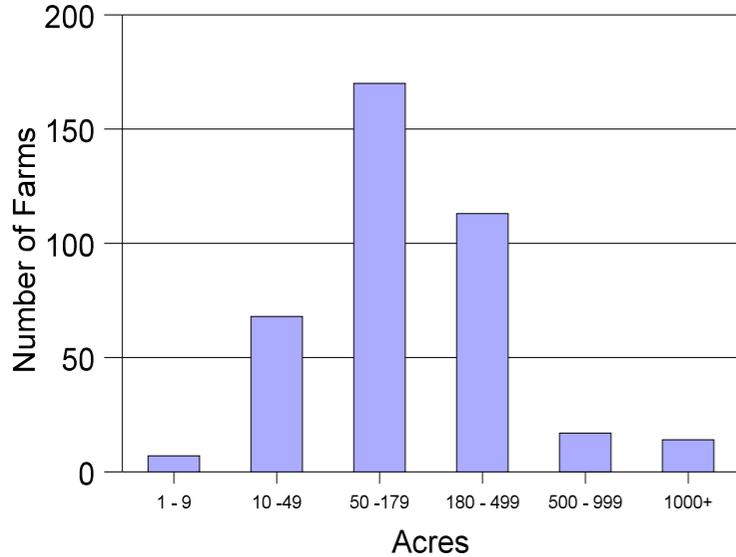
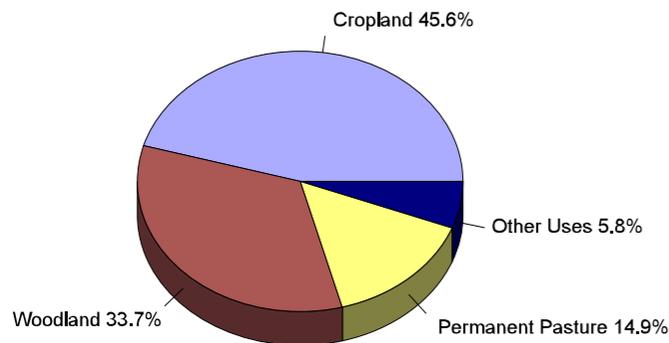


**FARMS**

**Farms by Size**



**Land in Farms**



**Operator Characteristics**

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	202
Other	187
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	340
Female	49
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.4
All operators <sup>5</sup> by race:	
White	538
Black or African American	11
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	2
All operators <sup>5</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

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. 5/ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm. 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.



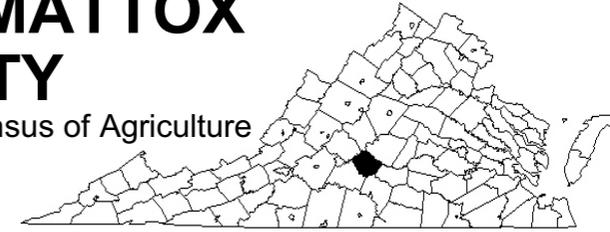
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**APPOMATTOX COUNTY**

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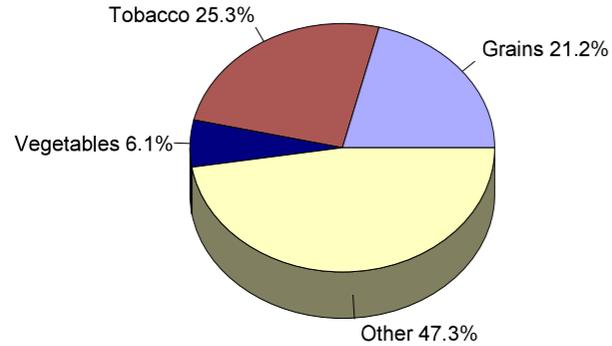
Situated in the southern part of the Piedmont Plateau, Appomattox County was formed in 1845 from parts of Buckingham, Campbell, Prince Edward, and Charlotte. The county is named after the Appomattox Indian tribe.

The rolling, hilly topography of Appomattox is cut by numerous streams, many of which drain into the James River on the northwestern border of the county. Altitudes vary from 500 to 825 feet above sea level. Temperatures average around 38 degrees in January and 76 in July, while the frost-free growing season is roughly 189 days, usually extending from around April 14 to October 20.

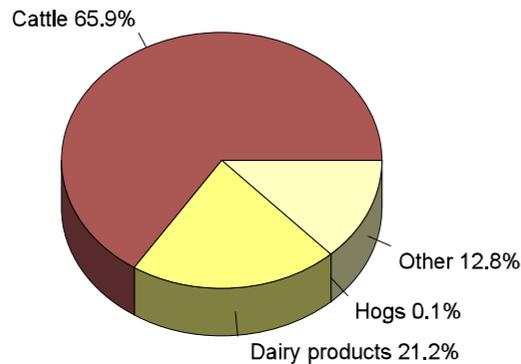
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	389	406
Land in Farms (acres)	84,971	79,155
Average size of farm	218	195
Market Value of Production County Total (000 )	\$6,682,000	\$6,826,000
Average per farm (000 )	\$17,177	\$16,812
Government Payments(000)	\$256,000	\$130,000

# 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/
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	308	58	95	2,140	2,871
Tobacco	368	22	43	337	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	89	57	95	1,773	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	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	523	44	97	1,860	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,448	42	97	1,806	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,108	44	83	1,312	2,493
Hogs and pigs	4	65	90	2,565	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	6	51	87	2,025	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	17,533	36	97	1,580	3,059
Quail	675	8	34	442	1,412
Pheasants	452	4	41	458	1,541
All Goats	359	41	95	1,309	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,983
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	18,289	34	97	1,188	3,059
Soybeans	1,040	54	79	1,523	2,076
All Wheat for grain	922	37	87	1,570	2,517
Corn for grain	614	62	96	1,921	2,592
Corn for silage	585	48	87	1,359	2,307

### 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
				-Acres-					
1940	1,322	171,109	19	28,894	15,547	17,077	NA	NA	NA
1945	1,094	147,720	22	28,940	4,178	11,267	13,172	6,684	79,372
1950	964	141,476	37	24,331	15,886	6,015	12,401	8,454	69,667
1954	999	135,528	58	26,928	7,880	5,448	15,590	13,601	63,461
1959	793	126,747	89	22,880	9,603	3,732	15,732	9,515	61,699
1964	638	103,115	88	17,743	9,020	4,328	9,979	4,350	25,756
1969	513	92,136	145	13,983	7,329	12,521	6,610	8,661	15,918
1974 4/	499	98,308	322	17,715	4,522	17,244	8,399	8,905	21,778
1978	440	88,714	507	17,776	5,627	15,852	8,547	9,229	27,919
1982	442	87,580	763	17,747	3,699	15,986	7,806	10,527	25,518
1987	358	79,136	839	17,062	3,839	15,713	7,916	9,694	21,079
1992	351	78,691	1,286	19,270	2,406	20,403	6,286	8,897	18,920
1997 2/	406	79,155	1,013	16,702	3,024	19,794	7,062	7,400	22,216
<b>2002</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>84,971</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>21,639</b>	<b>2,382</b>	<b>14,726</b>	<b>12,625</b>	<b>8,301</b>	<b>20,365</b>

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