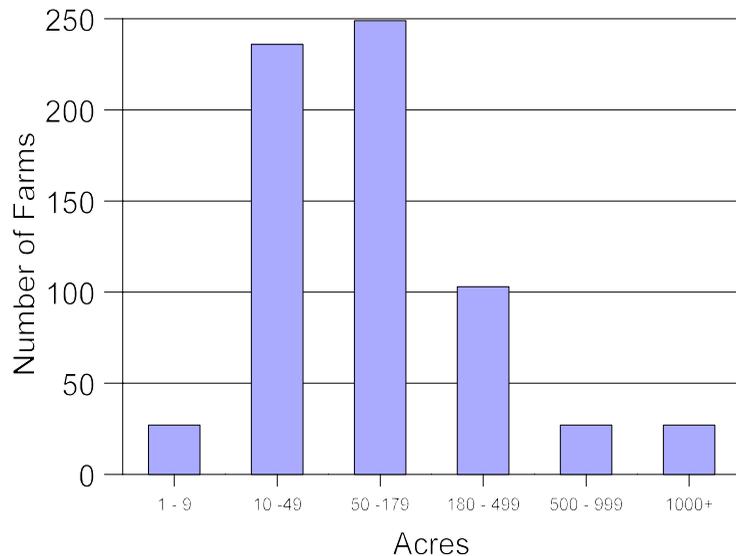
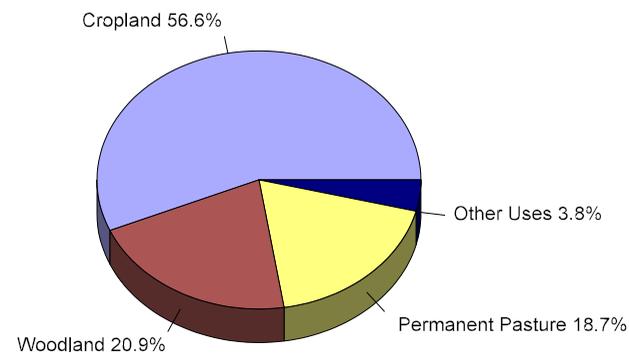


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	329
Other	340
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	549
Female	120
Average age of principal operator (years)	
	56.6
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	965
Black or African American	43
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
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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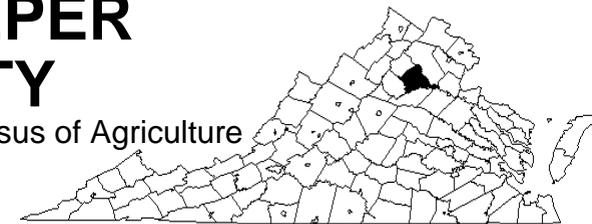
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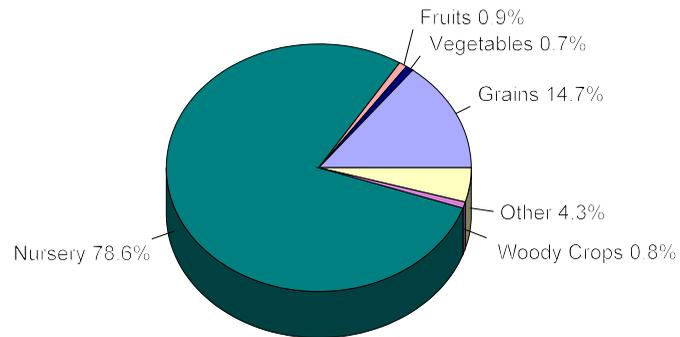
Culpeper County is located in the upper Piedmont Plateau of northern Virginia. The county is perhaps most well-known for the "Culpeper Minute Men," sent out in 1775 to join Patrick Henry.

The topography of Culpeper is rolling to hilly, with altitudes varying from about 250 feet to upwards of 600 feet. The county is bound by the Rappahannock River on the east and the Rapidan River on the south. The frost-free growing period averages 180 days, usually extending from April 18 to October 16. Annual precipitation averages almost 41 inches, with the heaviest rainfall falling in July and August. Winters are rigorous, but not severe, and are usually moderate enough to allow outdoor work. Temperatures in the area average about 34 degrees in January and 78 in July.

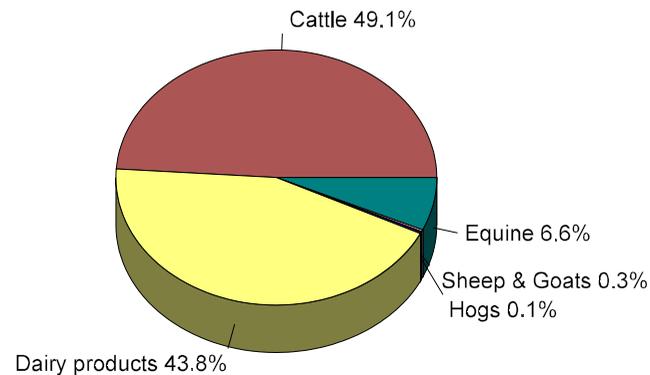
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	669	638
Land in Farms (acres)	125,121	122,229
Average size of farm	187	192
Market Value of Production County Total	\$36,713,000	\$22,094,000
Average per farm	\$54,877	\$34,629
Government Payments	\$694,000	\$520,000

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	2,768	21	95	1,448	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	128	45	95	1,587	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	175	35	93	978	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	14,822	5	95	190	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	146	9	76	335	1,774
Other crops and hay	811	29	97	1,459	3,046
Poultry and eggs	7	58	94	2,103	2,918
Cattle and calves	8,778	17	97	1,080	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	7,825	6	83	460	2,493
Hogs and pigs	16	46	90	2,133	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	55	26	93	1,189	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,171	6	94	104	3,014
Aquaculture	1	39	44	1,284	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	8	44	87	1,899	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	30,166	17	97	1,053	3,059
Horses and ponies	2,009	10	97	479	3,065
Sheep and lambs	1,041	17	93	946	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	990	35	96	1,400	2,983
All Goats	379	38	95	1,252	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	28,431	13	97	774	3,059
Corn for grain	8,490	16	96	1,104	2,592
Soybeans	6,032	26	79	1,156	2,076
Corn for silage	5,061	5	87	362	2,307
All Wheat for grain	1,246	34	87	1,460	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
Number	Acres	Dollars	-Acres-						
1940	1,230	178,684	45	52,488	2,180	67,815	NA	NA	NA
1945	1,419	195,692	52	55,841	2,573	15,919	62,701	NA	53,830
1950	1,115	170,399	88	47,428	7,913	24,339	41,327	NA	42,230
1954	1,128	178,027	109	47,049	3,718	14,177	57,856	NA	49,723
1959	853	170,330	159	46,185	5,143	11,888	58,058	NA	44,044
1964	590	150,475	216	40,959	6,945	15,677	36,518	5,002	19,740
1969	592	153,332	366	38,653	8,536	29,568	29,765	7,433	21,923
1974 4/	483	137,812	766	41,449	3,353	28,152	24,649	8,432	18,730
1978	501	141,023	1,039	43,606	4,204	33,292	24,571	8,537	22,668
1982	537	143,434	1,328	50,804	2,199	26,901	22,868	7,559	27,987
1987	492	121,198	1,738	40,304	7,482	27,905	16,280	3,481	20,787
1992	471	115,295	2,327	44,440	5,286	22,838	14,815	4,620	19,756
1997 2/	638	122,229	2,601	45,916	4,221	27,011	17,138	2,990	20,279
2002	669	125,121	4,162	49,173	2,570	19,016	23,417	4,955	21,177

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