

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Washington, Virginia

Number of farms

1,821 farms in 2002, 2,029 farms in 1997, down 10 percent.

Land in farms

197,495 acres in 2002, 190,573 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

Average size of farm

108 acres in 2002, 94 acres in 1997, up 15 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$50,596,000 in 2002, \$52,492,000 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$9,947,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$40,648,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

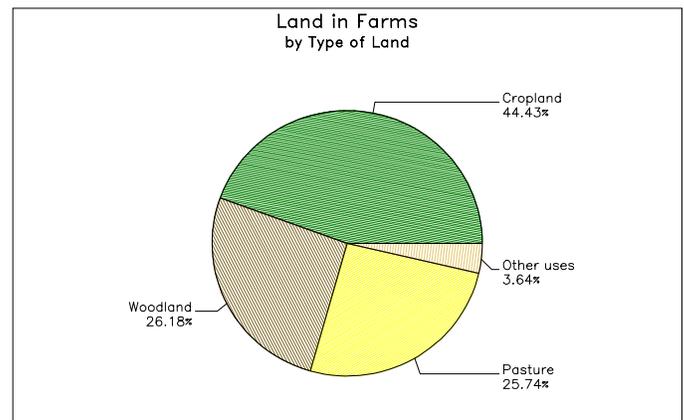
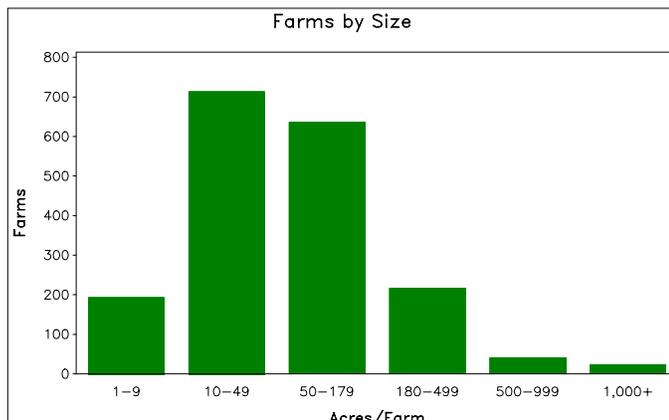
\$27,784 in 2002, \$25,871 in 1997, up 7 percent.

Government Payments

\$804,000 in 2002, \$198,000 in 1997, up 306 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,496 in 2002, \$1,113 in 1997, up 214 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	50,596	8	98	1,152	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,947	20	97	1,658	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	40,648	7	98	710	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	98	69	95	2,386	2,871
Tobacco	6,315	5	43	76	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	193	34	95	1,388	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	121	42	93	1,150	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	122	12	76	378	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	22,605	3	97	436	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	146	25	90	1,351	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	136	10	93	629	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	416	18	94	507	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	2	62	87	2,286	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	2	96	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	64,381	3	97	361	3,059
Sheep and lambs	2,883	7	93	391	2,867
All Goats	2,869	1	95	114	2,971
Horses and ponies	2,424	6	97	337	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	39,190	7	97	501	3,059
Corn for silage	3,116	10	87	550	2,307
Tobacco	1,877	4	43	65	563
Corn for grain	485	70	96	1,989	2,592
Dry edible peas	(D)	1	16	(D)	215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	377	Farming	957
\$1,000 to \$2,499	374	Other	864
\$2,500 to \$4,999	305	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	260	Male	1,593
\$10,000 to \$19,999	214	Female	228
\$20,000 to \$24,999	51	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	86	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	23	White	2,526
\$50,000 to \$99,999	52	Black or African American	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	45	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
\$250,000 to \$499,999	17	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	17	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	44,784	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	24,579	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	13
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,135		
Average per farm (\$)	5,014		

(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.