

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Orange, Virginia

Number of farms

486 farms in 2002, 527 farms in 1997, down 8 percent.

Land in farms

104,879 acres in 2002, 107,696 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

216 acres in 2002, 204 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$36,787,000 in 2002, \$26,659,000 in 1997, up 38 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$19,243,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$17,544,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

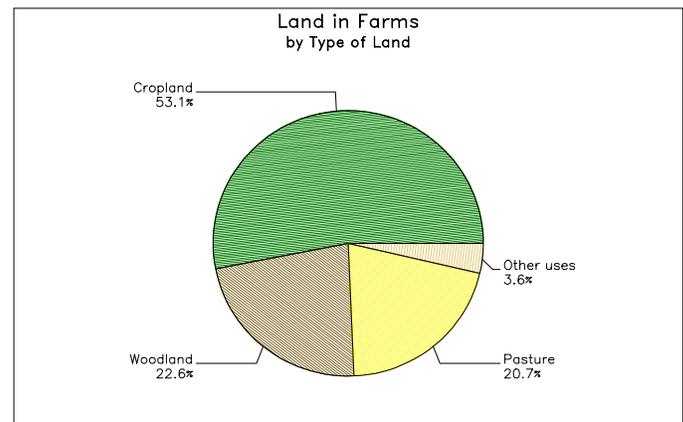
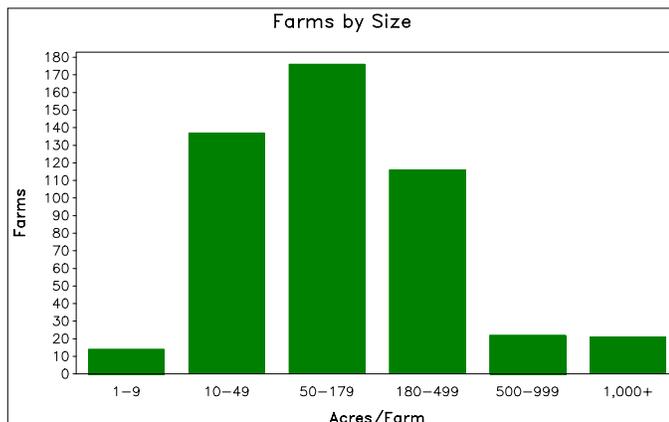
\$75,693 in 2002, \$50,586 in 1997, up 50 percent.

Government Payments

\$636,000 in 2002, \$347,000 in 1997, up 83 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,894 in 2002, \$3,180 in 1997, up 54 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	36,787	13	98	1,515	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	19,243	8	97	1,202	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	17,544	23	98	1,409	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	93	52	95	1,757	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,129	9	93	330	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	535	43	97	1,844	3,046
Poultry and eggs	5,650	12	94	594	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,679	28	97	1,420	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	4,122	15	83	710	2,493
Hogs and pigs	59	32	90	1,642	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	70	22	93	1,039	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,912	4	94	53	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	52	16	87	1,140	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	183,451	6	72	120	2,328
Cattle and calves	23,735	25	97	1,288	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,343	17	97	900	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	958	37	96	1,426	2,983
Sheep and lambs	504	30	93	1,455	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	21,256	24	97	1,046	3,059
Corn for grain	5,237	25	96	1,260	2,592
Soybeans	3,717	35	79	1,255	2,076
Corn for silage	2,662	11	87	623	2,307
All Wheat for grain	739	42	87	1,649	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	109	Farming	231
\$1,000 to \$2,499	63	Other	255
\$2,500 to \$4,999	62		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	73	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	58	Male	403
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Female	83
\$25,000 to \$39,999	28		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	34		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	16	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	10	White	653
\$500,000 or more	15	Black or African American	32
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	35,385	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Average per farm (\$)	72,067	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,385	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	15,041	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5

(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.