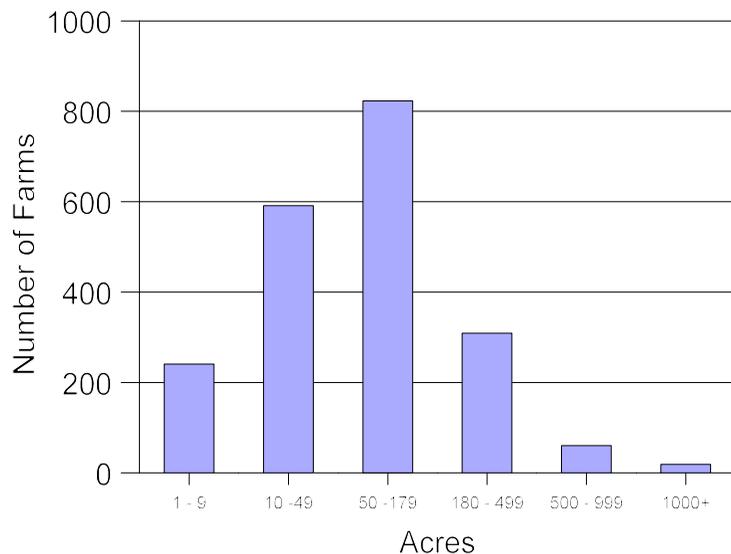
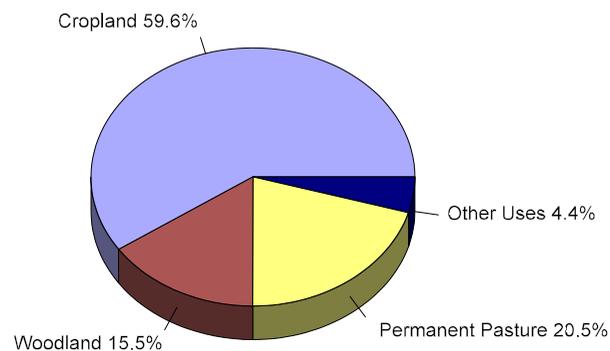


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	1,285
Other	758
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,843
Female	200
Average age of principal operator (years)	
	53.6
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	3,112
Black or African American	2
American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
Asian	1
More than one race	18
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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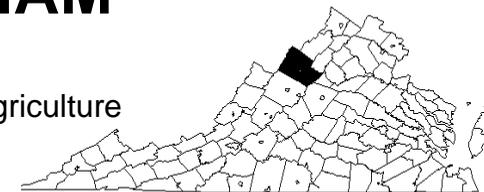
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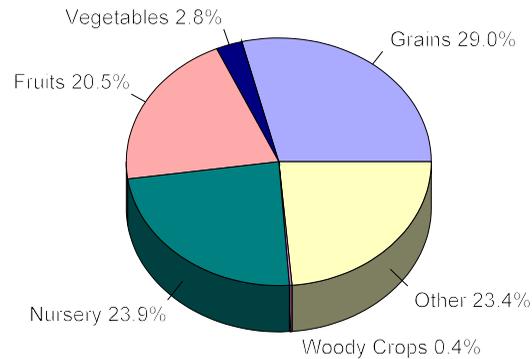
Rockingham County is situated in the Shenandoah Valley and is bordered by the Blue Ridge Mountains on the east and the Alleghenies on the west. The county was named in honor of the Marquis of Rockingham, who was twice Prime Minister of England, and is the third largest county in the state.

Elevations in Rockingham range from about 900 feet above sea level along the Shenandoah River to over 4,300 feet in the Alleghenies. In the lower levels, where most of the farms are located, temperatures average 32 degrees in January and 76 in July. A frost-free growing season of roughly 165 days usually extends between April 28 and October 10. Annual precipitation for the area averages 35 inches, with June, July, and August each averaging four inches. Forests cover more than half of the county, with much of the woodland located in the George Washington National Forest and the Shenandoah National Park.

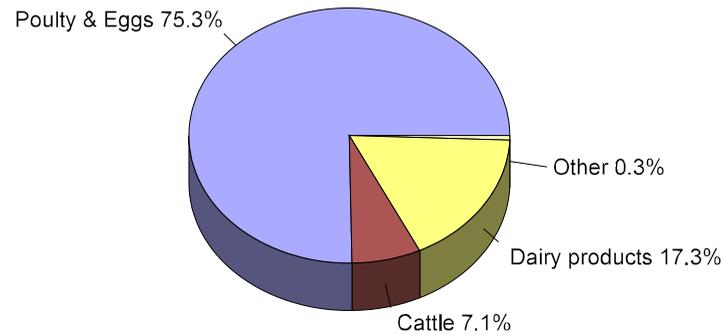
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	2,043	2,129
Land in Farms (acres)	248,578	241,836
Average size of farm	122	114
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$446,663,000	\$444,380,000
Average per farm	\$218,631	\$208,727
Government Payments	\$4,811,000	\$502,000

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	3,873	16	95	1,335	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	372	21	95	1,098	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	2,734	5	93	207	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,193	19	95	621	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	60	22	76	579	1,774
Other crops and hay	3,133	5	97	394	3,046
Poultry and eggs	326,391	1	94	2	2,918
Cattle and calves	30,647	2	97	292	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	75,082	1	83	44	2,493
Hogs and pigs	190	23	90	1,280	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	407	4	93	224	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	289	23	94	761	3,014
Aquaculture	74	22	44	635	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	218	6	87	568	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	16,751,524	1	79	6	2,599
Turkeys	3,280,263	1	72	2	2,328
Layers 20 weeks old and older	804,025	1	96	115	2,983
Cattle and calves	119,938	1	97	84	3,059
Sheep and lambs	7,165	2	93	161	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	58,467	2	97	203	3,059
Corn for silage	25,748	1	87	25	2,307
Corn for grain	11,737	8	96	989	2,592
Soybeans	6,591	22	79	1,139	2,076
Barley	2,268	6	73	203	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	3,884	321,872	72	110,902	6,298	79,887	NA	NA	NA
1945	3,865	308,663	99	104,304	4,067	20,091	103,850	12,149	55,824
1950	3,581	321,685	136	90,408	8,010	30,114	101,791	22,800	56,401
1954	3,577	303,197	177	80,878	3,414	18,382	118,059	17,677	53,260
1959	2,938	300,488	216	78,982	5,050	16,088	118,828	18,042	53,321
1964	2,587	289,115	253	72,687	6,356	23,013	91,152	NA	NA
1969	2,187	270,200	440	70,350	7,622	64,186	54,326	16,123	25,155
1974 4/	1,967	255,078	837	75,536	2,629	61,991	55,429	NA	NA
1978	1,872	252,152	1,567	80,205	4,199	54,803	54,022	16,283	32,666
1982	2,046	261,595	1,773	85,913	2,732	62,360	50,430	13,795	32,858
1987	1,895	242,224	1,926	84,661	5,448	54,469	44,718	12,710	28,345
1992	1,864	236,074	2,738	85,802	3,955	58,782	41,737	12,207	25,639
1997 2/	2,129	241,836	3,128	91,916	4,640	55,911	43,902	8,852	25,277
2002	2,043	248,578	4,043	99,399	4,437	44,337	51,057	10,296	28,211

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