

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Highland, Virginia

#### Number of farms

293 farms in 2002, 344 farms in 1997, down 15 percent.

#### Land in farms

96,036 acres in 2002, 99,931 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

#### Average size of farm

328 acres in 2002, 290 acres in 1997, up 13 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$12,739,000 in 2002, \$13,020,000 in 1997, down 2 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$372,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$12,366,000 of the total value in 2002.

#### Market Value of Production, average per farm

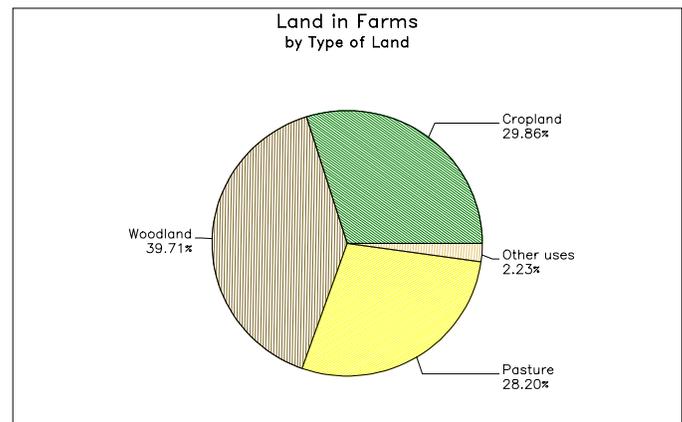
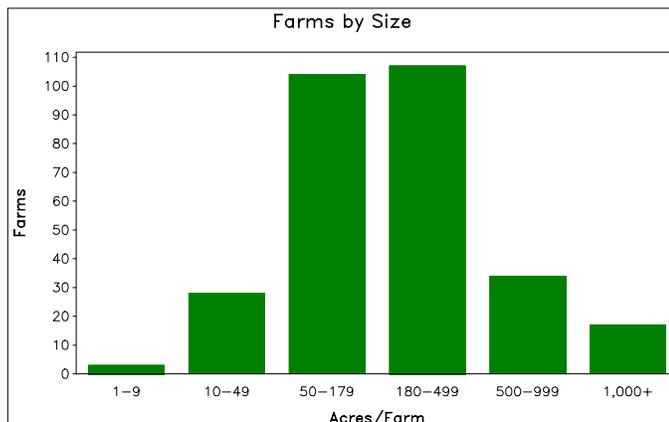
\$43,476 in 2002, \$37,849 in 1997, up 15 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$49,000 in 2002, \$22,000 in 1997, up 123 percent.

#### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,334 in 2002, \$1,224 in 1997, up 9 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	12,739	49	98	2,371	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	372	92	97	2,938	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	12,366	32	98	1,696	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
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	11	90	95	2,446	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	320	62	97	2,262	3,046
Poultry and eggs	6,357	11	94	560	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,262	29	97	1,477	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1	79	90	2,754	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	315	5	93	285	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	35	74	94	2,537	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	87	-	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Turkeys	244,967	5	72	95	2,328
Cattle and calves	11,202	47	97	1,957	3,059
Sheep and lambs	5,054	3	93	221	2,867
Horses and ponies	284	68	97	2,647	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	138	84	96	2,615	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,269	54	97	1,852	3,059
Corn for silage	312	56	87	1,596	2,307
Cut Christmas trees	54	46	81	808	1,877
Apples	21	35	87	842	2,173
Short-rotation woody crops	(D)	43	66	(D)	1,262

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	45	Farming	160
\$1,000 to \$2,499	19	Other	133
\$2,500 to \$4,999	27		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	45	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	51	Male	250
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17	Female	43
\$25,000 to \$39,999	37		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	18	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	10	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	White	418
\$500,000 or more	6	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	8,534	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	29,127	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,937	Asian	-
Average per farm (\$)	13,438	More than one race	-
		All operators <sup>2</sup> 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.

<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.