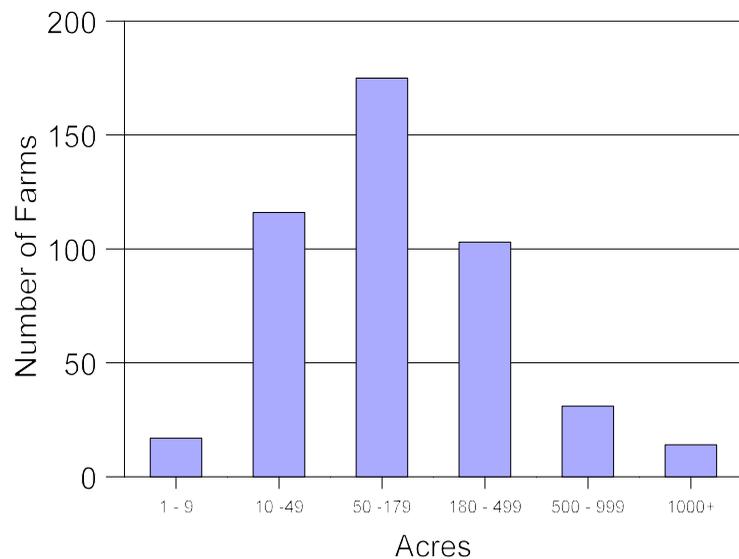
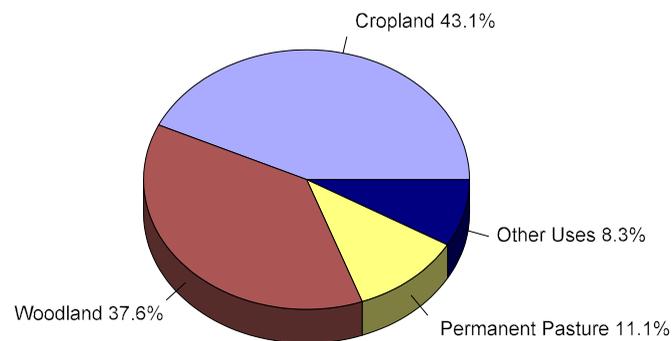


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	240
Other	216
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	382
Female	74
Average age of principal operator (years)	58.3
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	590
Black or African American	38
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	-
All operators ⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3

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.



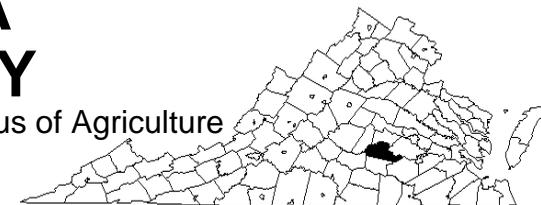
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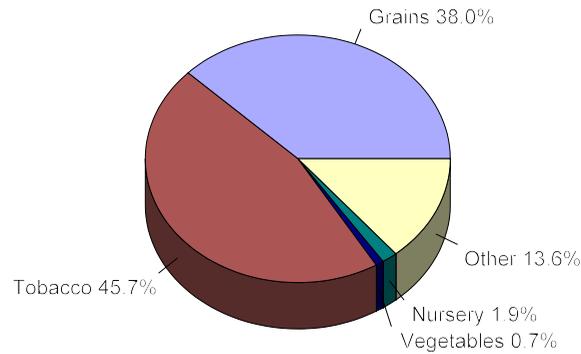
Amelia County is located in the Piedmont Plateau of Virginia. Formed from part of Prince George County in 1734, the county was named in honor of Princess Amelia, Daughter of George II.

Amelia County boasts gently rolling topography with elevations varying from 200 to 500 feet. The county is bounded on the north by the Appomattox River and contains 169,531 acres of woodland. Soils are primarily comprised of clay and gray loam, with red clay most common on the higher plains. The last killing frost of spring usually falls around April 10, with first killing frost of the fall occurring about October 20, leaving a growing season of 192 days. The average annual rainfall is 42 inches, although increased precipitation in the summer months averages just under 4 inches in June, close to 5 inches in July, and over 4 inches in August.

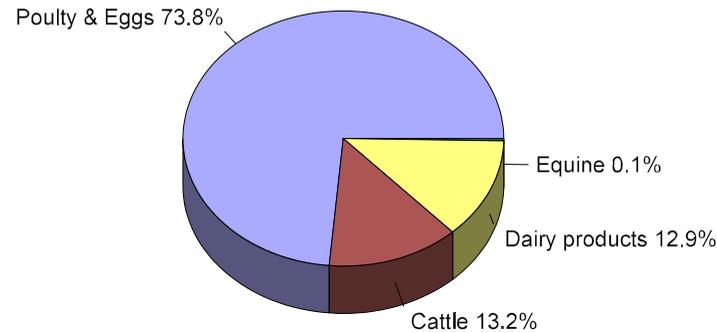
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	456	398
Land in Farms (acres)	91,095	84,292
Average size of farm	200	212
Market Value of Production County Total	\$51,603,000	\$57,676,000
Average per farm	\$113,163	\$144,913
Government Payments	\$764,000	\$520,000

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	1,282	35	95	1,711	2,871
Tobacco	1,542	16	43	222	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	25	84	95	2,268	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	65	79	95	2,200	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	442	53	97	2,001	3,046
Poultry and eggs	35,574	6	94	196	2,918
Cattle and calves	6,374	22	97	1,327	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	6,235	9	83	536	2,493
Hogs and pigs	16	47	90	2,143	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	25	78	94	2,690	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	2,389,434	5	79	174	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	3	96	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	15,445	41	97	1,714	3,059
All Goats	614	25	95	834	2,971
Horses and ponies	269	71	97	2,688	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,393	48	97	1,643	3,059
Soybeans	5,984	27	79	1,159	2,076
Corn for silage	3,719	9	87	476	2,307
Corn for grain	1,406	46	96	1,695	2,592
Barley	1,181	13	73	274	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	1,487	164,020	23	32,908	13,387	13,632	NA	NA	NA
1945	1,227	159,684	27	31,933	10,680	7,990	8,601	NA	96,328
1950	1,098	161,695	45	28,079	12,140	11,195	8,714	NA	97,911
1954	963	147,484	67	25,833	6,024	11,032	8,712	NA	93,292
1959	884	144,167	113	26,754	8,296	8,835	9,787	NA	87,100
1964	696	127,535	123	24,481	6,613	5,006	11,155	10,565	46,404
1969	626	110,476	220	26,324	7,805	12,964	2,967	8,383	32,220
1974 4/	475	108,714	482	31,996	3,537	8,499	6,393	9,605	34,999
1978	446	93,200	739	32,002	3,823	9,950	2,221	8,790	31,457
1982	446	93,538	1,091	33,006	2,948	9,105	2,899	9,422	31,085
1987	322	73,391	1,049	22,747	4,826	8,879	4,120	5,444	23,287
1992	292	70,411	1,255	21,464	4,556	9,699	3,490	5,193	23,569
1997 2/	398	84,292	1,414	22,553	5,225	10,959	3,323	4,425	31,274
2002	456	91,095	2,245	22,949	8,341	7,975	10,070	3,310	30,920

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