

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Pulaski, Virginia

Number of farms

448 farms in 2002, 449 farms in 1997, down slightly.

Land in farms

80,922 acres in 2002, 85,460 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Average size of farm

181 acres in 2002, 190 acres in 1997, down 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$14,427,000 in 2002, \$13,398,000 in 1997, up 8 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$886,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$13,540,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

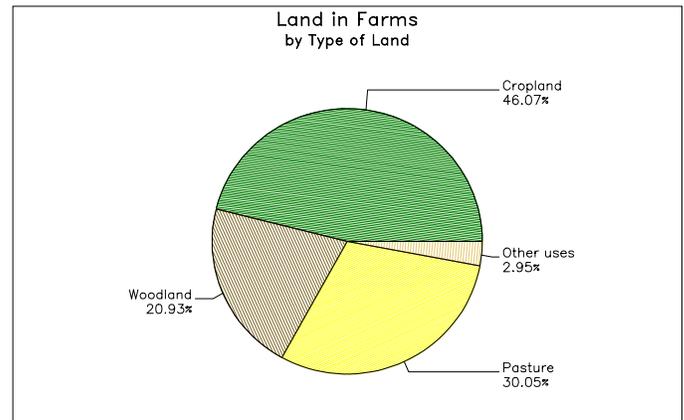
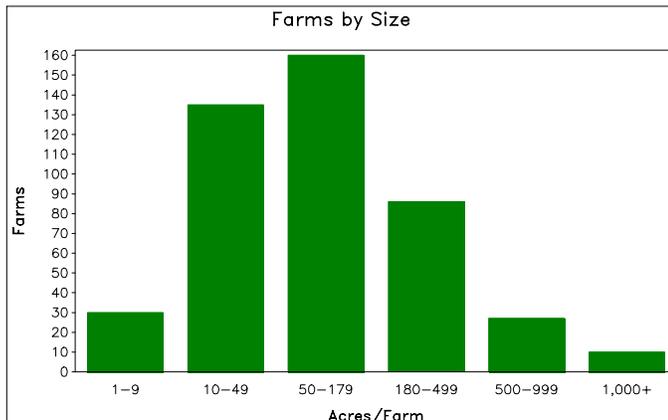
\$32,202 in 2002, \$29,840 in 1997, up 8 percent.

Government Payments

\$215,000 in 2002, \$126,000 in 1997, up 71 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,108 in 2002, \$2,065 in 1997, up 147 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	14,427	46	98	2,296	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	886	88	97	2,770	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,540	29	98	1,631	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	128	65	95	2,321	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	292	59	95	1,664	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	109	16	76	409	1,774
Other crops and hay	314	63	97	2,274	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	6,829	21	97	1,268	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	43	29	93	1,376	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	290	22	94	756	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	24,260	24	97	1,268	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,247	15	93	824	2,867
Horses and ponies	782	34	97	1,590	3,065
All Goats	427	34	95	1,142	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	414	59	96	2,045	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	16,725	36	97	1,259	3,059
Corn for silage	1,460	26	87	920	2,307
Corn for grain	797	57	96	1,858	2,592
Cut Christmas trees	305	6	81	289	1,877
All Wheat for grain	259	64	87	1,976	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	80
\$1,000 to \$2,499	81
\$2,500 to \$4,999	62
\$5,000 to \$9,999	80
\$10,000 to \$19,999	55
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16
\$25,000 to \$39,999	24
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	22
\$100,000 to \$249,999	15
\$250,000 to \$499,999	4
\$500,000 or more	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	11,136
Average per farm (\$)	24,802
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,956
Average per farm (\$)	6,583

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	199
Other	249
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	391
Female	57
Average age of principal operator (years)	54.6
All operators ² by race:	
White	617
Black or African American	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	-
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.