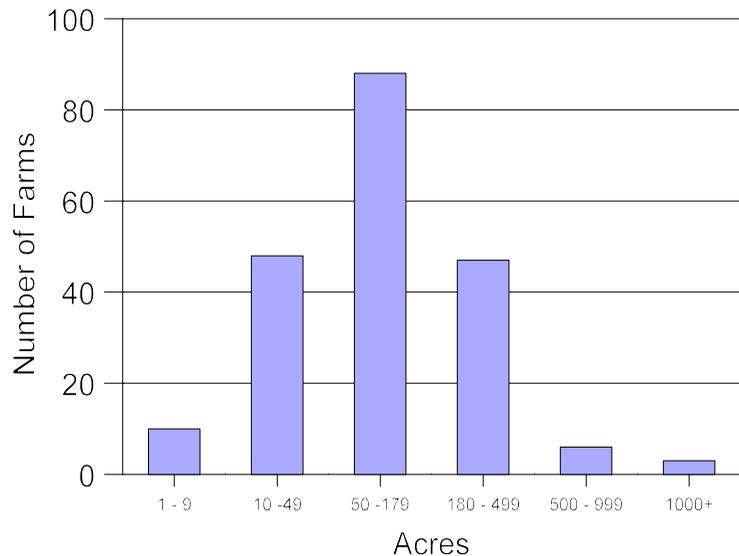
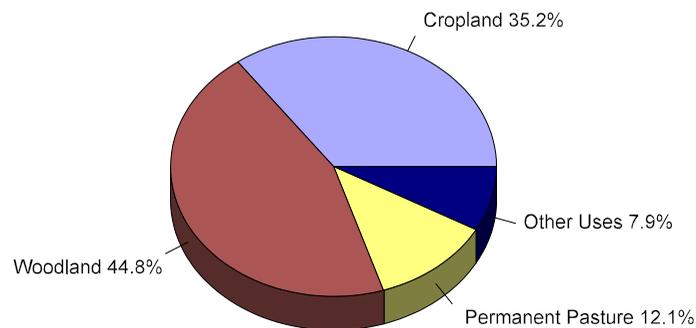


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	99
Other	103
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	177
Female	25
Average age of principal operator (years)	59.4
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	298
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

Footnotes: 1/ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with items. 2/ Beginning with 1997, data includes an adjustment for undercoverage. 3/Due to changes in definition and wording of questions, figures for "cropland pasture" and "other pasture" are not always comparable from the Census. Acreage beginning with 1964 refer to pastureland and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pastured, on farms with sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 4/ Beginning with 1974, agricultural operations under individual management with annual sales of \$1,000 or more. NA Not Available. (D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than 1/2 of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Vol. 1, Geographic Series" for complete footnotes.

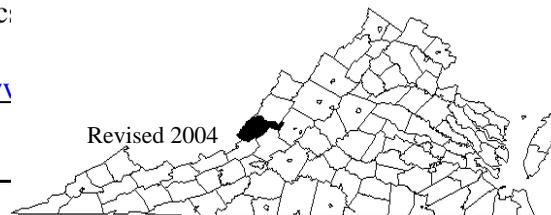


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COUNTY

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Allegheny County is situated among the Allegheny Mountains in the west central part of Virginia. Named after the great chain of mountains on its western border, Allegheny was formed in 1822 from parts of Bath, Botetourt, and Monroe.

The topography of the county, while beautiful, is rugged and mountainous, with much of the land unsuited to agriculture. In fact, a full 254,026 acres of Allegheny are forested. However, some extremely fertile soils can be found along the valleys of the Jackson and Cowpasture Rivers, along the Potts and Dunlop Creeks, and near countless other streams. The elevations of the valleys vary from 1,000 to 2,000 feet above sea level, with some mountain points ascending to nearly 3,600 feet. Based on data from the weather station located at Hot Springs in Bath County, temperatures for the area average about 32 degrees in January and 70 degrees in July with annual precipitation totaling about 41 inches. The frost-free growing season averages about 157 days.

