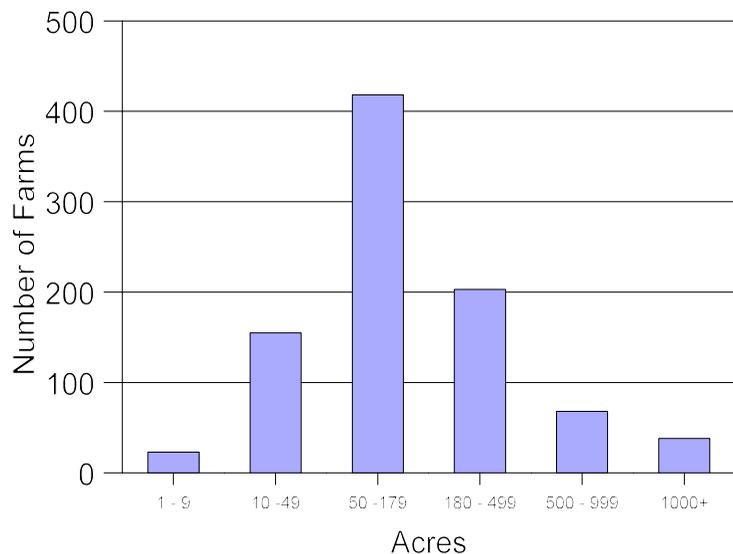
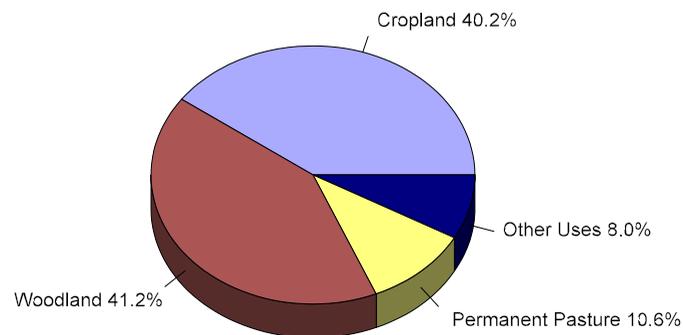


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	533
Other	372
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	812
Female	93
Average age of principal operator (years)	
	57.5
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	1,019
Black or African American	210
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	2
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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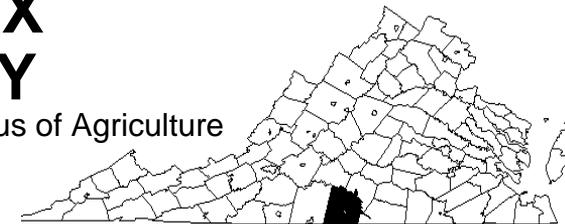
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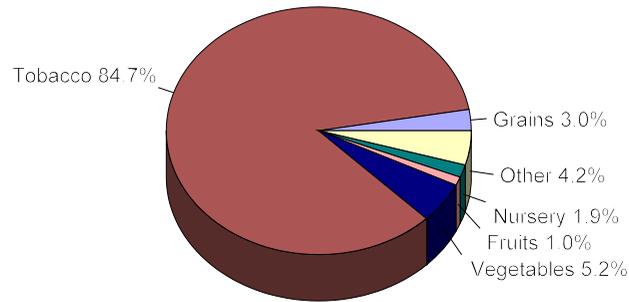
Halifax County is located in the south-central part of Virginia on the border of North Carolina. Formed from part of Lunenburg in 1752, Halifax ranks fourth in size among all counties in the state. The county was named in honor of the Earl of Halifax.

The topography of Halifax consists of a gently rolling plateau dissected by many streams. The prevailing slope is southeastward with elevations ranging from about 300 to 600 feet above sea level. The frost-free growing season averages 192 days, usually extending from around April 15 to October 24. Average temperature in January is 38 degrees and in July, 78 degrees. Annual precipitation averages 42 inches.

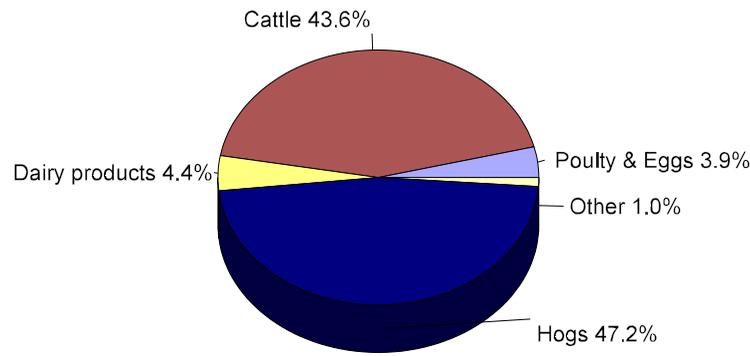
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	905	1,046
Land in Farms (acres)	221,684	236,249
Average size of farm	245	226
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$27,724,000	\$40,210,000
Average per farm	\$30,635	\$38,441
Government Payments	\$726,000	\$623,000

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	547	46	95	1,974	2,871
Tobacco	15,320	2	43	23	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	941	12	95	782	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	177	34	93	967	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	340	55	95	1,599	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	76	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	752	32	97	1,529	3,046
Poultry and eggs	375	34	94	1,103	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,206	37	97	1,658	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	420	55	83	1,735	2,493
Hogs and pigs	4,551	6	90	504	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	13	59	93	2,160	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	73	55	94	2,061	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	8	47	87	1,937	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	19,908	31	97	1,456	3,059
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	16,020	27	79	631	2,599
Hogs and pigs	13,731	6	87	622	2,926
Quail	(D)	2	34	(D)	1,412
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	24,932	19	97	893	3,059
Tobacco	4,524	2	43	19	563
All Wheat for grain	3,358	20	87	1,081	2,517
Soybeans	978	55	79	1,536	2,076
Corn for grain	801	56	96	1,856	2,592

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	5,886	472,989	26	100,159	63,484	45,703	NA	NA	NA
1945	5,832	478,004	37	95,692	48,402	34,278	28,122	NA	255,831
1950	5,619	469,455	58	85,156	45,858	43,022	24,029	NA	241,213
1954	4,751	420,176	88	80,296	40,929	31,054	21,139	NA	226,459
1959	3,886	402,534	107	70,908	48,695	20,107	24,080	NA	218,582
1964	3,352	391,125	145	53,025	55,149	21,700	22,612	28,053	136,431
1969	2,362	327,899	184	41,728	42,207	31,947	16,850	32,422	98,046
1974 4/	1,873	265,296	322	43,291	26,321	31,721	17,663	28,907	78,805
1978	1,750	263,083	489	45,067	25,810	30,629	11,713	26,907	103,900
1982	1,652	256,344	680	47,560	20,967	27,224	11,945	27,245	100,744
1987	1,252	242,244	594	37,355	29,672	28,508	15,167	24,537	89,109
1992	1,042	232,852	827	36,971	25,721	32,689	18,709	18,252	87,746
1997 2/	1,046	236,249	1,034	38,815	22,762	33,959	18,401	19,623	87,501
2002	905	221,684	1,588	34,281	27,131	27,632	23,601	17,381	73,980

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