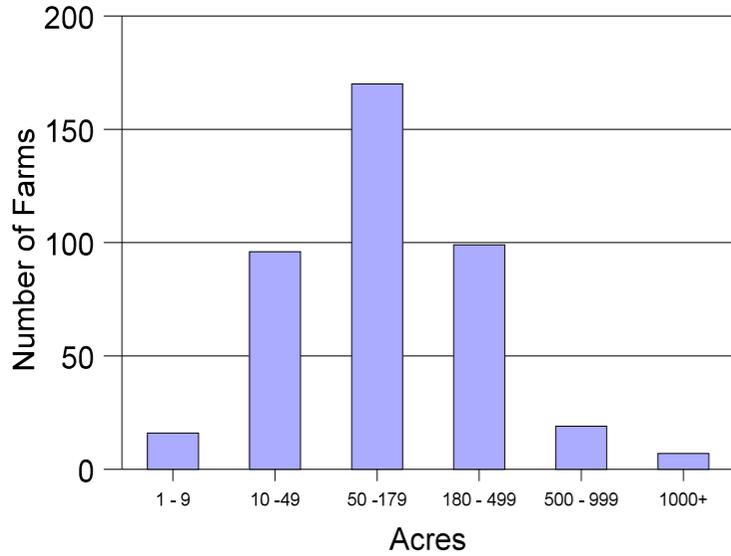
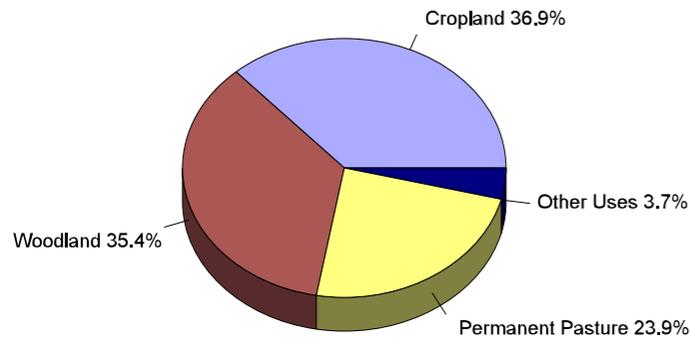


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics

Principal operators by primary occupation:

Farming	214
Other	193

Principal operators by sex:

Male	369
Female	38

Average age of principal operator (years)

57.0

All operators⁵ by race:

White	547
Black or African American	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1

All operators⁵ 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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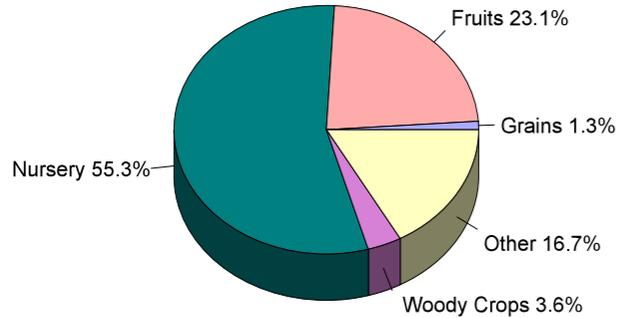
Giles County is situated in the southwestern part of the state and borders West Virginia. Formed in 1806 from parts of Tazewell and West Virginia, the county was named in honor of William Branch Giles, who was Governor of Virginia in 1827.

While most of the county lies on the ridges of the Alleghany Mountains, there are numerous valleys where the land is well suited for farming. Elevations range from 1,500 feet above sea level, where the New River leaves the county, to nearly 4,400 feet on Bald Knob. Almost 75 percent of the county is wooded, and the county is home to the Jefferson National Forest. In the valleys, temperatures average about 36 degrees in January and 74 in July. Annual precipitation averages 35 inches. The frost-free growing season generally lasts for 175 days, usually extending from April 26 to October 18.

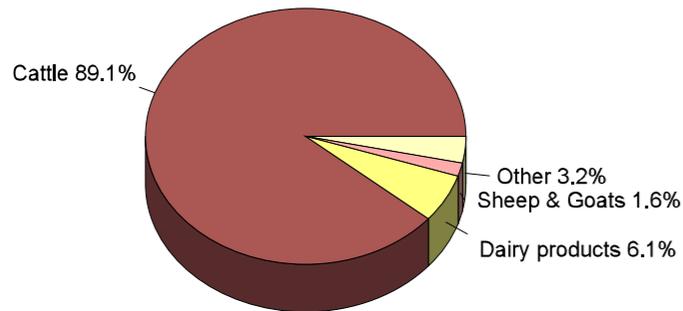
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	407	421
Land in Farms (acres)	68,329	75,239
Average size of farm	168	179
Market Value of Production County Total	\$5,341,000	\$4,490,000
Average per farm	\$13,123	\$10,664
Government Payments	\$53,000	\$11,000

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	15	88	95	2,696	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	43	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	272	23	93	773	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	651	47	95	1,291	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	42	32	76	696	1,774
Other crops and hay	184	75	97	2,560	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,713	39	97	1,750	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	254	58	83	1,927	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	90	-	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	66	24	93	1,077	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	73	14	87	996	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	11,150	48	97	1,960	3,059
Sheep and lambs	1,030	18	93	956	2,867
Horses and ponies	550	49	97	2,046	3,065
All Goats	479	32	95	1,037	2,971
Bison	(D)	4	19	(D)	1,321
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,358	52	97	1,839	3,059
Corn for silage	194	67	87	1,776	2,307
Apples	168	15	87	265	2,173
Corn for grain	75	89	96	2,353	2,592
Cut Christmas trees	65	40	81	743	1,877

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
				-Acres-					
1940	1,339	146,344	43	20,002	2,602	55,537	NA	NA	NA
1945	1,174	128,228	46	17,437	1,119	2,046	64,747	NA	39,189
1950	1,070	122,917	70	14,090	2,576	22,038	34,351	NA	44,072
1954	916	108,514	75	12,377	2,489	19,113	33,998	NA	36,717
1959	603	103,608	101	10,373	3,146	20,682	21,956	NA	40,717
1964	541	96,896	86	9,380	1,055	5,342	15,916	11,875	5,556
1969	392	80,158	126	7,929	1,334	17,048	15,572	8,971	10,209
1974 4/	318	74,316	272	7,543	2,037	14,586	16,740	5,705	8,877
1978	332	71,977	579	7,907	508	15,734	14,678	14,534	16,633
1982	375	78,289	594	7,989	944	17,324	15,529	11,908	22,296
1987	346	71,550	574	7,830	1,227	16,293	15,965	13,348	15,119
1992	332	73,097	692	8,063	1,282	21,131	13,250	10,398	17,149
1997 2/	421	75,239	1,280	10,293	1,659	19,065	14,830	11,832	14,766
2002	407	68,329	2,088	9,866	2,808	12,557	16,320	10,061	14,159

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