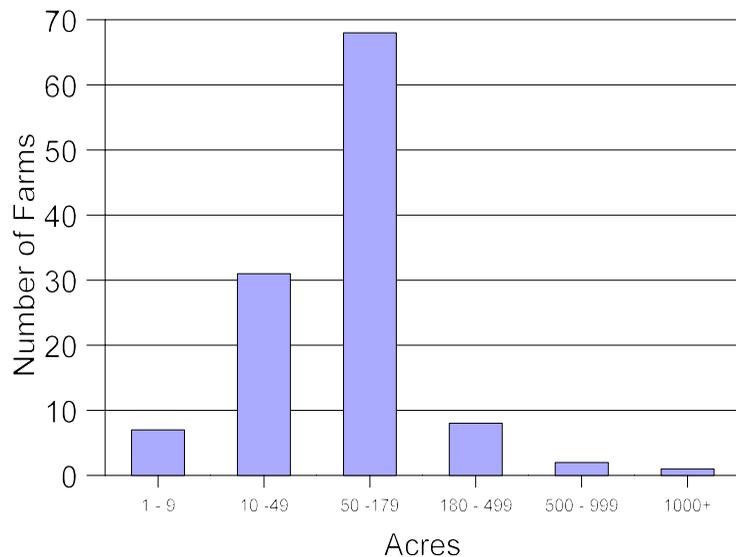
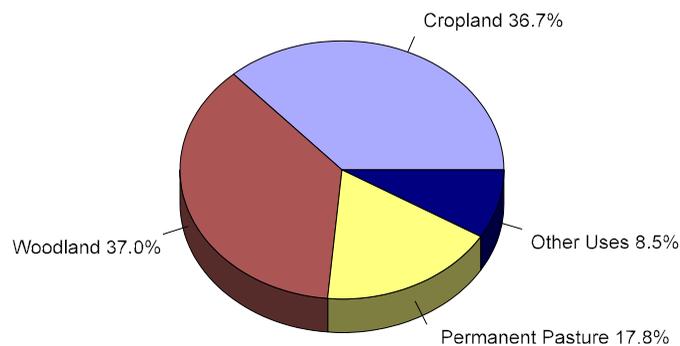


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	57
Other	60
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	106
Female	11
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.4
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	170
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	4
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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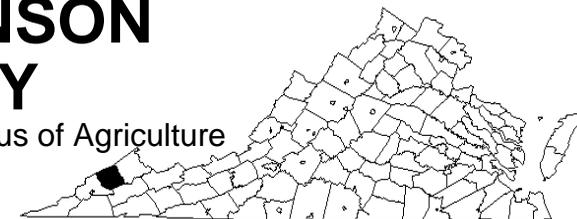
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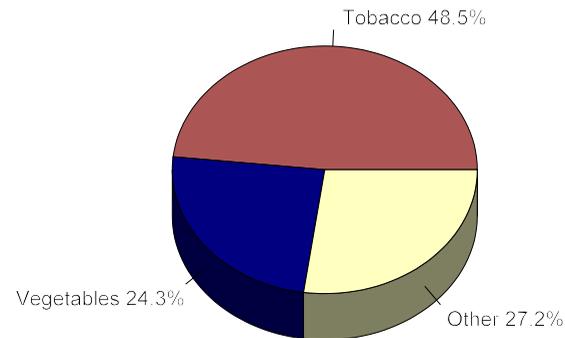
Dickenson County is situated on the Appalachian Plateau, bordering Kentucky on the crest of the Cumberland Mountains. Formed in 1880 from parts of adjoining counties, Dickenson is the second youngest county in the state. The county was originally supposed to be named Stonewall, but the name was changed to Dickenson in honor of William J. Dickenson, a local patriot.

The mountainous topography of the county is broken by numerous streams in deep, narrow valleys. Elevations vary from 1,200 feet above sea level along the Pound River in the northwest to about 3,200 feet on the northwest border. Temperatures average a moderate 37 degrees in January and 74 in July. The frost-free growing season lasts for about 175 days, usually extending from April 25 to October 15. Annual precipitation averages 47 inches.

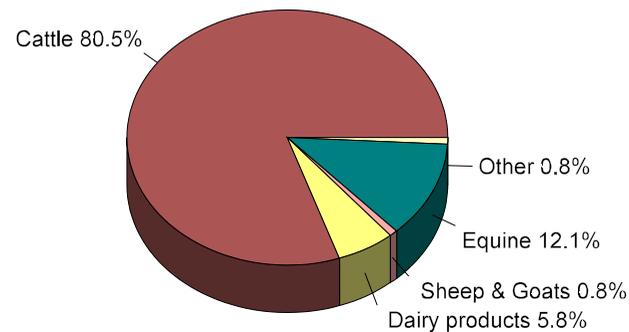
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	117	139
Land in Farms (acres)	11,761	10,936
Average size of farm	101	79
Market Value of Production County Total	\$736,000	\$566,000
Average per farm	\$6,294	\$4,074
Government Payments	(Z)	(D)

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	100	33	43	400	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	50	74	95	2,042	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	93	-	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	95	-	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	76	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	56	88	97	2,886	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	427	73	97	2,780	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	31	73	83	2,313	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	4	79	93	2,607	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	64	61	94	2,186	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	1,791	76	97	2,828	3,059
All Goats	282	52	95	1,548	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	210	76	96	2,449	2,983
Horses and ponies	164	83	97	2,878	3,065
Quail	(D)	23	34	(D)	1,412
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,547	77	97	2,794	3,059
Tobacco	36	31	43	399	563
Corn for grain	12	94	96	2,508	2,592
All Vegetables harvested	10	83	95	2,221	2,710
Cantaloups	(D)	34	76	(D)	1,583

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	2,181	105,193	28	16,870	6,663	17,201	NA	NA	NA
1945	2,340	93,056	54	17,180	7,914	6,205	15,029	NA	42,721
1950	1,851	76,271	62	10,048	6,544	11,716	6,914	NA	35,327
1954	1,682	66,995	93	6,865	8,599	13,173	3,819	NA	32,106
1959	783	38,458	124	4,422	3,182	5,148	3,449	NA	18,699
1964	599	29,135	141	2,743	2,857	5,192	38	132	1,358
1969	367	20,801	347	2,987	1,655	4,575	89	379	1,988
1974 4/	144	10,519	378	1,172	357	2,328	1,024	120	1,062
1978	115	8,676	(D)	1,128	320	1,853	526	843	3,662
1982	170	12,225	898	1,448	520	2,177	1,559	1,641	3,957
1987	120	9,785	876	(D)	(D)	2,260	1,288	1,116	3,009
1992	104	(D)	1,300	(D)	600	(D)	1,485	(D)	1,993
1997 2/	139	10,936	1,091	1,640	299	3,543	953	1,133	3,040
2002	117	11,761	1,556	1,584	281	2,447	2,089	2,196	2,159

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