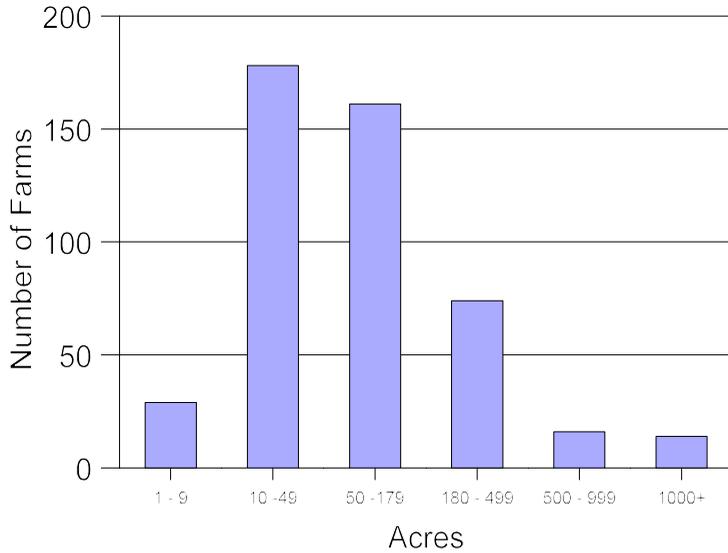
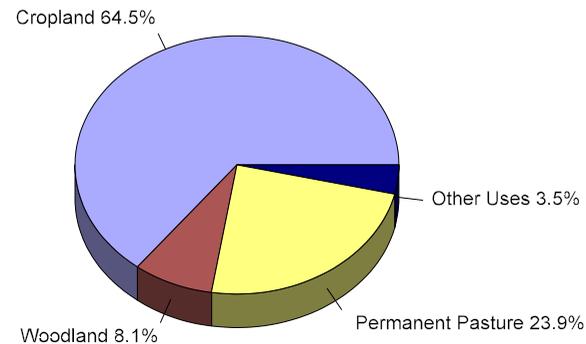


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	250
Other	222
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	360
Female	112
Average age of principal operator (years)	
	55.5
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	692
Black or African American	9
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	4
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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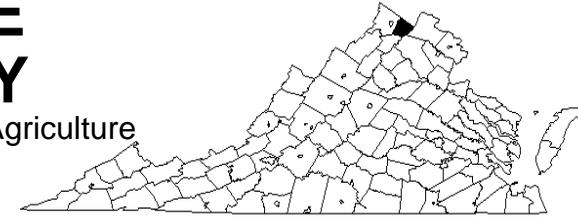
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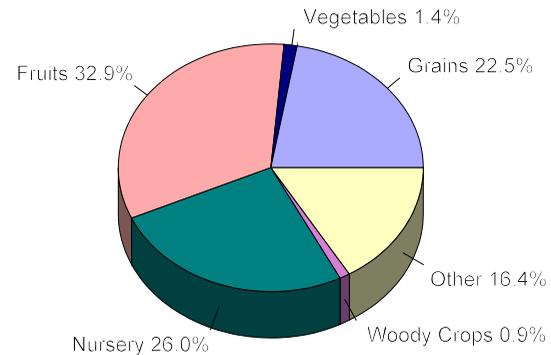
Clarke County is located in the northern end of the Great Valley of Virginia. Formed from part of Frederick in 1836, the county is named in honor of George Rogers Clark, a pioneer famous during the time period.

About two-thirds of Clarke County lies in the Shenandoah River Valley, with the Blue Ridge Mountains forming the eastern border. Altitudes vary from 375 feet to 1,800 feet above sea level, and temperatures average 31 degrees in January and 76 in July. The frost-free growing season usually extends for about 158 days, falling between May 3 to about October 8. Annual precipitation averages 37 inches.

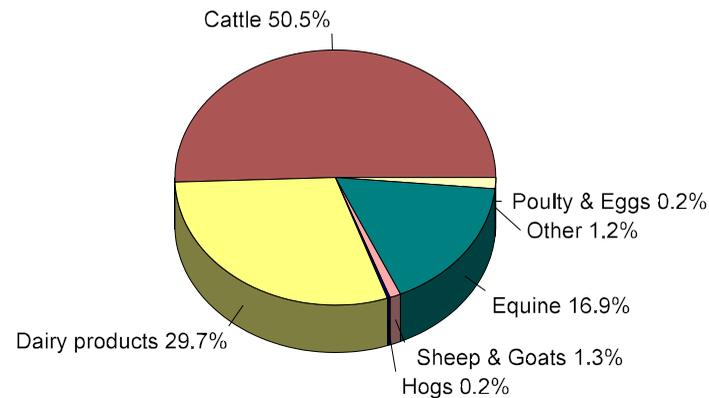
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	472	409
Land in Farms (acres)	74,279	76,371
Average size of farm	157	187
Market Value of Production County Total	\$15,616,000	\$13,443,000
Average per farm	\$33,086	\$32,869
Government Payments	\$422,000	\$244,000

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	1,185	37	95	1,731	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	72	63	95	1,879	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,734	6	93	258	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,373	30	95	960	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	46	30	76	670	1,774
Other crops and hay	866	23	97	1,382	3,046
Poultry and eggs	25	42	94	1,643	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,217	31	97	1,481	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,069	23	83	825	2,493
Hogs and pigs	20	40	90	2,057	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	134	11	93	635	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,748	5	94	58	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	127	9	87	769	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	16,887	38	97	1,618	3,059
Sheep and lambs	2,434	9	93	463	2,867
Horses and ponies	2,322	7	97	370	3,065
Colonies of bees	1,385	1	80	368	2,392
Layers 20 weeks old and older	667	45	96	1,685	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	16,376	38	97	1,284	3,059
Corn for grain	3,582	31	96	1,399	2,592
Apples	2,056	3	87	38	2,173
Soybeans	1,530	46	79	1,439	2,076
Corn for silage	1,487	24	87	914	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
Number	Acres	Dollars	-Acres-						
1940	567	92,325	76	35,609	2,690	31,980	NA	NA	NA
1945	510	95,370	92	35,570	588	18,507	24,519	NA	13,500
1950	423	88,556	136	28,275	2,931	28,120	14,238	NA	11,748
1954	377	83,545	201	29,163	978	8,131	27,303	NA	15,338
1959	260	70,229	213	22,474	2,639	9,568	23,924	NA	9,426
1964	276	78,006	264	24,225	2,654	13,545	22,563	2,811	3,570
1969	257	74,816	409	20,103	5,997	21,584	11,046	2,754	2,707
1974 4/	232	73,635	804	24,078	1,294	25,455	13,473	2,351	2,699
1978	256	76,510	1,173	26,052	1,009	21,724	15,939	3,363	4,844
1982	299	85,855	1,701	29,833	1,014	20,460	16,877	4,578	7,494
1987	315	72,611	2,090	24,730	3,801	19,895	14,838	2,555	4,173
1992	319	68,326	3,381	24,571	2,222	16,810	16,310	2,078	3,806
1997 2/	409	76,371	4,359	28,671	2,602	19,553	14,489	2,139	5,781
2002	472	74,279	4,781	25,231	2,329	20,366	17,740	2,029	3,983

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