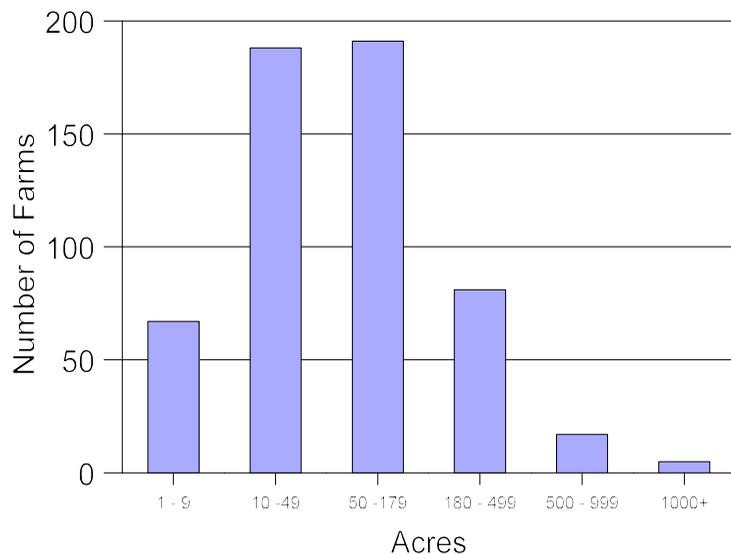
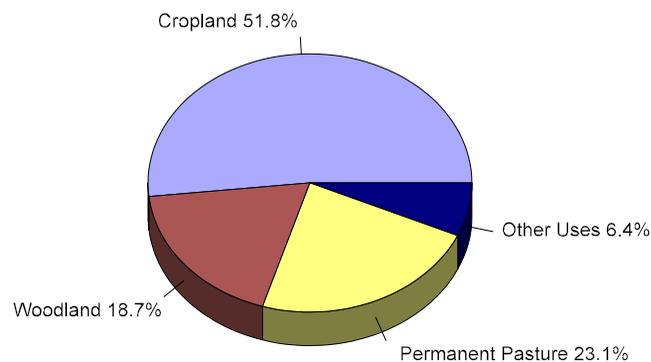


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	325
Other	224
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	492
Female	57
Average age of principal operator (years)	
	57.0
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	828
Black or African American	5
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	1
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 operations 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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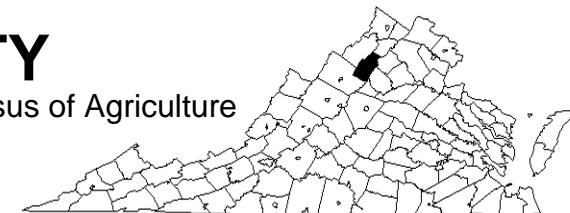
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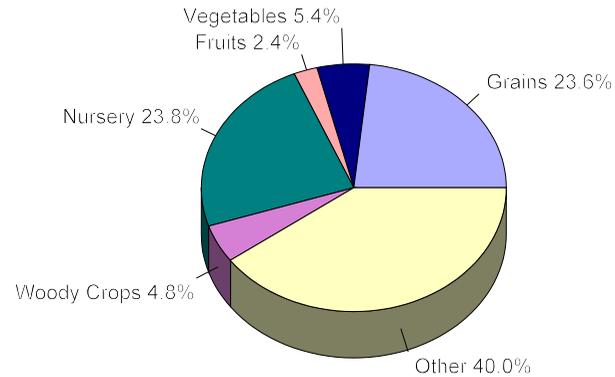
Page County lies in the Shenandoah Valley between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Massanutten. Formed in 1831 from parts of Rockingham and Shenandoah, the county was named in honor of Governor John Page. Page County is perhaps most well-known for its Luray Caverns, discovered in 1878.

Page County boasts a remarkable topography. The south fork of the Shenandoah River flows through the county, and many peaks of the Blue Ridge rise to 3,500 or 4,000 feet above sea level. Also included in the county are portions of both the Shenandoah National Park and the George Washington National Forest. Temperatures in the area are generally lower in both winter and summer than the state averages. January temperatures at the higher elevation of Big Meadows average 26 degrees in January and 68 in July.

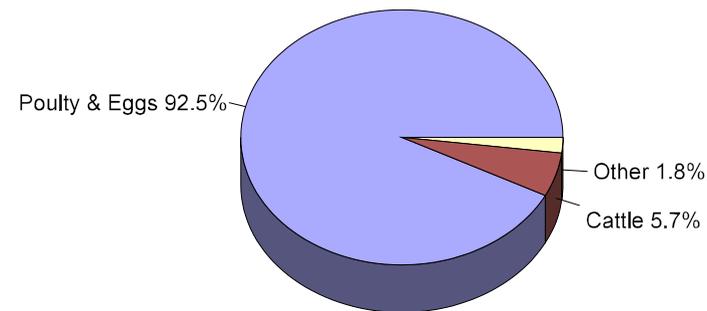
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	549	628
Land in Farms (acres)	64,045	69,908
Average size of farm	117	111
Market Value of Production County Total	\$108,720,000	\$115,197,000
Average per farm	\$198,033	\$183,435
Government Payments	\$351,000	\$225,000

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	299	59	95	2,146	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	69	65	95	1,899	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	30	69	93	1,796	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	302	58	95	1,650	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	61	20	76	574	1,774
Other crops and hay	508	46	97	1,887	3,046
Poultry and eggs	99,394	2	94	49	2,918
Cattle and calves	6,110	25	97	1,366	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	634	49	83	1,549	2,493
Hogs and pigs	224	22	90	1,223	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	87	17	93	892	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	885	7	94	161	3,014
Aquaculture	1	37	44	1,246	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	115	10	87	805	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	7,365,503	2	79	50	2,599
Turkeys	735,193	3	72	38	2,328
Layers 20 weeks old and older	264,624	4	96	236	2,983
Cattle and calves	23,418	26	97	1,292	3,059
Quail	(D)	1	34	(D)	1,412
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	15,410	39	97	1,353	3,059
Corn for grain	2,614	37	96	1,486	2,592
Corn for silage	1,778	19	87	817	2,307
Barley	599	21	73	377	1,246
Soybeans	439	59	79	1,686	2,076

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	1,327	105,897	52	27,857	3,465	34,723	NA	NA	NA
1945	1,258	103,816	67	30,035	6,300	8,344	29,936	NA	26,855
1950	1,141	106,041	89	24,713	5,483	16,557	23,778	NA	32,136
1954	1,185	102,183	115	24,784	3,262	14,008	26,520	NA	29,856
1959	886	100,472	134	24,584	4,489	9,214	29,243	NA	28,989
1964	742	94,223	174	20,716	3,750	7,897	22,050	4,463	7,986
1969	529	73,861	340	16,885	4,115	17,536	13,086	3,883	6,114
1974 4/	421	61,698	713	17,203	1,752	13,093	12,621	2,770	6,751
1978	448	66,317	1,126	18,630	1,463	17,975	11,739	4,190	10,125
1982	506	70,245	1,486	19,385	1,409	16,378	14,820	4,225	11,048
1987	489	67,250	1,465	19,405	1,865	17,620	11,969	3,341	10,195
1992	521	64,856	2,276	18,506	1,883	16,575	12,589	4,591	7,956
1997 2/	628	69,908	2,833	22,032	1,302	16,713	11,995	3,931	9,955
2002	549	64,045	3,915	20,254	830	12,094	14,809	3,164	8,791

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