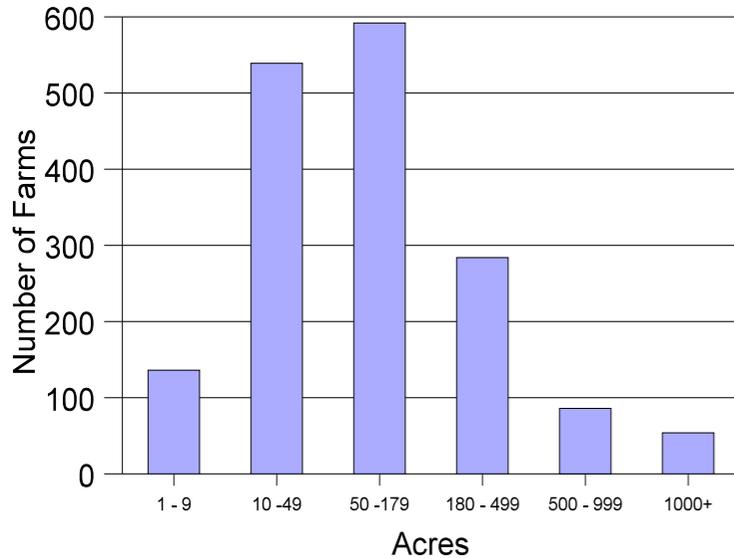
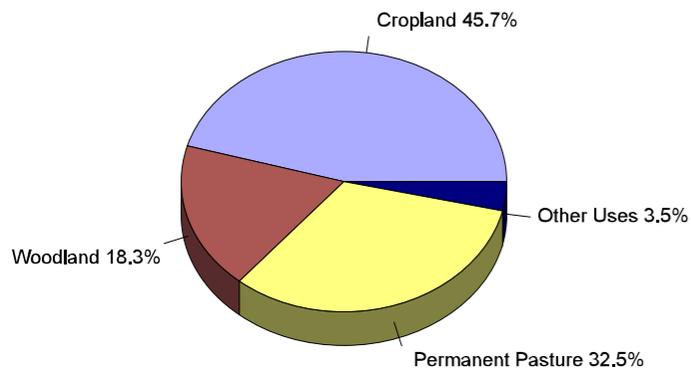


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics

Principal operators by primary occupation:

Farming	970
Other	721

Principal operators by sex:

Male	1517
Female	174

Average age of principal operator (years)

56.2

All operators ⁵ by race:

White	2,502
Black or African American	18
American Indian or Alaska Native	5
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	2

All operators ⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin

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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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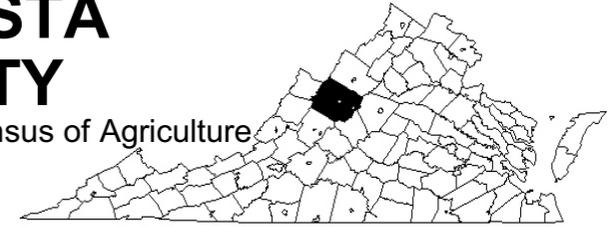
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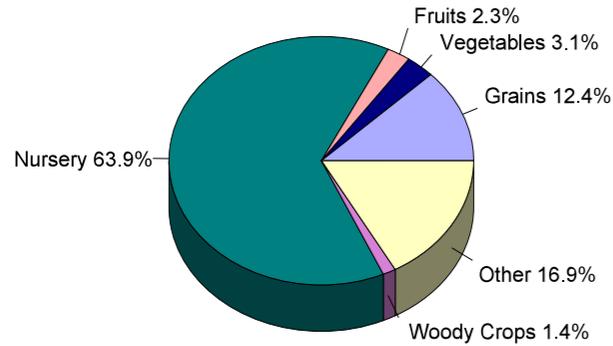
Augusta County is situated in the Shenandoah Valley. The second largest county in the state, Augusta was formed in 1738 from Orange County and was named in honor of Princess Augusta, wife of Frederick, Prince of Wales. Interestingly, the county's first settler was John Lewis.

