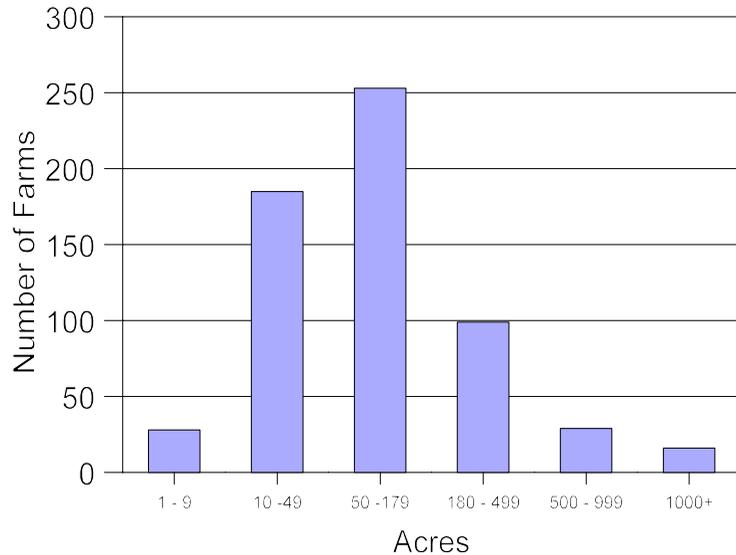
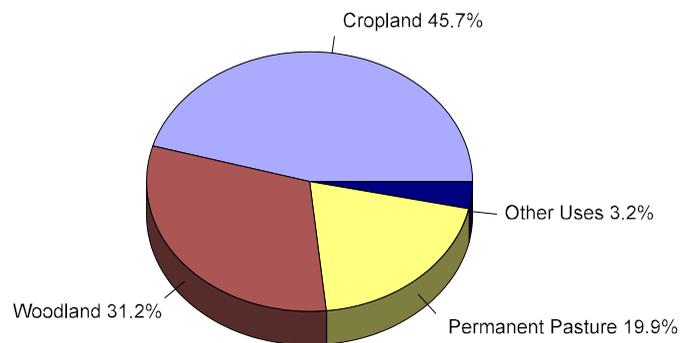


## FARMS

### Farms by Size



### Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	290
Other	320
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	519
Female	91
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.3
All operators <sup>5</sup> by race:	
White	877
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	8
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	4
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.



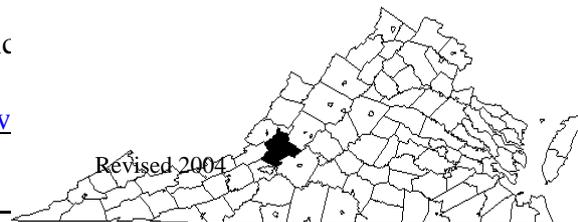
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## COUNTY

2002 U.S. Census of Agriculture

Located in the central part of the Great Valley of Virginia, ~~Botetourt County was formed in 1770 from Augusta and named in~~ honor of Lord Botetourt, governor of the colonies in 1768. The county is bordered by the Blue Ridge Mountains on the east and the Alleghany Mountains on the west.

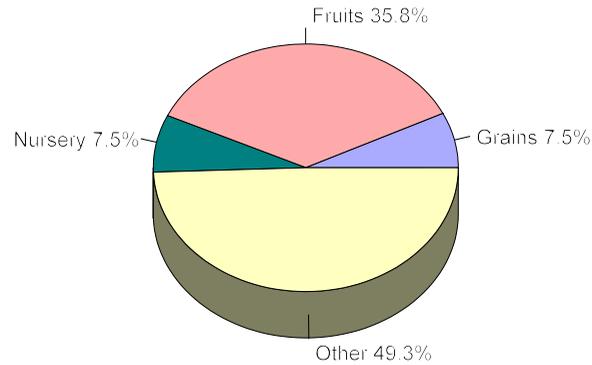
The topography of the county varies widely. The central part of Botetourt consists of a rolling, hilly valley with an average elevation of 1,000 feet. In the eastern and western parts are rugged mountains with elevations up to 3,700 feet. As the county includes a full 253,975 acres of woodland, much of this land is forested and unsuited for farming. The Jefferson and George Washington National Forests include 69,790 acres of woods and the Blue Ridge Parkway 1,306 acres, with the remainder in other public lands that include part of the Roanoke watershed.

Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	610	628
Land in Farms (acres)	97,091	99,693
Average size of farm	159	159
Market Value of Production County Total	\$9,982,000	\$11,210,000
Average per farm	\$16,365	\$17,850
Government Payments	\$564,000	\$151,000

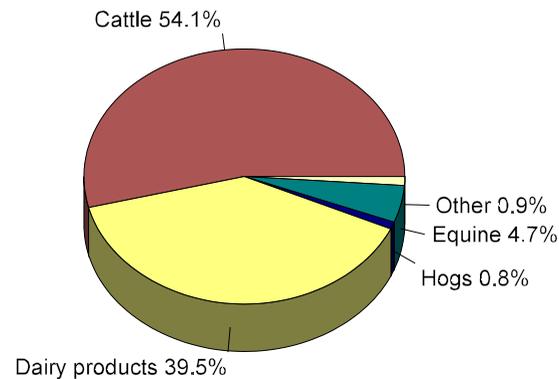
## BOTETOURT

# 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	138	64	95	2,308	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	662	14	93	450	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	138	70	95	1,973	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	629	38	97	1,678	3,046
Poultry and eggs	15	51	94	1,832	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,406	35	97	1,620	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,212	19	83	807	2,493
Hogs and pigs	64	31	90	1,621	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	55	25	93	1,187	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	381	19	94	559	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	87	-	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	21,005	29	97	1,402	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,064	22	97	1,195	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	887	40	96	1,485	2,983
Sheep and lambs	690	27	93	1,224	2,867
Ducks	601	1	78	186	2,630
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	20,301	26	97	1,087	3,059
Corn for silage	1,557	20	87	879	2,307
Corn for grain	1,349	48	96	1,704	2,592
Cut Christmas trees	155	16	81	470	1,877
Apples	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,173

### 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	1,700	169,040	48	37,797	5,682	43,837	NA	NA	NA
1945	1,443	161,407	60	33,682	4,537	10,344	47,160	NA	61,246
1950	1,339	164,800	82	30,214	8,434	22,158	33,555	NA	57,409
1954	1,264	156,789	177	28,938	4,484	11,261	43,209	NA	63,415
1959	889	132,717	139	20,827	6,340	11,562	38,950	NA	48,579
1964	688	123,835	146	18,967	3,415	13,023	18,189	8,973	19,560
1969	631	112,962	246	17,452	3,168	23,813	19,493	10,019	11,188
1974 4/	572	110,512	493	18,544	1,496	24,576	16,355	8,583	17,690
1978	549	101,284	754	19,237	1,479	21,382	16,726	16,707	22,598
1982	586	97,835	1,007	19,193	976	26,067	15,954	11,480	21,633
1987	532	97,523	1,070	19,397	2,081	18,987	18,978	10,975	23,325
1992	512	96,833	1,459	18,689	1,468	21,216	23,067	9,417	20,608
1997 2/	628	99,693	1,875	21,486	1,961	20,563	19,749	11,952	20,539
<b>2002</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>97,091</b>	<b>2,732</b>	<b>23,458</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>19,716</b>	<b>19,312</b>	<b>7,151</b>	<b>23,172</b>

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