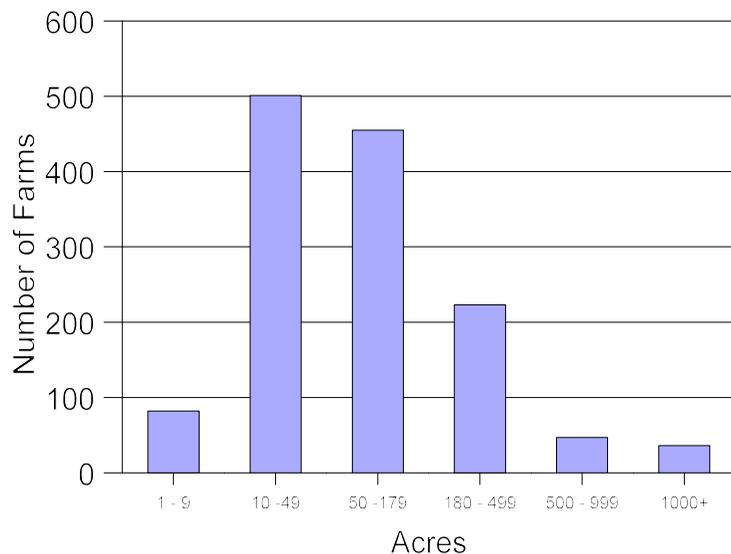
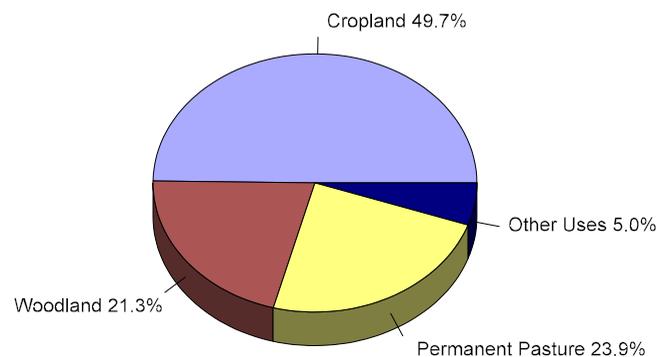


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	721
Other	623
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	938
Female	406
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.8
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	1,996
Black or African American	43
American Indian or Alaska Native	7
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
Asian	4
More than one race	16
All operators ⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	33

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. 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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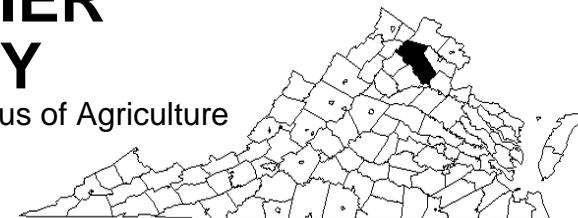
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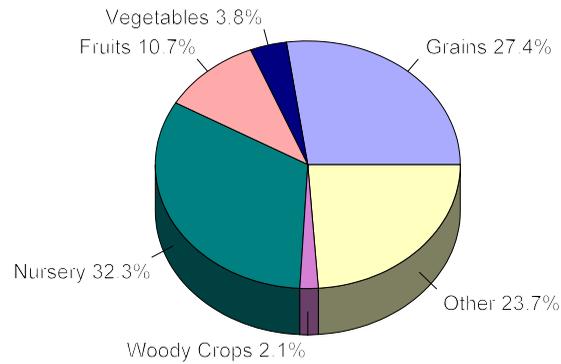
Fauquier is situated in the upper Piedmont area. Formed from part of Prince William in 1759, the county was named in honor of Francis Fauquier, Governor of Virginia from 1758-1767.

Altitudes in Fauquier vary from 200 feet above sea level in the southeast to 2,385 feet at High Knob in the Blue Ridge Mountains on the western border. The Bull Run Mountains, ranging up to 1,250 feet, are on the northeastern border, and there are lower mountains in the central part of the county. Temperatures in the area average 35 degrees in January and 77 in July. Average precipitation is 40 inches per year, with the heaviest rainfall during June and July, when the average is over four inches. The last killing frost of spring usually occurs around April 20 and the first killing frost in the fall about October 19. The growing season lasts roughly 182 days.

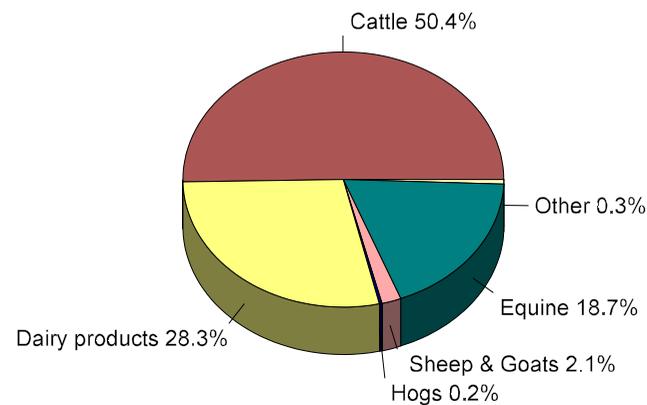
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	1,344	1,244
Land in Farms (acres)	238,135	256,410
Average size of farm	177	206
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$45,441,000	\$49,546,000
Average per farm	\$33,810	\$39,828
Government Payments	\$829,000	\$550,000

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	2,615	23	95	1,477	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	367	22	95	1,103	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,020	12	93	353	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,087	20	95	630	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	205	7	76	270	1,774
Other crops and hay	2,260	9	97	559	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	18,084	5	97	577	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	10,151	4	83	374	2,493
Hogs and pigs	56	33	90	1,651	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	762	1	93	124	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	6,724	2	94	14	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	92	12	87	898	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	52,817	4	97	521	3,059
Horses and ponies	6,231	1	97	21	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,986	25	96	1,009	2,983
Sheep and lambs	866	24	93	1,079	2,867
All Goats	610	27	95	843	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	48,505	3	97	316	3,059
Corn for grain	9,782	14	96	1,066	2,592
Soybeans	6,236	23	79	1,148	2,076
Corn for silage	5,875	4	87	309	2,307
Barley	1,601	9	73	234	1,246

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	2,183	358,169	64	85,064	6,429	164,259	NA	NA	NA
1945	2,081	353,414	76	100,803	2,057	117,341	49,373	NA	75,150
1950	1,581	315,600	120	80,615	13,779	90,933	45,602	NA	73,983
1954	1,513	309,026	126	74,881	3,854	54,472	86,472	NA	80,022
1959	1,155	324,659	191	73,937	9,630	68,934	76,832	NA	84,835
1964	950	292,765	301	71,760	8,122	63,168	55,049	13,608	46,392
1969	829	252,086	493	54,645	8,954	66,708	38,944	14,481	38,278
1974 4/	772	244,675	978	62,995	4,256	62,362	44,836	10,415	40,475
1978	837	247,838	1,518	72,925	5,910	58,832	42,417	14,672	42,922
1982	973	247,952	2,147	80,060	2,804	52,872	39,186	12,962	46,062
1987	978	240,638	2,390	67,196	8,175	47,683	52,016	15,082	38,670
1992	925	235,533	3,406	69,265	6,169	44,161	56,902	11,719	38,707
1997 2/	1,244	256,410	4,029	72,437	6,480	47,391	55,116	10,737	53,678
2002	1,344	238,135	6,000	71,395	6,751	40,286	57,029	7,962	42,779

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