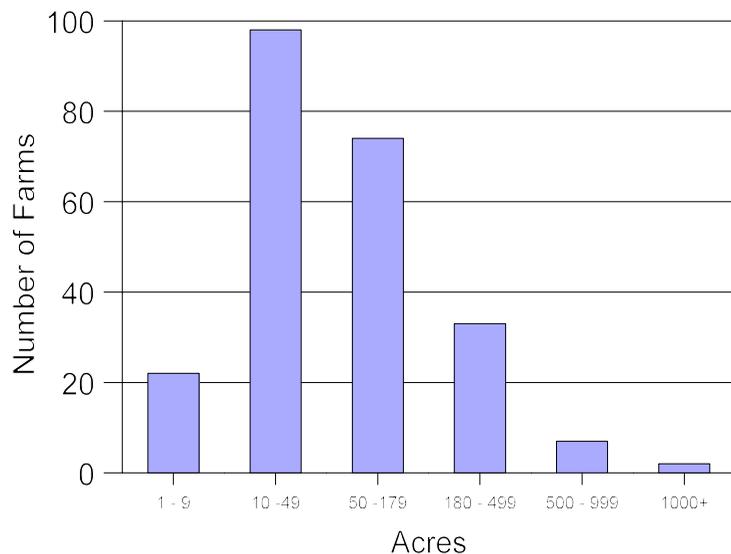
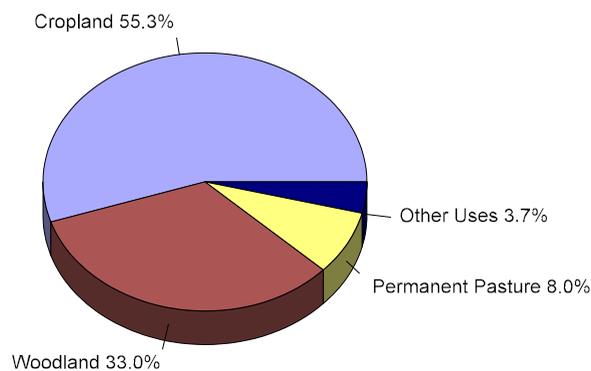


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	119
Other	117
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	191
Female	45
Average age of principal operator (years)	58.2
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	312
Black or African American	10
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	9
All operators ⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

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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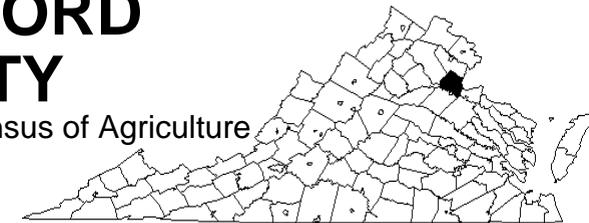
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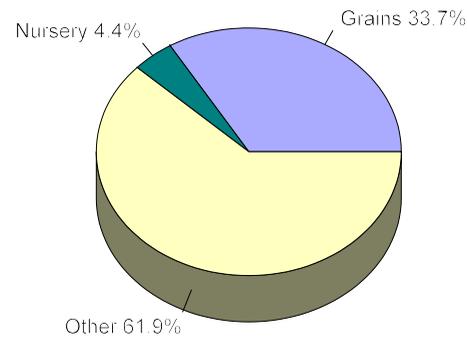
Stafford County is situated largely in the northern Piedmont Plateau with a narrow strip of its eastern border falling in the coastal plain. Formed in 1775 from part of Westmoreland, the county was probably named after the English shire of the same name. Interestingly, Stafford is the site of historic stone quarries that were the source of much of the stone used to build the Capitol building in Washington.

Stafford is bound by the Rappahannock River on the south and the Potomac River on the northeast, resulting in a gently sloping topography. Nearly three-fourths of the county is wooded, and much of this acreage is in U. S. National Park Service lands. The climate is generally mild, with temperatures averaging 37 degrees in January and 77 in July. The frost-free growing season is roughly 190 days, usually extending between April 15 and October 22. Annual precipitation averages close to 40 inches.

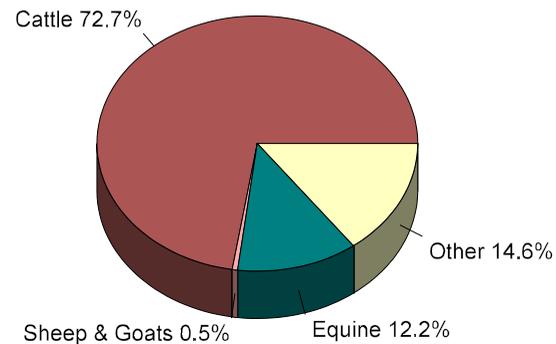
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	236	213
Land in Farms (acres)	26,128	21,973
Average size of farm	111	103
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$2,485,000	\$2,117,000
Average per farm	\$10,530	\$9,940
Government Payments	\$90,000	\$46,000

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	389	53	95	2,069	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	51	86	95	2,256	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	373	56	97	2,132	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	971	66	97	2,559	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	6	74	93	2,523	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	162	37	94	1,322	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	3,881	66	97	2,631	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	724	44	96	1,633	2,983
Horses and ponies	712	36	97	1,719	3,065
Sheep and lambs	200	48	93	1,967	2,867
All Goats	117	75	95	2,182	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,856	62	97	2,197	3,059
Soybeans	1,333	52	79	1,474	2,076
Corn for grain	1,257	49	96	1,733	2,592
Barley	283	34	73	513	1,246
Corn for silage	280	59	87	1,637	2,307

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	898	92,648	41	19,038	7,836	15,771	NA	NA	NA
1945	948	84,644	54	16,567	5,853	10,925	6,604	2,293	36,409
1950	800	78,511	88	13,015	5,867	8,089	6,220	3,781	37,360
1954	712	74,805	114	13,088	5,745	9,856	2,003	5,714	35,041
1959	440	57,560	146	10,474	3,644	6,093	3,932	3,613	27,135
1964	352	45,945	293	10,430	2,144	5,173	2,640	NA	NA
1969	216	35,530	490	7,873	2,536	5,964	1,521	1,940	5,557
1974 4/	162	27,782	1,115	7,569	802	4,202	1,520	NA	NA
1978	182	28,462	1,359	9,114	834	3,981	1,984	1,992	8,436
1982	214	28,482	1,786	11,233	272	3,958	2,147	1,840	7,707
1987	197	27,849	(D)	7,984	2,485	4,689	1,500	1,196	8,800
1992	166	20,107	3,882	6,939	632	3,371	781	2,387	5,491
1997 2/	213	21,973	5,059	7,775	503	3,747	902	754	7,415
2002	236	26,128	4,880	9,527	861	4,036	2,091	1,413	7,221

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