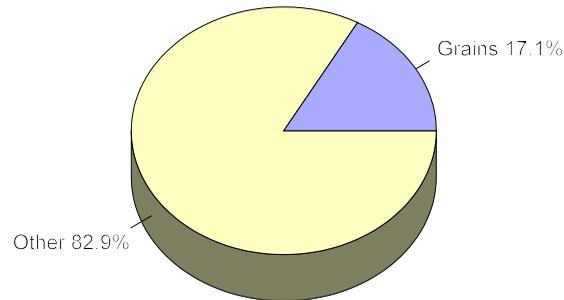
In addition to agriculture, industries in the area include a large paper mill, a synthetic fibers plant, a textile manufacturer, and a rubber products plant. Timber operations, especially those that process pulpwood, are another important industry in the area.

Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	202	206
Land in Farms (acres)	32,937	35,619
Average size of farm	163	173
Market Value of Production County Total	\$1,987,000	\$2,287,000
Average per farm	\$9,839	\$11,100
Government Payments	\$21,000	\$17,000

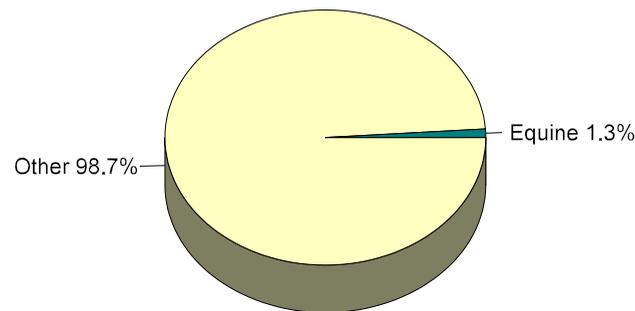
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CASH RECEIPTS

Crops



Livestock & Poultry



Ranked Items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 US Counties, 2002

Commodity	Quantity	State Rank	Universe 1/	US Rank	Universe 1/
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	49	80	95	2,525	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	95	-	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	76	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	147	77	97	2,663	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	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	(Z)	93	93	2,955	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	22	80	94	2,733	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves					
Horses and ponies	3,982	65	97	2,622	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	283	69	97	2,650	3,065
Sheep and lambs	196	77	96	2,482	2,983
Ducks	90	69	93	2,316	2,867
	(D)	45	78	(D)	2,630
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop					
Corn for silage	5,321	63	97	2,272	3,059
Corn for grain	253	62	87	1,670	2,307
Apples	(D)	80	96	(D)	2,592
All Wheat for grain	(D)	24	87	(D)	2,173
	(D)	85	87	(D)	2,517

FARM DATA & LAND USE

YEAR	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg. Value Per Acre For Land & Buildings	LAND USE					
				Cropland			Other Pasture 3/	Woodland	
				Harvested	Other	Pasture		Pasture	Not Pastured
				Number	Acres	Dollars	-Acres-		
1940	526	87,206	29	12,162	1,812	13,155	NA	NA	NA
1945	543	81,367	30	9,028	2,904	9,008	11,695	NA	46,357
1950	566	81,599	67	7,713	3,226	7,112	9,631	NA	51,236
1954	488	73,153	58	7,171	2,264	6,777	7,718	NA	45,035
1959	429	64,853	76	6,390	3,000	5,346	10,919	NA	37,358
1964	299	45,074	107	4,382	2,505	4,450	4,860	2,665	5,523
1969	248	44,522	157	4,611	711	7,039	3,841	2,900	6,977
1974 4/	195	34,012	325	3,710	458	6,273	3,243	3,566	4,654
1978	155	31,177	456	3,704	448	5,213	4,115	4,698	11,916
1982	182	33,921	640	3,902	430	6,753	3,647	6,183	11,840
1987	150	28,208	765	3,567	275	4,691	4,317	4,132	9,346
1992	150	25,810	1,367	3,139	925	4,929	1,746	3,518	10,414
1997 2/	206	35,619	1,213	5,818	652	8,027	5,654	3,994	9,933
2002	202	32,937	2,197	5,802	751	5,032	3,981	3,878	10,894

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