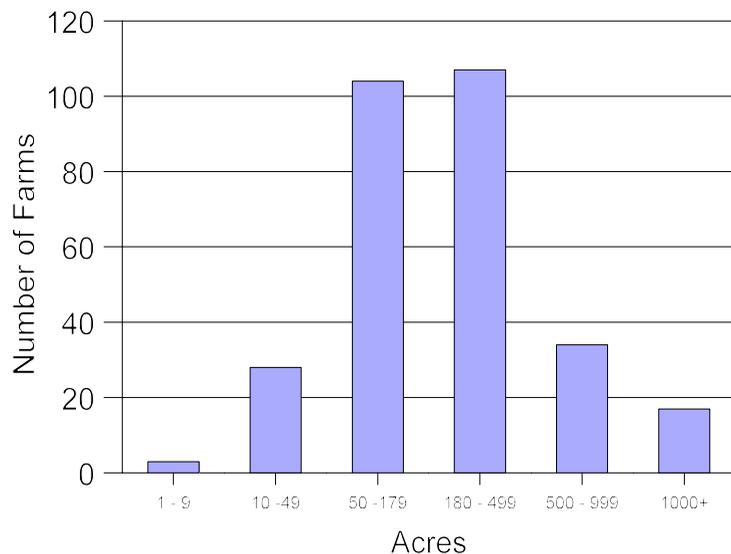
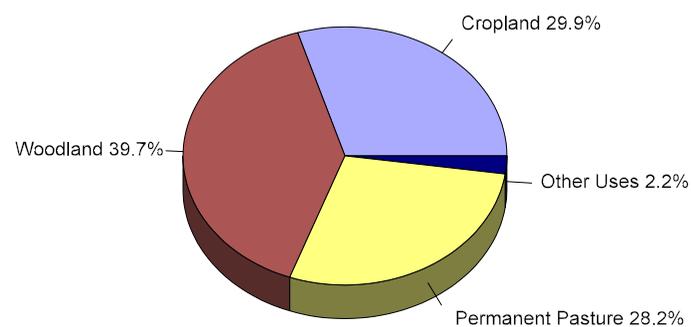


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	160
Other	133
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	250
Female	43
Average age of principal operator (years)	59.0
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	418
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
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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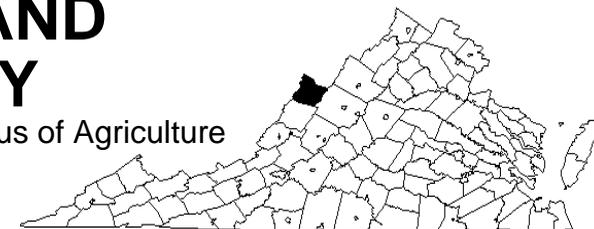
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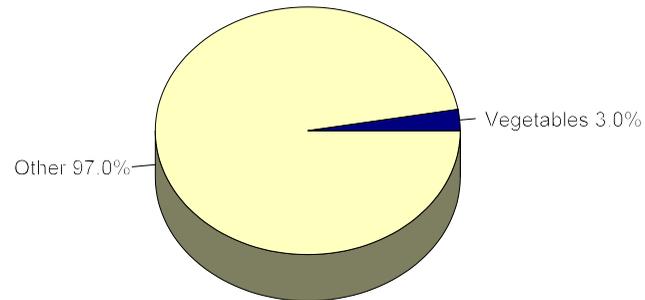
Highland County is situated in the west central part of Virginia and borders West Virginia. Formed in 1847 from parts of Bath and West Virginia, Highland is one of four Virginia counties named for its natural geographic features.

Highland is one of Virginia's most beautiful counties and boasts fertile valleys and rugged mountains. Altitudes range upward from 2,000 to 4,600 feet above sea level. Forests cover nearly three-fourths of the county and include part of the George Washington National Forest. Temperatures at Monterey, the county seat at 3,000 feet elevation, average 29 degrees in January and 68 in July. The frost-free growing season is roughly 143 days, usually extending from May 12 to around October 2. Annual precipitation averages over 39 inches.

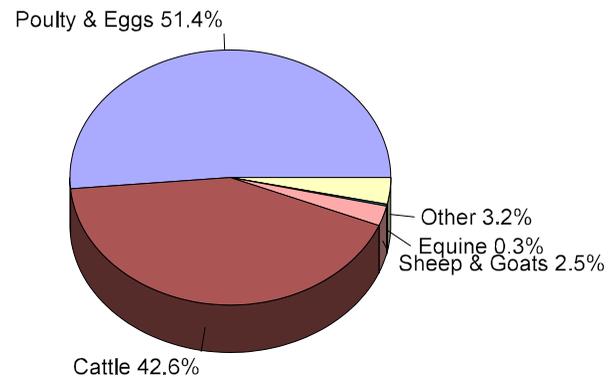
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	293	344
Land in Farms (acres)	96,036	99,931
Average size of farm	328	290
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$12,739,000	\$13,020,000
Average per farm	\$43,476	\$37,849
Government Payments	\$49,000	\$22,000

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	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	11	90	95	2,446	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	320	62	97	2,262	3,046
Poultry and eggs	6,357	11	94	560	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,262	29	97	1,477	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1	79	90	2,754	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	315	5	93	285	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	35	74	94	2,537	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	87	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Turkeys	244,967	5	72	95	2,328
Cattle and calves	11,202	47	97	1,957	3,059
Sheep and lambs	5,054	3	93	221	2,867
Horses and ponies	284	68	97	2,647	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	138	84	96	2,615	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,269	54	97	1,852	3,059
Corn for silage	312	56	87	1,596	2,307
Cut Christmas trees	54	46	81	808	1,877
Apples	21	35	87	842	2,173
Short-rotation woody crops	(D)	43	66	(D)	1,262

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	667	153,423	28	17,296	592	21,971	NA	NA	NA
1945	694	158,619	30	17,129	164	1,177	74,259	NA	63,827
1950	609	150,908	40	14,165	889	8,491	58,139	NA	67,005
1954	570	147,582	50	13,382	907	3,414	55,378	NA	73,190
1959	494	138,748	57	11,425	485	4,860	50,018	NA	70,283
1964	432	137,495	60	10,482	1,996	8,169	29,462	16,553	24,656
1969	461	133,391	111	11,268	413	21,705	25,979	21,558	26,648
1974 4/	335	112,231	299	9,002	939	22,267	23,211	12,863	22,402
1978	329	107,787	510	9,422	437	26,416	22,266	17,562	28,076
1982	320	103,470	670	9,203	1,206	26,776	23,985	17,321	22,543
1987	303	94,880	707	8,996	657	24,538	22,253	11,269	23,570
1992	298	96,910	968	9,438	862	22,461	23,410	14,374	24,496
1997 2/	344	99,931	1,229	10,081	897	27,536	22,799	11,771	24,190
2002	293	96,036	2,298	9,520	432	18,721	27,085	12,234	25,899

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