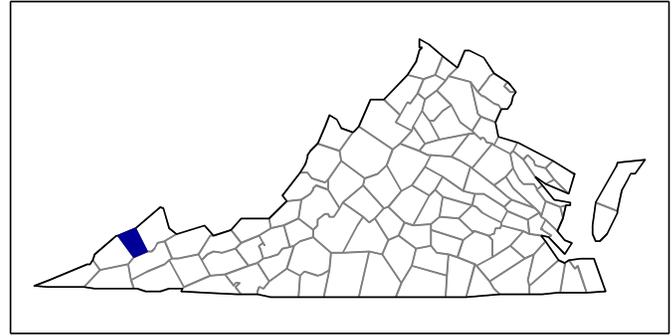




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Dickenson, Virginia

Number of farms

117 farms in 2002, 139 farms in 1997, down 16 percent.

Land in farms

11,761 acres in 2002, 10,936 acres in 1997, up 8 percent.

Average size of farm

101 acres in 2002, 79 acres in 1997, up 28 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$736,000 in 2002, \$566,000 in 1997, up 30 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$206,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$530,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

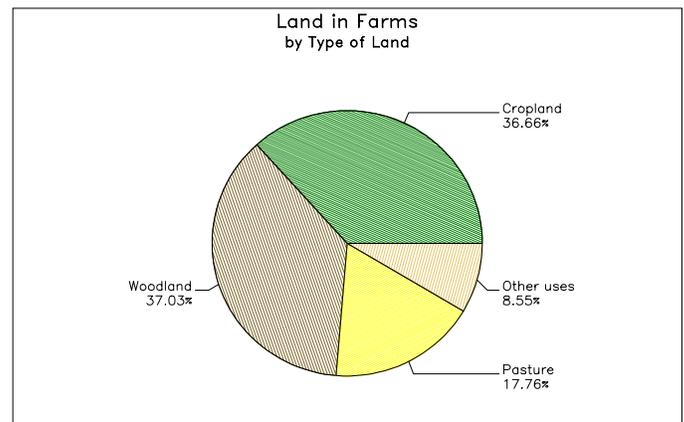
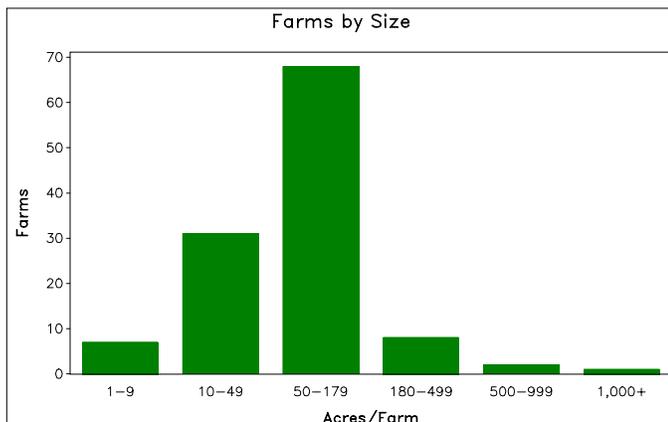
\$6,294 in 2002, \$4,074 in 1997, up 54 percent.

Government Payments

(Z) in 2002, (D) in 1997.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$116 in 2002, (D) in 1997.



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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	736	96	98	3,015	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	206	96	97	3,001	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	530	88	98	2,943	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	-	-	95	-	2,871
Tobacco	100	33	43	400	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	50	74	95	2,042	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	93	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	95	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	76	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	56	88	97	2,886	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	427	73	97	2,780	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	31	73	83	2,313	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	4	79	93	2,607	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	64	61	94	2,186	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	1,791	76	97	2,828	3,059
All Goats	282	52	95	1,548	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	210	76	96	2,449	2,983
Horses and ponies	164	83	97	2,878	3,065
Quail	(D)	23	34	(D)	1,412
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,547	77	97	2,794	3,059
Tobacco	36	31	43	399	563
Corn for grain	12	94	96	2,508	2,592
All Vegetables harvested	10	83	95	2,221	2,710
Cantaloups	(D)	34	76	(D)	1,583

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	37
\$1,000 to \$2,499	23
\$2,500 to \$4,999	19
\$5,000 to \$9,999	12
\$10,000 to \$19,999	18
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	3
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-
\$500,000 or more	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	749
Average per farm (\$)	6,404
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	89
Average per farm (\$)	761

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	57
Other	60
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	106
Female	11
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.4
All operators ² by race:	
White	170
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	4
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.