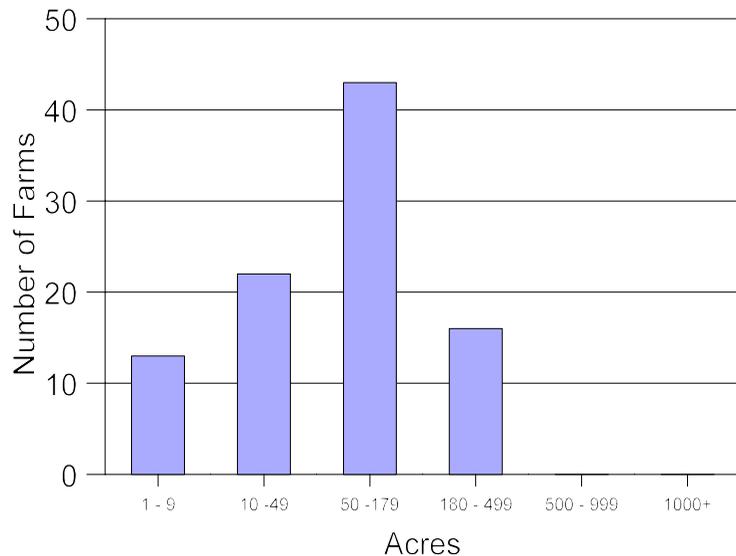
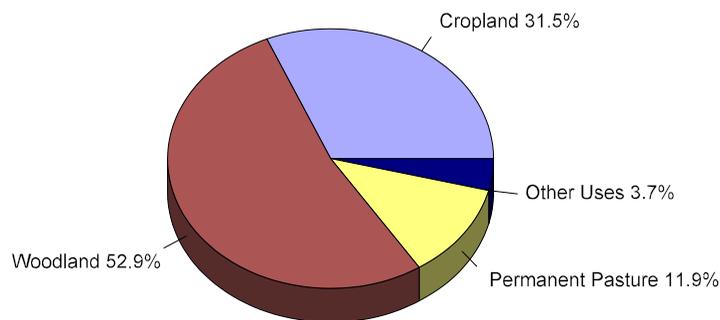


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	45
Other	49
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	80
Female	14
Average age of principal operator (years)	51.5
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	118
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

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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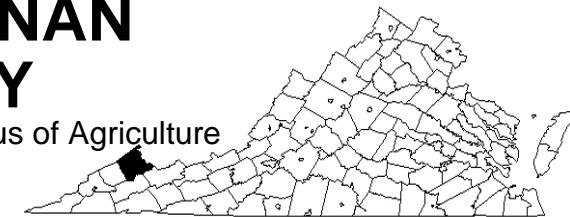
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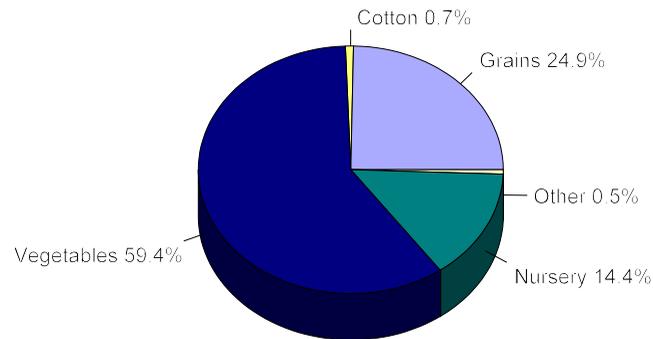
The county is located in the Appalachian Plateau in the southwestern part of the state and borders on both Kentucky and West Virginia. Formed in 1858 from parts of Russell and Tazewell, the

The topography of Buchanan is characterized by many small streams separated by steep ridges. Altitudes vary widely, from 845 feet above sea level where the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River crosses the Kentucky border to nearly 3,800 feet on the Russell County border. Included in the county are 290,585 acres of woodland. The frost-free growing season usually falls between April 26 and October 18 and averages about 175 days. Annual precipitation for the area averages about 47 inches, with the heaviest rainfall of more than 5 inches in July.

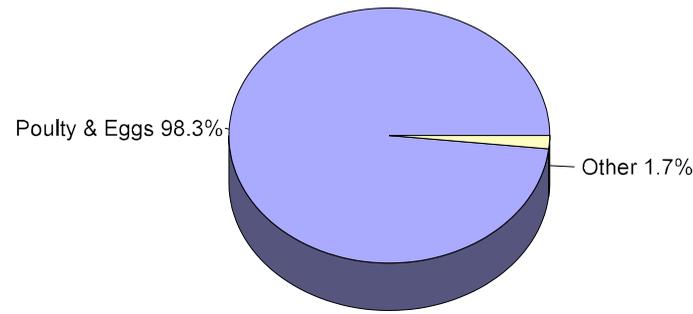
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	94	95
Land in Farms (acres)	9,156	8,686
Average size of farm	97	91
Market Value of Production County Total	(D)	\$455,000
Average per farm	(D)	\$4,787
Government Payments	(Z)	\$1,000

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	-	-	95	-	2,871
Tobacco	210	27	43	367	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	7	92	95	2,529	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	8	96	97	3,009	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	49	69	83	2,252	2,493
Hogs and pigs	4	63	90	2,555	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	1	91	93	2,918	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	4	92	94	2,986	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	87	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	946	86	97	2,926	3,059
All Goats	265	55	95	1,596	2,971
Horses and ponies	86	92	97	2,979	3,065
Sheep and lambs	(D)	80	93	(D)	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	93	96	(D)	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	687	92	97	2,929	3,059
Tobacco	65	25	43	367	563
Grapes	(D)	41	76	(D)	1,830
Corn for grain	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,592
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	2,420	138,421	22	20,023	8,570	22,160	NA	NA	NA
1945	3,058	163,262	35	22,089	4,121	11,444	24,129	NA	97,147
1950	2,341	134,796	65	10,816	12,897	14,290	9,484	NA	80,916
1954	2,256	122,387	68	8,996	17,696	9,103	7,269	NA	75,082
1959	1,029	71,275	63	4,205	2,077	4,349	5,452	NA	52,011
1964	431	26,837	102	1,161	1,699	3,726	5	20	907
1969	281	26,393	155	1,515	957	4,031	536	44	2,006
1974 4/	113	10,011	410	769	418	1,581	231	420	386
1978	92	12,135	700	742	529	2,236	1,571	1,534	(D)
1982	120	9,417	760	611	257	2,058	705	841	3,807
1987	105	8,730	(D)	951	233	1,441	1,052	1,067	3,199
1992	102	8,627	(D)	733	407	1,285	499	1,501	3,505
1997 2/	95	8,686	(D)	676	289	1,545	786	1,391	3,321
2002	94	9,156	(D)	787	270	1,826	1,088	2,575	2,269

See footnotes at end.