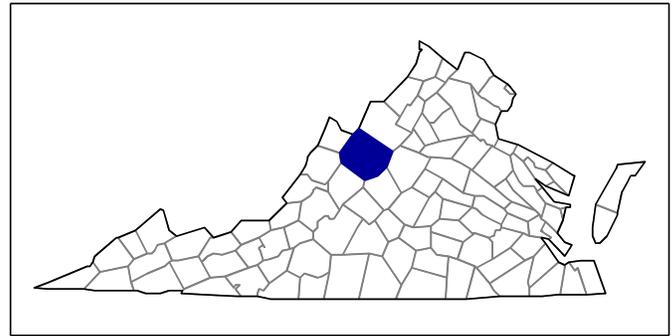




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Number of farms

1,691 farms in 2002, 1,816 farms in 1997, down 7 percent.

Land in farms

306,048 acres in 2002, 294,851 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Average size of farm

181 acres in 2002, 162 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$143,914,000 in 2002, \$141,350,000 in 1997, up 2 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$14,189,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$129,725,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

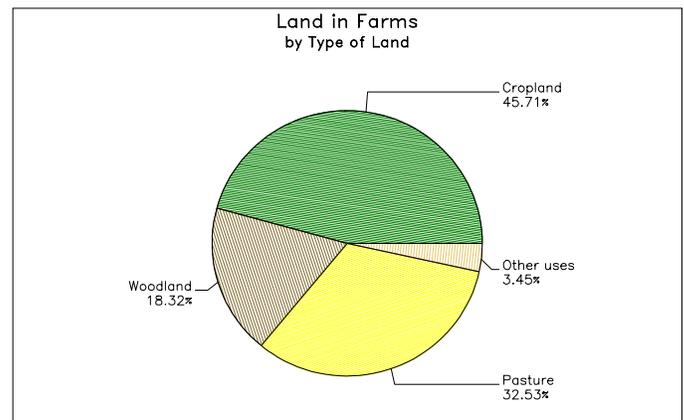
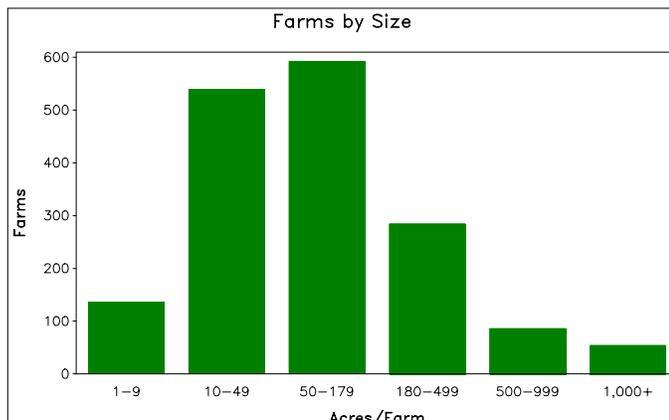
\$85,106 in 2002, \$77,836 in 1997, up 9 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,656,000 in 2002, \$393,000 in 1997, up 576 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,026 in 2002, \$2,409 in 1997, up 192 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	143,914	2	98	268	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	14,189	15	97	1,423	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	129,725	2	98	132	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,762	30	95	1,613	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	436	20	95	1,052	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	321	20	93	696	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	9,075	7	95	285	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	199	8	76	279	1,774
Other crops and hay	2,397	8	97	526	3,046
Poultry and eggs	68,934	3	94	84	2,918
Cattle and calves	35,900	1	97	236	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	23,177	2	83	198	2,493
Hogs and pigs	66	30	90	1,604	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	662	2	93	137	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	695	9	94	227	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	2,037,700	2	72	6	2,328
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,820,612	7	79	207	2,599
Cattle and calves	104,914	2	97	122	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	88,863	8	96	421	2,983
Sheep and lambs	8,764	1	93	134	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	60,191	1	97	182	3,059
Corn for silage	14,680	2	87	89	2,307
Corn for grain	7,593	18	96	1,132	2,592
Soybeans	3,024	38	79	1,299	2,076
All Wheat for grain	2,025	26	87	1,298	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	288	Farming	970
\$1,000 to \$2,499	213	Other	721
\$2,500 to \$4,999	218	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	260	Male	1,517
\$10,000 to \$19,999	201	Female	174
\$20,000 to \$24,999	50	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	81	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	34	White	2,502
\$50,000 to \$99,999	102	Black or African American	18
\$100,000 to \$249,999	86	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$250,000 to \$499,999	67	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	91	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	108,692	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	64,315	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	17
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	45,158		
Average per farm (\$)	26,721		

(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.