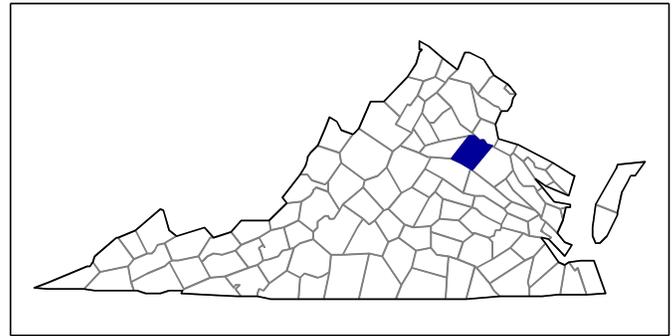




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Spotsylvania, Virginia

Number of farms

369 farms in 2002, 318 farms in 1997, up 16 percent.

Land in farms

56,346 acres in 2002, 51,533 acres in 1997, up 9 percent.

Average size of farm

153 acres in 2002, 162 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$5,937,000 in 2002, \$6,184,000 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,740,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,198,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

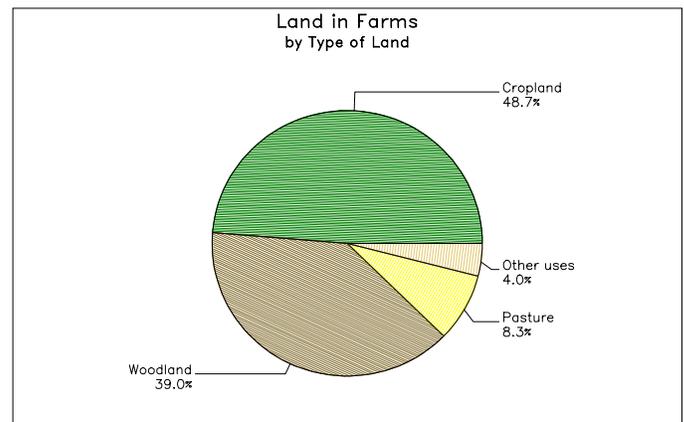
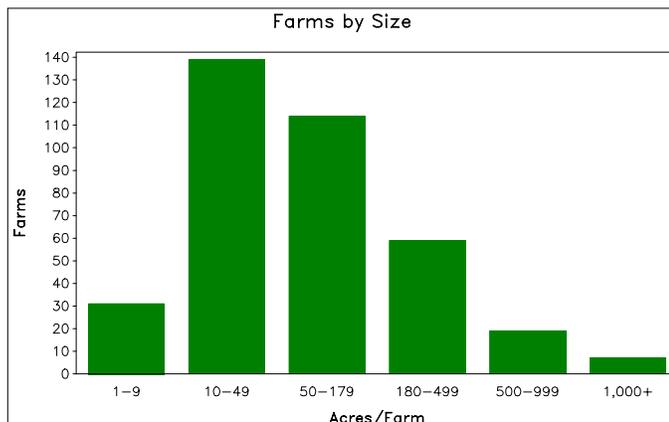
\$16,090 in 2002, \$19,446 in 1997, down 17 percent.

Government Payments

\$370,000 in 2002, \$197,000 in 1997, up 88 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,157 in 2002, \$3,076 in 1997, up 35 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	5,937	72	98	2,713	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,740	76	97	2,551	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	4,198	62	98	2,420	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	240	31	95	1,286	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	229	27	93	840	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	170	67	95	1,890	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	270	64	97	2,368	3,046
Poultry and eggs	14	52	94	1,871	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,853	55	97	2,219	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,960	32	83	1,033	2,493
Hogs and pigs	90	26	90	1,490	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	274	26	94	812	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	9,140	50	97	2,127	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,624	26	96	1,089	2,983
Horses and ponies	948	29	97	1,357	3,065
Hogs and pigs	506	25	87	1,627	2,926
Sheep and lambs	366	34	93	1,647	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,082	49	97	1,671	3,059
Corn for grain	3,132	32	96	1,435	2,592
Soybeans	1,954	44	79	1,390	2,076
Corn for silage	1,162	30	87	1,037	2,307
Barley	882	14	73	306	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	134	Farming	174
\$1,000 to \$2,499	44	Other	195
\$2,500 to \$4,999	57		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	53	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	36	Male	299
\$20,000 to \$24,999	10	Female	70
\$25,000 to \$39,999	10		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	6	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4	White	546
\$500,000 or more	2	Black or African American	13
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	8,253	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	22,428	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-1,351	Asian	11
Average per farm (\$)	-3,672	More than one race	-
		All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

(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.