The rolling, hilly topography of Augusta is flanked by the Shenandoah Range of the Alleghany Mountains on the west and by the Blue Ridge Mountains on the east. Elevations vary widely, jumping from 1,200 to 1,800 feet in the valley to 2,100 to 4,400 feet in the mountains. The valley area has a frost-free growing season of around 175 days, usually extending between April 25 and October 15. Weather data at Staunton show that temperatures average a moderate 34 degrees in January and 74 degrees in July. Annual precipitation averages 35 inches with frequent snows in the winter period, although snow cover generally does not linger for long in the area.

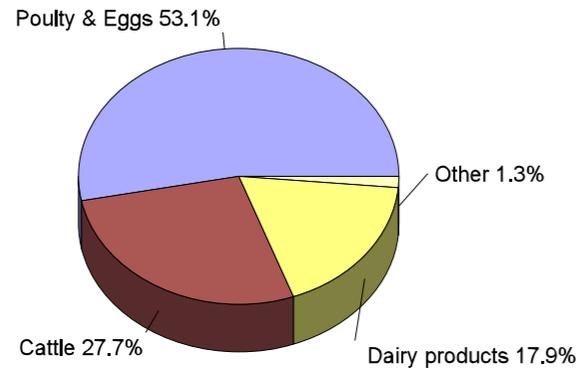
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	1,691	1,816
Land in Farms (acres)	306,048	294,851
Average size of farm	181	162
Market Value of Production County Total	\$143,914,000	\$141,350,000
Average per farm	\$85,106	\$77,836
Government Payments	\$2,656,000	\$393,000

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/
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,762	30	95	1,613	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	436	20	95	1,052	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	321	20	93	696	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	9,075	7	95	285	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	199	8	76	279	1,774
Other crops and hay	2,397	8	97	526	3,046
Poultry and eggs	68,934	3	94	84	2,918
Cattle and calves	35,900	1	97	236	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	23,177	2	83	198	2,493
Hogs and pigs	66	30	90	1,604	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	662	2	93	137	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	695	9	94	227	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)					
Turkeys	2,037,700	2	72	6	2,328
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,820,612	7	79	207	2,599
Cattle and calves	104,914	2	97	122	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	88,863	8	96	421	2,983
Sheep and lambs	8,764	1	93	134	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	60,191	1	97	182	3,059
Corn for silage	14,680	2	87	89	2,307
Corn for grain	7,593	18	96	1,132	2,592
Soybeans	3,024	38	79	1,299	2,076
All Wheat for grain	2,025	26	87	1,298	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
				-Acres-					
1940	3,719	367,792	67	125,959	11,404	128,002	NA	NA	NA
1945	3,803	379,041	78	128,100	7,062	9,616	160,675	NA	63,016
1950	3,068	348,730	110	97,475	9,271	33,521	137,141	NA	61,409
1954	2,947	344,344	128	90,989	6,068	12,558	159,007	NA	65,476
1959	2,352	338,281	167	85,286	4,590	16,808	160,975	NA	59,260
1964	1,905	316,235	201	75,280	6,542	16,389	117,691	17,226	19,242
1969	1,636	291,785	280	66,580	8,729	59,481	89,839	19,141	19,970
1974 4/	1,540	312,098	611	74,103	3,993	65,451	99,013	15,727	22,530
1978	1,483	303,370	1,007	75,240	4,996	63,861	93,491	28,547	27,752
1982	1,606	312,906	1,253	77,724	4,022	58,847	101,919	23,167	35,136
1987	1,536	292,191	1,205	78,974	5,003	65,432	85,120	22,131	27,022
1992	1,514	287,442	1,850	78,525	3,706	59,798	88,469	19,489	29,635
1997 2/	1,816	294,851	2,566	82,722	4,567	65,907	81,647	14,552	33,113
2002	1,691	306,048	2,959	87,417	3,817	48,657	99,543	22,727	33,326

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