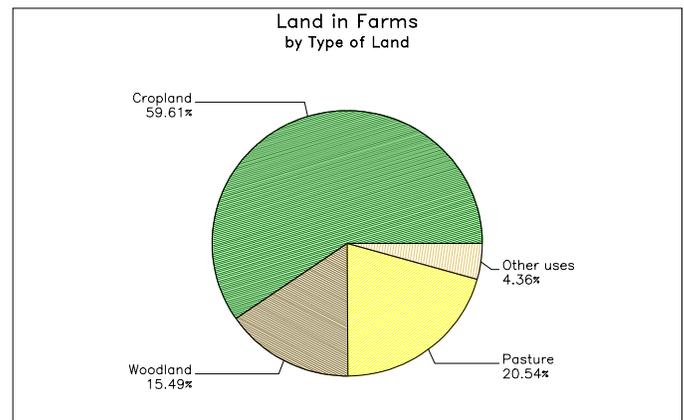
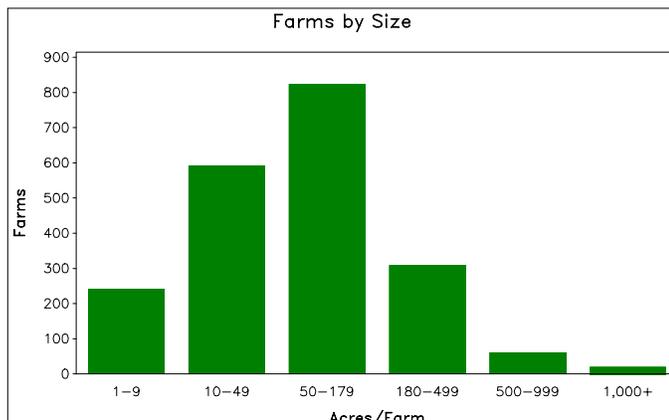
\$218,631 in 2002, \$208,727 in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Government Payments

\$4,811,000 in 2002, \$502,000 in 1997, up 858 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$13,476 in 2002, \$2,203 in 1997, up 512 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

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	446,663	1	98	39	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	13,365	17	97	1,462	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	433,298	1	98	17	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	3,873	16	95	1,335	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	372	21	95	1,098	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,734	5	93	207	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,193	19	95	621	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	60	22	76	579	1,774
Other crops and hay	3,133	5	97	394	3,046
Poultry and eggs	326,391	1	94	2	2,918
Cattle and calves	30,647	2	97	292	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	75,082	1	83	44	2,493
Hogs and pigs	190	23	90	1,280	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	407	4	93	224	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	289	23	94	761	3,014
Aquaculture	74	22	44	635	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	218	6	87	568	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	16,751,524	1	79	6	2,599
Turkeys	3,280,263	1	72	2	2,328
Layers 20 weeks old and older	804,025	1	96	115	2,983
Cattle and calves	119,938	1	97	84	3,059
Sheep and lambs	7,165	2	93	161	2,867
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	58,467	2	97	203	3,059
Corn for silage	25,748	1	87	25	2,307
Corn for grain	11,737	8	96	989	2,592
Soybeans	6,591	22	79	1,139	2,076
Barley	2,268	6	73	203	1,246

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	280	Farming	1,285
\$1,000 to \$2,499	215	Other	758
\$2,500 to \$4,999	200		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	207	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	167	Male	1,843
\$20,000 to \$24,999	35	Female	200
\$25,000 to \$39,999	69		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	75		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	228	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	284	White	3,112
\$500,000 or more	266	Black or African American	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	316,040	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Average per farm (\$)	154,618	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
		Asian	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	136,839	More than one race	18
Average per farm (\$)	66,947	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	27

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<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.