

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Tazewell, Virginia

Number of farms

551 farms in 2002, 618 farms in 1997, down 11 percent.

Land in farms

138,977 acres in 2002, 142,843 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

Average size of farm

252 acres in 2002, 231 acres in 1997, up 9 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$17,733,000 in 2002, \$14,509,000 in 1997, up 22 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,148,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$16,585,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

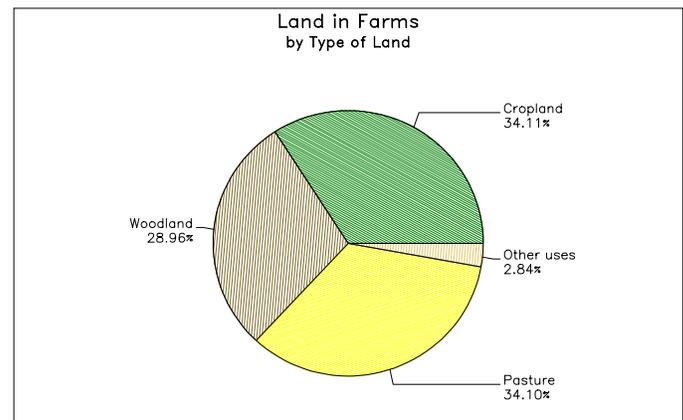
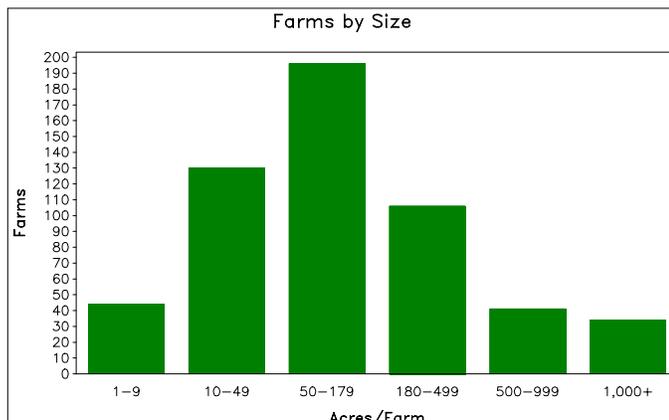
\$32,182 in 2002, \$23,478 in 1997, up 37 percent.

Government Payments

\$252,000 in 2002, \$74,000 in 1997, up 241 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,585 in 2002, \$1,149 in 1997, up 299 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	17,733	40	98	2,188	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,148	84	97	2,684	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	16,585	24	98	1,460	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	15	87	95	2,694	2,871
Tobacco	253	25	43	357	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	239	32	95	1,290	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	35	64	93	1,735	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	94	75	95	2,099	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	18	47	76	999	1,774
Other crops and hay	494	47	97	1,907	3,046
Poultry and eggs	40	40	94	1,517	2,918
Cattle and calves	12,897	11	97	810	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,835	24	83	861	2,493
Hogs and pigs	451	17	90	1,067	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	232	6	93	383	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	73	54	94	2,056	3,014
Aquaculture	44	25	44	719	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	13	32	87	1,704	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	37,446	12	97	844	3,059
Sheep and lambs	4,456	4	93	246	2,867
All Goats	1,336	4	95	320	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,137	32	96	1,294	2,983
Horses and ponies	1,027	25	97	1,245	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	21,523	23	97	1,034	3,059
Corn for silage	934	37	87	1,133	2,307
Corn for grain	619	61	96	1,918	2,592
Tobacco	79	24	43	357	563
Barley ³	(D)	(D)	73	(D)	1,246

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	107	Farming	262
\$1,000 to \$2,499	78	Other	289
\$2,500 to \$4,999	77		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	69	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	87	Male	467
\$20,000 to \$24,999	15	Female	84
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	43		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	16	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	12	White	795
\$500,000 or more	4	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	16,238	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	29,524	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,962	Asian	-
Average per farm (\$)	3,567	More than one race	1
		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.

³ Items with a rank that cannot be disclosed are separated by a blank line, position in table does not indicate rank.