

# 2002 Census of Agriculture State Profile

## Virginia

### Number of farms

47,606 farms in 2002, 49,366 farms in 1997, down 4 percent.

### Land in farms

8,624,829 acres in 2002, 8,753,625 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

181 acres in 2002, 177 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$2,360,911,000 in 2002, \$2,394,779,000 in 1997, down 1 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$718,219,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,642,692,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

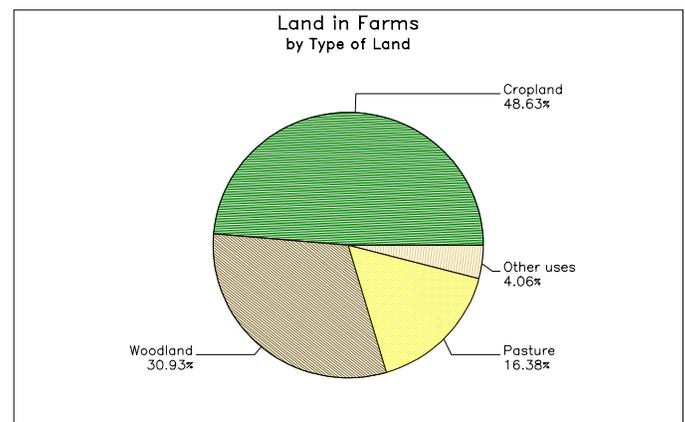
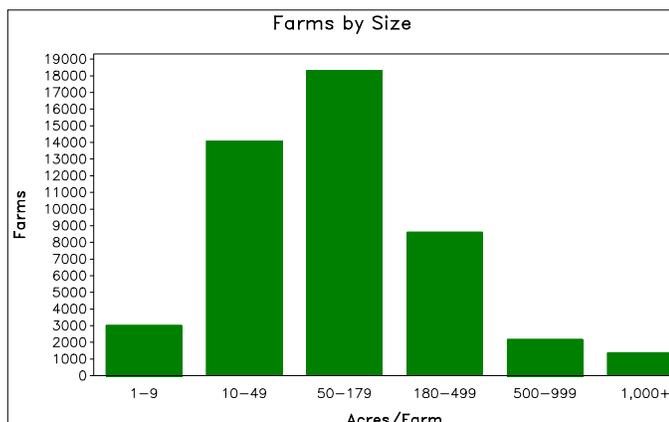
\$49,593 in 2002, \$48,511 in 1997, up 2 percent.

### Government Payments

\$54,677,000 in 2002, \$24,428,000 in 1997, up 124 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,939 in 2002, \$2,828 in 1997, up 110 percent.



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**Ranked items within U.S., 2002**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>U.S. Rank</b>	<b>Universe <sup>1</sup></b>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>			
Total value of agricultural products sold	2,360,911	30	50
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	718,219	32	50
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,642,692	25	50
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>			
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	157,985	28	50
Tobacco	112,503	4	23
Cotton and cottonseed	20,718	16	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	79,345	23	50
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	40,954	17	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	218,698	21	50
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	9,633	10	50
Other crops and hay	78,384	32	50
Poultry and eggs	750,035	10	50
Cattle and calves	471,703	22	50
Milk and other dairy products from cows	275,402	19	50
Hogs and pigs	72,213	20	50
Sheep, goats, and their products	6,030	22	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	40,581	5	50
Aquaculture	19,945	13	50
Other animals and other animal products	6,782	29	50
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	45,429,958	9	50
Turkeys	7,272,456	4	50
Layers 20 weeks old and older	3,222,127	27	50
Cattle and calves	1,622,767	20	50
Hogs and pigs	409,284	18	50
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>			
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,377,442	18	50
Soybeans	467,210	19	41
Corn for grain	335,692	23	49
All Wheat for grain	174,887	25	48
Corn for silage	139,420	15	49

**Other State Highlights**

<b>Economic Characteristics</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	11,418
\$1,000 to \$2,499	7,006
\$2,500 to \$4,999	6,669
\$5,000 to \$9,999	6,946
\$10,000 to \$19,999	5,424
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1,313
\$25,000 to \$39,999	2,200
\$40,000 to \$49,999	860
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,849
\$100,000 to \$249,999	1,708
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1,137
\$500,000 or more	1,076
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	2,045,598
Average per farm (\$)	42,970
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	503,951
Average per farm (\$)	10,586

<b>Operator Characteristics</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	25,500
Other	22,106
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	40,825
Female	6,781
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	65,793
Black or African American	1,994
American Indian or Alaska Native	197
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	15
Asian	109
More than one race	242
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	586

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.