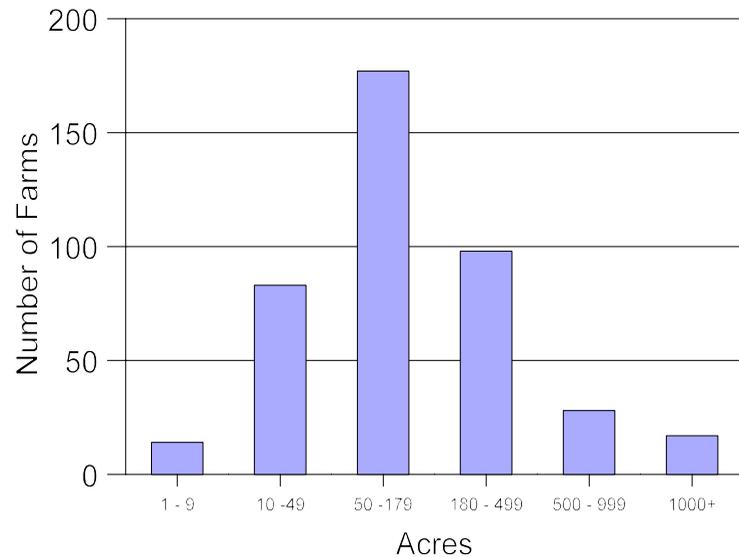
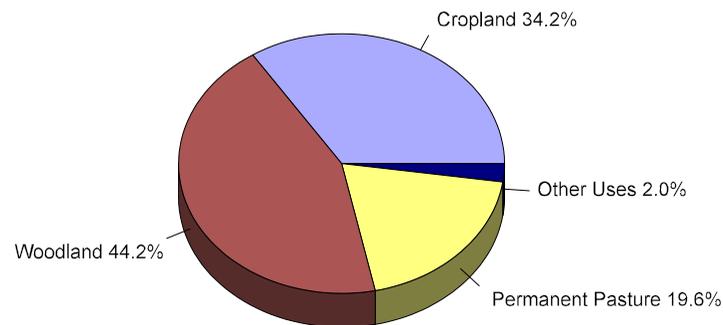


## FARMS

### Farms by Size



### Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	238
Other	179
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	377
Female	40
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.7
All operators <sup>5</sup> by race:	
White	582
Black or African American	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>5</sup> 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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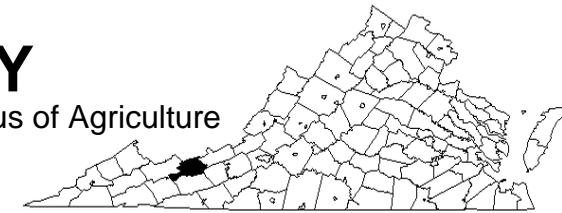
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# BLAND COUNTY

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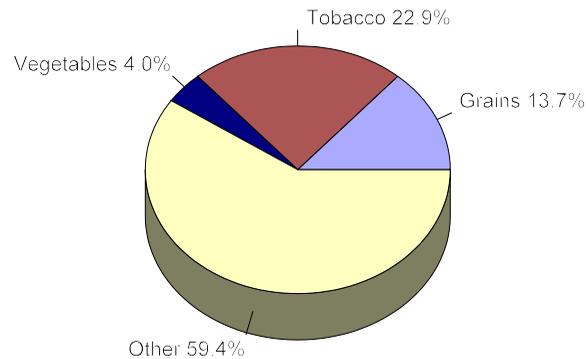
Bland County is situated in the southern part of the Great Valley of Virginia and lies on the border of West Virginia. Formed in 1861 from parts of Wythe, Giles, and Tazewell counties, Bland was named in honor of Richard Bland, one of the most eminent statesmen of the Revolutionary period.

Ridges of the Alleghany Mountains extend across the county in a northeast and southwest direction, with broad valleys between the ridges. Elevations range from 2,000 feet along the streams to nearly 4,500 feet on the mountain peaks. In the valley, temperatures average about 33 degrees in January and 67 in July. The frost-free growing season averages 160 days and extends between May 1 and October 10. Annual precipitation averages 40 inches.

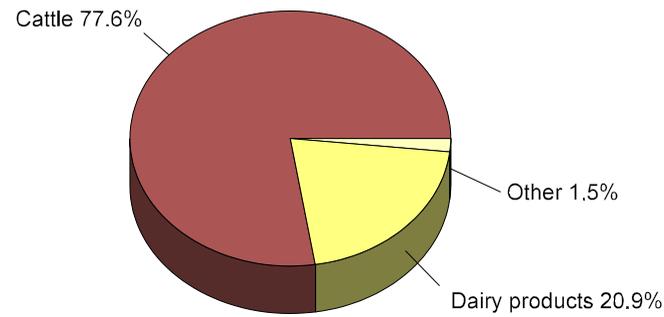
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	417	423
Land in Farms (acres)	94,343	88,475
Average size of farm	226	209
Market Value of Production County Total	\$8,564,000	\$7,487,000
Average per farm	\$20,536	\$17,699
Government Payments	\$189,000	\$27,000

## 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/
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	66	75	95	2,477	2,871
Tobacco	110	31	43	398	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	19	87	95	2,348	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	246	67	97	2,427	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2	73	94	2,530	2,918
Cattle and calves	6,263	24	97	1,344	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,692	35	83	1,103	2,493
Hogs and pigs	3	68	90	2,666	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	91	16	93	862	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	25	77	94	2,682	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	7	49	87	1,952	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	17,316	37	97	1,587	3,059
Sheep and lambs	985	20	93	990	2,867
Layers 20 weeks old and older	463	56	96	1,954	2,983
Horses and ponies	443	59	97	2,282	3,065
All Goats	297	48	95	1,502	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,647	46	97	1,618	3,059
Corn for silage	1,124	33	87	1,055	2,307
Oats	253	7	64	1,169	2,215
Cut Christmas trees	(D)	15	81	(D)	1,877
Corn for grain	115	85	96	2,284	2,592

## 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	918	121,833	38	19,231	2,481	20,090	NA	NA	NA
1945	840	126,298	38	19,701	115	2,935	44,796	NA	57,182
1950	787	125,072	58	17,413	702	5,249	43,176	NA	55,427
1954	728	117,863	66	15,531	631	2,314	42,384	NA	54,667
1959	552	110,897	71	14,565	362	5,624	32,496	NA	55,054
1964	514	106,425	98	13,584	864	4,131	21,638	8,673	18,346
1969	465	95,576	124	11,124	2,226	14,518	16,736	13,436	13,568
1974 4/	361	91,141	248	11,138	1,146	17,169	18,839	6,508	23,171
1978	363	92,099	479	11,661	570	16,147	21,593	12,061	25,385
1982	354	86,720	671	11,463	634	16,741	17,007	9,375	26,680
1987	327	80,349	601	10,998	1,173	13,100	18,139	8,856	23,605
1992	339	81,768	677	10,249	955	13,106	17,849	10,453	26,745
1997 2/	423	88,475	858	12,914	1,271	15,668	21,141	7,769	26,245
<b>2002</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>94,343</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>13,176</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>18,547</b>	<b>18,519</b>	<b>6,649</b>	<b>35,042</b>

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