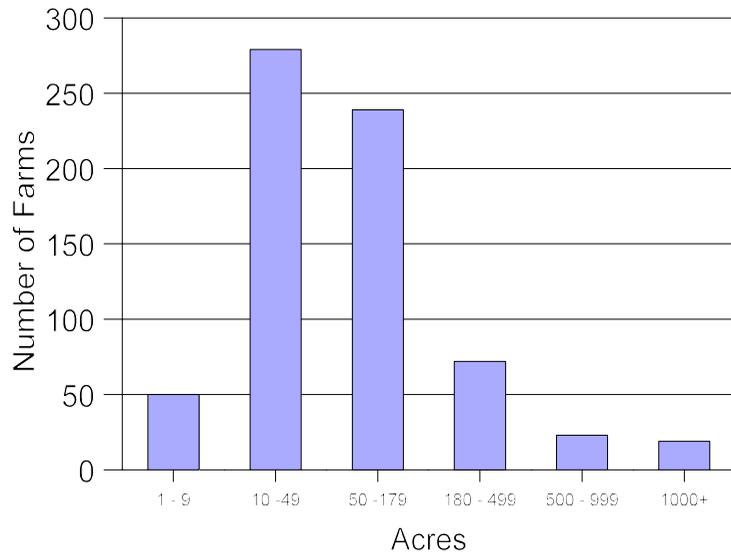
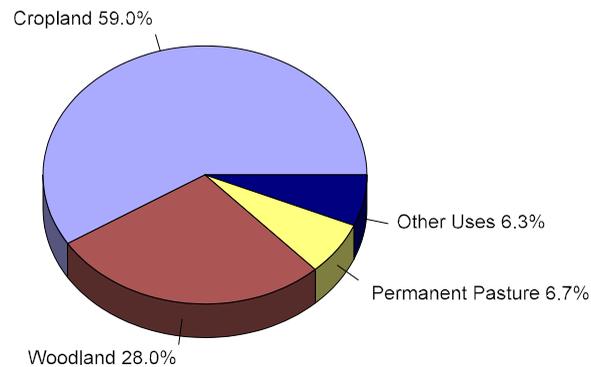


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	363
Other	319
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	547
Female	135
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	941
Black or African American	21
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5

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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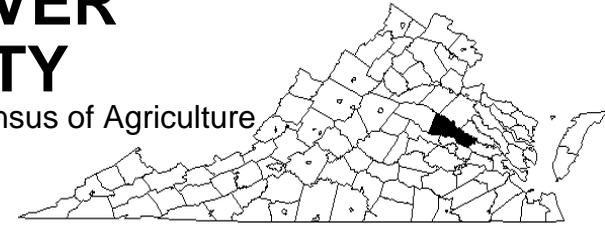
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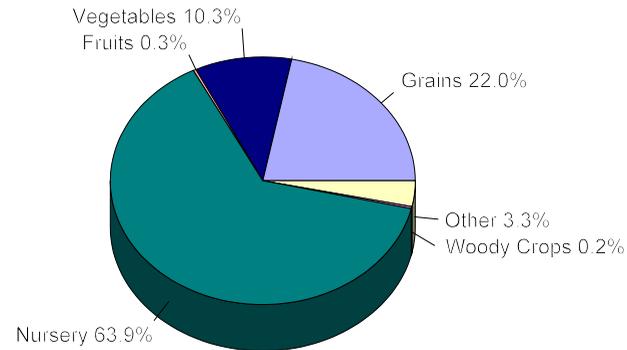
Hanover County is located in both the Coastal Plain and Piedmont Plateau of central Virginia. Formed from part of New Kent in 1721, the county is named in honor of the Duke of Hanover, who later became King George I of England. Interestingly enough, Hanover is the birthplace of both Patrick Henry and Henry Clay, and is the site of some of the fiercest battles of the Civil War.

The topography of the county is gently rolling, with some level lands in the Chickahominy and Pamunkey River Valleys. Elevations range up to 300 feet, while temperatures average 36 degrees in January and 76 in July. The frost-free growing season is roughly 178 days, extending from around April 21 to October 16. Annual precipitation averages 40 inches, with most rain falling in June, July, and August.

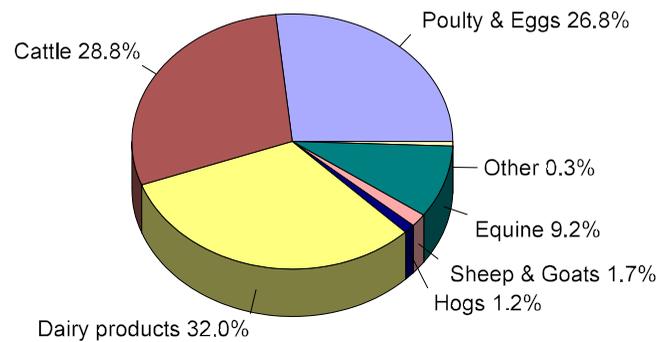
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	682	598
Land in Farms (acres)	100,537	104,064
Average size of farm	147	174
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$31,799,000	\$30,530,000
Average per farm	\$46,627	\$51,054
Government Payments	\$1,099,000	\$379,000

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	5,479	8	95	1,204	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	2,561	4	95	472	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	78	50	93	1,377	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	15,954	3	95	178	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	52	27	76	639	1,774
Other crops and hay	812	28	97	1,458	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1,842	23	94	839	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,977	52	97	2,178	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,199	31	83	979	2,493
Hogs and pigs	80	27	90	1,529	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	114	14	93	732	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	634	11	94	263	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	18	29	87	1,576	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	471,000	11	79	388	2,599
Cattle and calves	9,813	49	97	2,063	3,059
Horses and ponies	2,039	9	97	464	3,065
Sheep and lambs	1,228	16	93	830	2,867
Quail	(D)	4	34	(D)	1,412
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	18,619	6	79	864	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,654	44	97	1,456	3,059
Corn for grain	9,986	13	96	1,057	2,592
All Wheat for grain	7,464	6	87	754	2,517
Barley	2,751	4	73	192	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	1,946	186,559	39	46,478	17,780	14,866	NA	NA	NA
1945	2,082	203,952	55	55,623	9,360	6,351	15,326	19,273	88,169
1950	1,859	186,745	82	43,483	15,170	12,564	9,235	18,814	79,930
1954	1,541	178,869	107	46,187	7,094	7,349	11,644	19,772	81,919
1959	1,074	154,109	179	42,695	6,748	10,383	10,578	12,256	66,256
1964	879	145,165	221	41,353	6,165	11,090	10,799	12,155	58,589
1969	684	142,169	364	39,573	6,663	12,799	NA	NA	NA
1974 4/	631	126,684	650	43,557	3,518	15,257	NA	NA	NA
1978	630	122,917	1,265	45,416	3,812	14,416	3,411	9,545	40,644
1982	637	121,353	1,342	52,561	2,351	14,388	5,892	6,164	31,324
1987	554	104,882	1,526	45,230	5,939	8,979	6,490	4,777	23,343
1992	547	96,282	2,426	47,097	2,561	11,405	4,075	3,957	23,929
1997 2/	598	104,064	2,722	48,850	2,921	11,046	5,750	5,812	22,980
2002	682	100,537	3,812	48,194	2,697	8,475	6,739	3,406	24,722

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