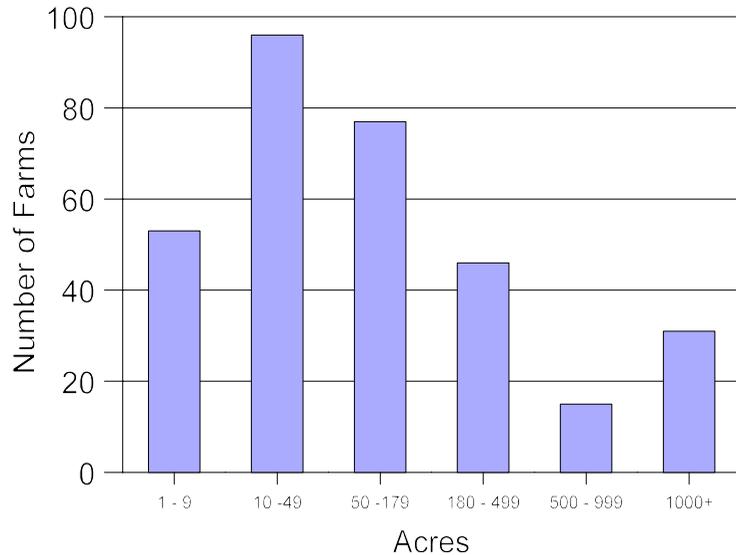
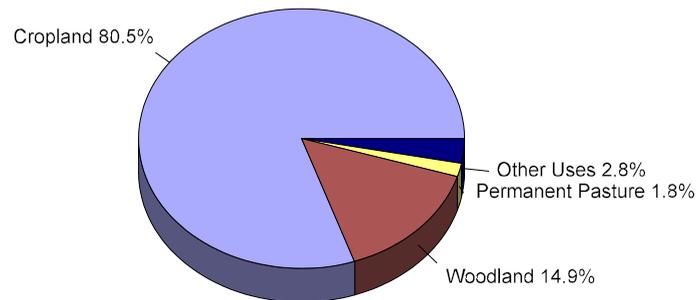


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	45
Other	95
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	127
Female	13
Average age of principal operator (years)	
	55.3
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	195
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	
	-

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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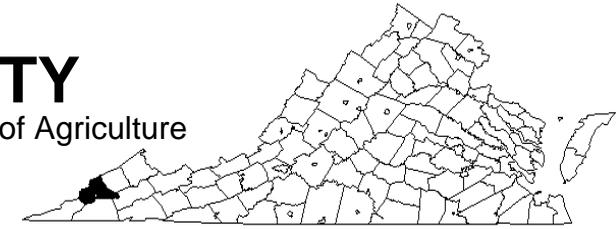
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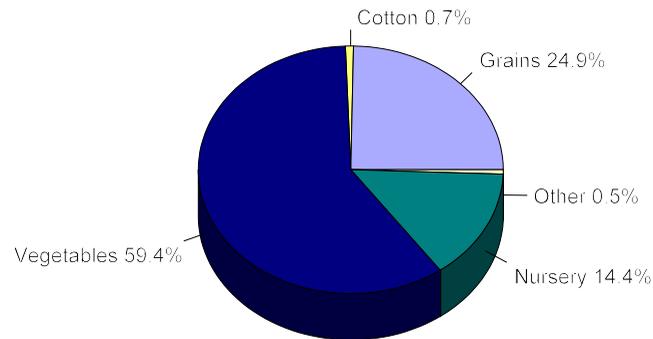
Wise County is located in the southwestern part of Virginia on the Appalachian Plateau. Formed in 1856 from parts of Russell, Lee and Scott, the county is named in honor of Henry A. Wise, Virginia's governor that year.

The topography of the county is comprised of sharp ridges and narrow valleys. Elevations range from 1,400 feet above sea level in the Clinch River Valley to nearly 4,200 feet on High Knob in the Powell Mountains. More than three-fourths of Wise is wooded, and part of the Jefferson National Forest is located in the county. Temperatures in the area average 37 degrees in January and 73 in July. The frost-free growing season is roughly 157 days, usually extending from May 5 to October 9. Annual precipitation averages 43 inches.

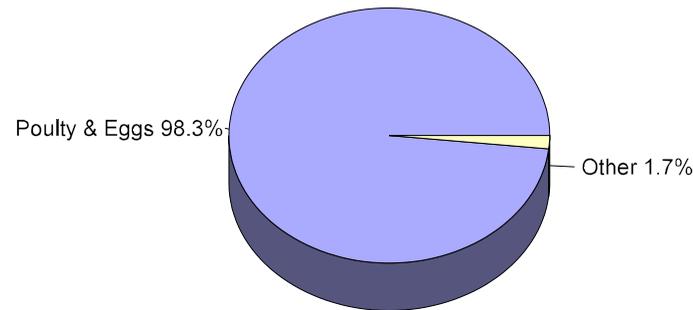
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	140	174
Land in Farms (acres)	19,033	17,845
Average size of farm	136	103
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$942,000	\$1,367,000
Average per farm	\$6,728	\$7,854
Government Payments	\$2,000	(D)

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	24	40	43	465	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	19	74	93	1,976	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	55	83	95	2,235	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	126	78	97	2,712	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	481	71	97	2,756	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	90	-	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	4	83	93	2,688	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	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	2,941	70	97	2,713	3,059
All Goats	266	54	95	1,594	2,971
Horses and ponies	167	82	97	2,872	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	154	81	96	2,579	2,983
Ducks	(D)	57	78	(D)	2,630
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,386	68	97	2,533	3,059
Short-rotation woody crops	(D)	10	66	(D)	1,262
All Vegetables harvested	31	62	95	1,817	2,710
Rye for grain	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	1,204
Corn for silage	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	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	2,340	83,543	42	17,990	8,124	19,790	NA	NA	NA
1945	2,935	85,300	83	20,026	7,179	9,011	16,076	9,765	19,709
1950	1,749	67,742	143	11,027	6,478	10,113	7,560	7,706	20,169
1954	1,497	60,701	122	7,917	5,560	8,611	6,956	8,014	20,537
1959	598	32,578	142	4,523	4,294	6,374	3,134	2,309	9,937
1964	502	30,752	144	4,222	1,056	1,303	3,044	NA	NA
1969	299	21,807	236	2,941	1,280	4,284	680	887	1,295
1974 4/	167	13,050	578	1,564	719	3,924	147	NA	NA
1978	142	13,702	973	1,761	360	2,694	3,832	901	3,443
1982	161	13,092	1,053	1,818	611	3,677	2,618	881	2,778
1987	143	15,000	1,005	2,078	350	4,676	1,766	994	4,627
1992	122	13,247	1,248	2,142	206	4,446	2,261	1,179	2,706
1997 2/	174	17,845	1,871	2,803	373	4,197	3,958	2,348	3,640
2002	140	19,033	2,366	3,714	369	5,200	3,951	982	4,403

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