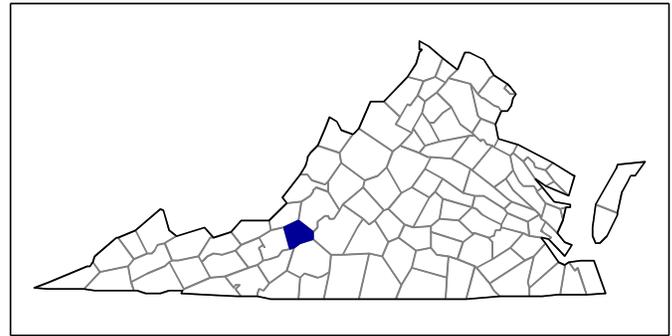




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Roanoke, Virginia

Number of farms

342 farms in 2002, 349 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

Land in farms

30,914 acres in 2002, 30,174 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

90 acres in 2002, 86 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$3,831,000 in 2002, \$5,677,000 in 1997, down 33 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,939,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$1,891,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

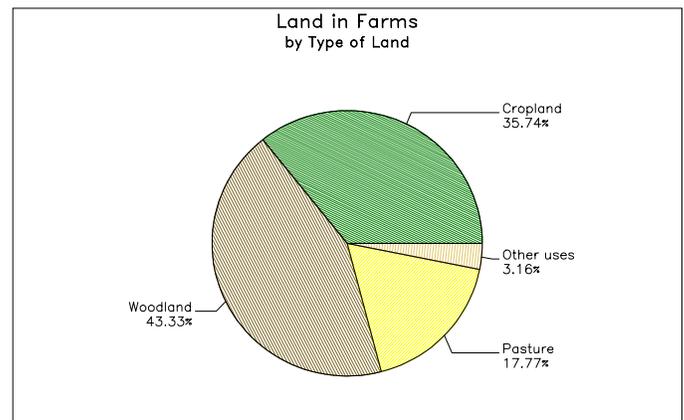
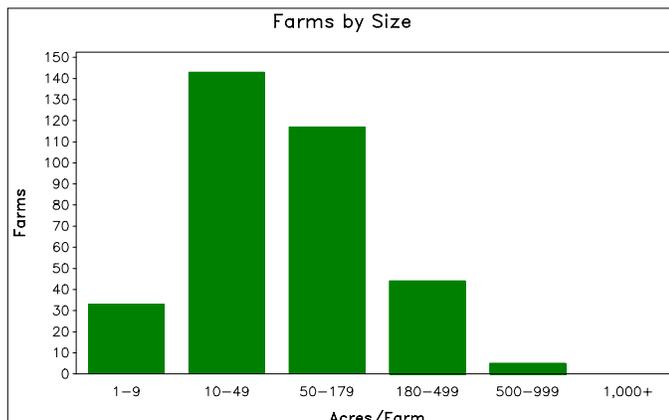
\$11,201 in 2002, \$16,266 in 1997, down 31 percent.

Government Payments

\$44,000 in 2002, \$11,000 in 1997, up 300 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,456 in 2002, \$820 in 1997, up 200 percent.



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Ranked items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	3,831	85	98	2,833	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,939	73	97	2,514	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	1,891	73	98	2,730	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	43	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	332	23	95	1,144	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	355	18	93	652	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,001	37	95	1,095	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	194	72	97	2,542	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	918	68	97	2,583	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	223	60	83	1,961	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(Z)	88	90	2,891	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	14	58	93	2,120	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	2	63	87	2,336	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	4,359	63	97	2,582	3,059
Horses and ponies	677	40	97	1,792	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	251	69	96	2,353	2,983
Sheep and lambs	111	63	93	2,231	2,867
All Goats	65	84	95	2,457	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,054	64	97	2,307	3,059
Corn for silage	239	63	87	1,692	2,307
All Vegetables harvested	128	27	95	1,140	2,710
Apples	83	18	87	403	2,173
Cut Christmas trees	72	38	81	709	1,877

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	127
\$1,000 to \$2,499	52
\$2,500 to \$4,999	44
\$5,000 to \$9,999	40
\$10,000 to \$19,999	43
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9
\$25,000 to \$39,999	13
\$40,000 to \$49,999	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3
\$100,000 to \$249,999	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3
\$500,000 or more	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	5,072
Average per farm (\$)	14,659
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,440
Average per farm (\$)	4,162

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	184
Other	158
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	300
Female	42
Average age of principal operator (years)	60.0
All operators ² by race:	
White	481
Black or African American	2
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	4
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.