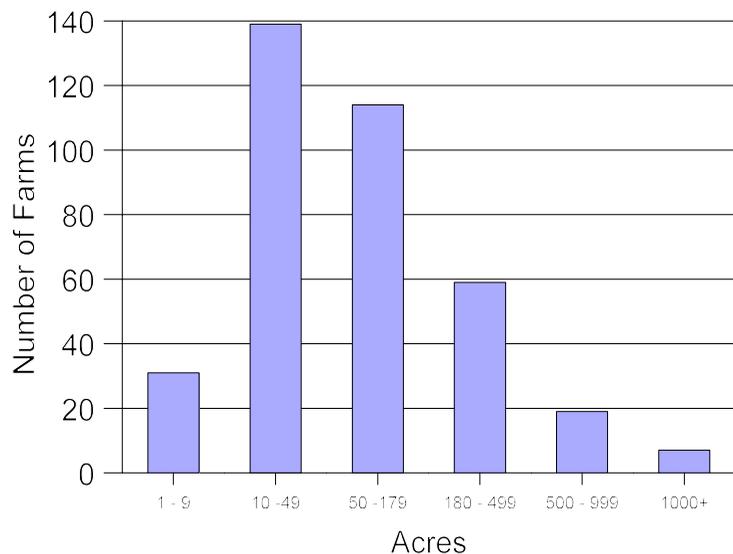
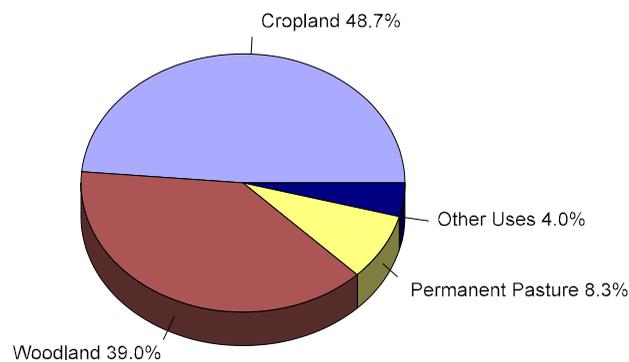


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	174
Other	195
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	299
Female	70
Average age of principal operator (years)	
	57.0
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	546
Black or African American	13
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	11
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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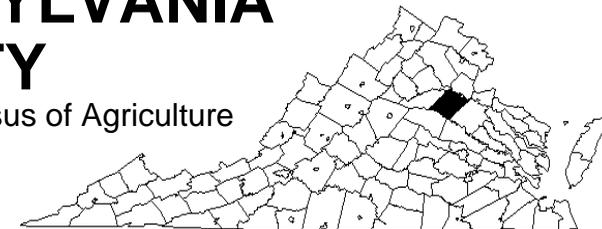
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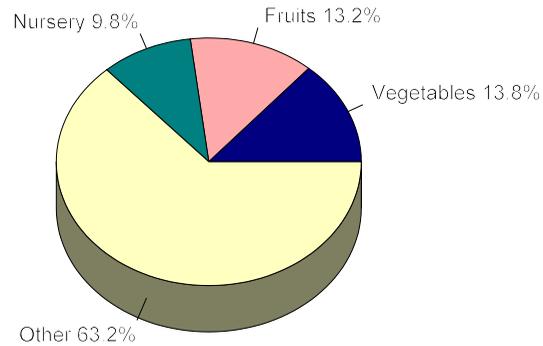
Spotsylvania County lies mostly in the Piedmont Plateau, with its eastern corner in the coastal plain. Formed in 1720 from parts of Essex, King William, and King George, the county was named in honor of Governor Alexander Spotswood, who led the expedition across the mountains to the Shenandoah Valley in 1716.

The topography of the county is generally rolling, except for a small flat and low area adjacent to the Rappahannock River east of Fredericksburg. Elevations vary from about 50 feet in the east to more than 400 feet on the western side. The frost-free growing season is roughly 178 days, usually extending from around April 22 to October 17. Annual precipitation for the area averages 40 inches.

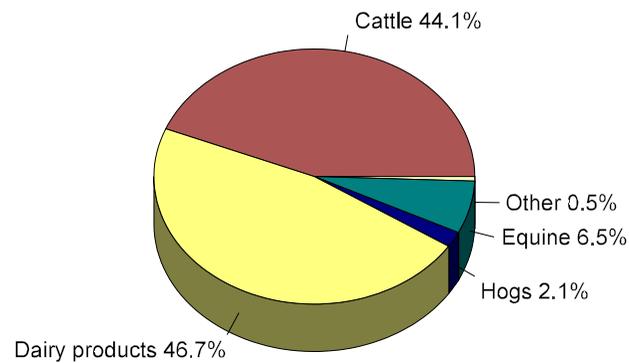
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	369	318
Land in Farms (acres)	56,346	51,533
Average size of farm	153	162
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$5,937,000	\$6,184,000
Average per farm	\$16,090	\$19,446
Government Payments	\$370,000	\$197,000

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	240	31	95	1,286	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	229	27	93	840	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	170	67	95	1,890	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	270	64	97	2,368	3,046
Poultry and eggs	14	52	94	1,871	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,853	55	97	2,219	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,960	32	83	1,033	2,493
Hogs and pigs	90	26	90	1,490	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	274	26	94	812	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	9,140	50	97	2,127	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,624	26	96	1,089	2,983
Horses and ponies	948	29	97	1,357	3,065
Hogs and pigs	506	25	87	1,627	2,926
Sheep and lambs	366	34	93	1,647	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,082	49	97	1,671	3,059
Corn for grain	3,132	32	96	1,435	2,592
Soybeans	1,954	44	79	1,390	2,076
Corn for silage	1,162	30	87	1,037	2,307
Barley	882	14	73	306	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	1,313	147,198	28	27,966	5,224	26,158	NA	NA	NA
1945	1,465	167,022	38	35,329	5,137	14,798	9,946	14,611	83,923
1950	1,153	138,852	70	25,501	8,677	12,547	11,279	9,588	66,407
1954	1,082	134,858	87	23,791	5,270	13,623	11,252	12,004	65,410
1959	706	103,899	120	20,244	2,950	9,698	9,918	6,125	51,779
1964	430	95,606	134	18,809	4,650	7,247	12,954	NA	NA
1969	386	72,030	334	17,301	2,237	12,219	4,334	4,819	15,041
1974 4/	332	62,901	926	20,269	1,773	10,474	3,511	NA	NA
1978	288	59,408	1,098	24,396	1,779	8,558	2,581	3,562	16,436
1982	321	59,887	1,312	25,300	1,670	7,395	3,346	2,821	16,615
1987	305	57,337	2,005	18,071	3,586	9,589	4,791	2,993	16,266
1992	256	52,904	2,925	15,502	2,332	7,804	3,792	3,488	17,515
1997 2/	318	51,533	2,544	15,845	2,158	7,778	3,014	2,205	18,884
2002	369	56,346	4,288	17,936	2,916	6,590	4,687	5,165	16,800

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