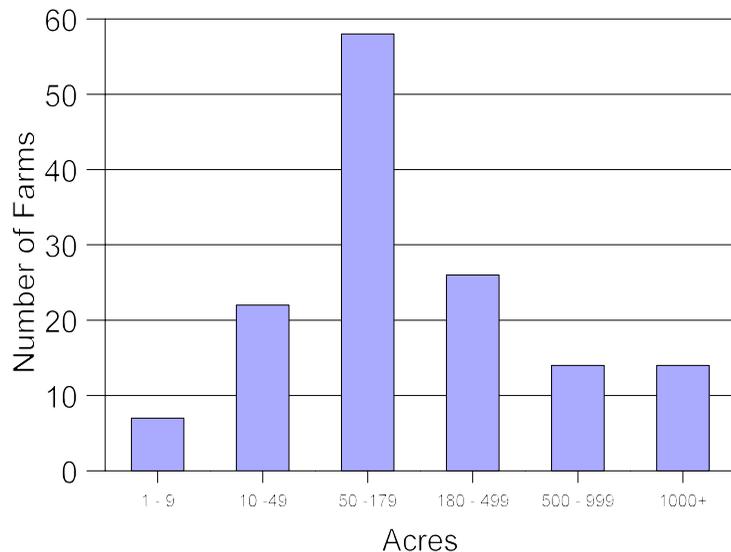
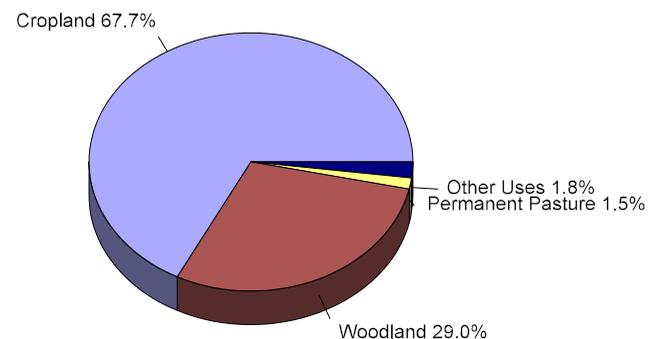


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	81
Other	60
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	131
Female	10
Average age of principal operator (years)	
	57.9
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	167
Black or African American	6
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	-
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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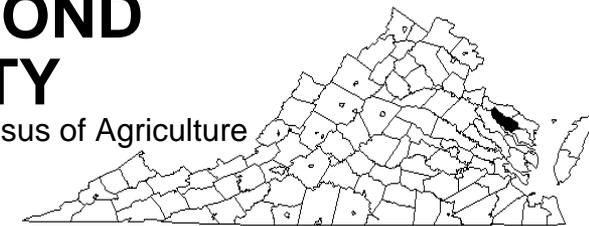
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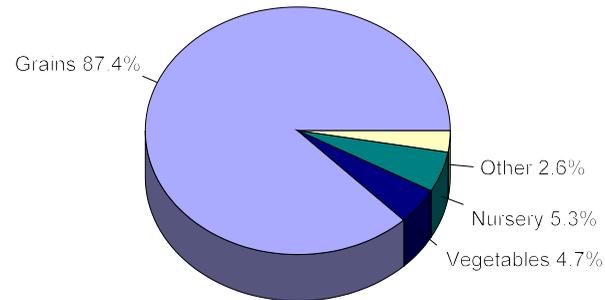
Richmond lies in the coastal plain on the narrow peninsula between the Potomac River and the Rappahannock River known as the Northern Neck. Formed when Rappahannock County was divided into Richmond and Essex in 1692, the county was probably named after either the English Earl or the Duke of Richmond.

The topography of the county is low and flat, with elevations ranging from sea level to no more than 170 feet. Temperatures average 37 degrees in January and 78 in July. The frost-free growing season is roughly 194 days, usually extending from April 15 to October 25. Annual precipitation averages 41 inches. July is the wettest month and November, the driest.

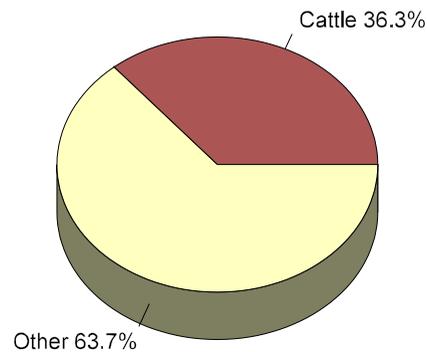
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	141	158
Land in Farms (acres)	44,771	37,510
Average size of farm	318	237
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$6,655,000	\$8,986,000
Average per farm	\$47,195	\$56,872
Government Payments	\$695,000	\$386,000

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	5,089	9	95	1,227	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	273	28	95	1,225	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	309	57	95	1,636	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	302	81	97	2,845	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	3	60	87	2,198	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	1,433	80	97	2,869	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	140	83	96	2,608	2,983
All Goats	114	76	95	2,200	2,971
Hogs and pigs	(D)	57	87	(D)	2,926
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	46	79	(D)	2,599
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	12,908	16	79	967	2,076
Corn for grain	11,373	9	96	1,003	2,592
All Wheat for grain	5,626	13	87	869	2,517
Barley	2,606	5	73	195	1,246
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,203	83	97	2,853	3,059

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	893	78,462	32	21,347	4,577	5,260	NA	NA	NA
1945	768	79,708	41	22,047	3,048	2,219	3,054	2,633	45,242
1950	675	72,098	76	20,711	2,442	2,353	1,714	1,677	39,970
1954	675	72,751	103	23,174	1,018	872	3,815	1,819	38,454
1959	442	61,650	112	24,190	1,099	908	2,518	808	29,081
1964	360	66,851	207	25,299	2,479	953	3,066	NA	NA
1969	242	47,109	259	24,469	2,832	1,052	773	2,830	9,668
1974 4/	227	45,047	559	25,395	272	1,862	801	NA	NA
1978	206	42,822	1,027	26,630	839	816	231	693	12,003
1982	193	43,355	911	30,786	136	378	415	365	8,724
1987	148	39,091	962	22,027	3,406	962	112	480	9,887
1992	129	38,940	1,141	25,614	2,128	559	87	835	8,279
1997 2/	158	37,510	1,421	23,765	1,418	803	681	652	9,179
2002	141	44,771	1,738	27,445	1,732	1,130	679	264	12,714

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