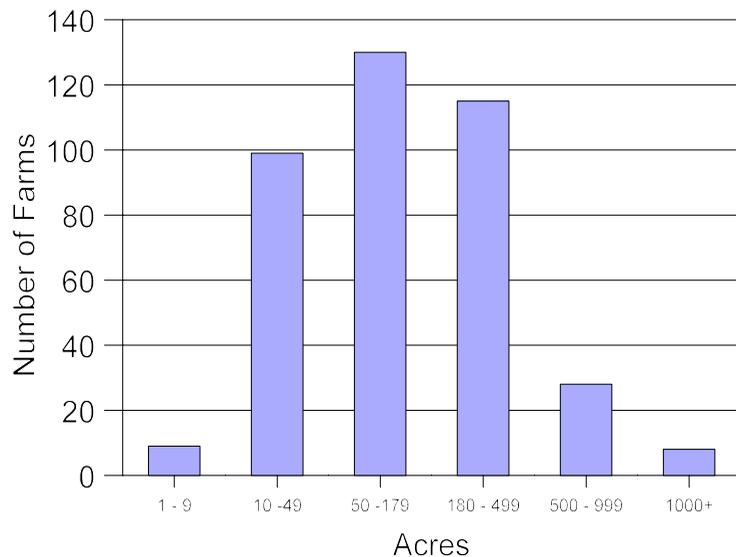
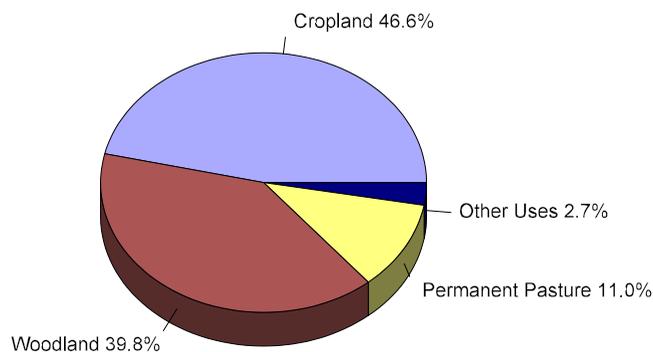


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	211
Other	178
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	340
Female	49
Average age of principal operator (years)	
	58.4
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	502
Black or African American	33
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	8
All operators ⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	
	2

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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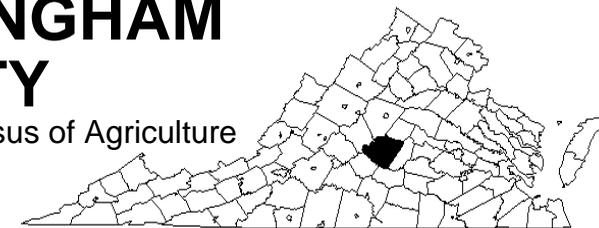
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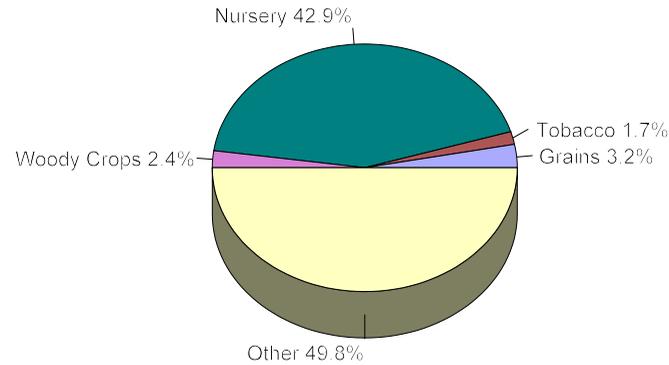
Buckingham County is located in the central Piedmont Plateau. Formed from part of Albemarle in 1761, the county was named after the town of Buckingham, England.

The James River forms the northern and northwestern boundary of the county, and the Appomattox River borders the area on the south. Altitudes generally range from 300 to 700 feet, but there are several small mountains. Willis Mountain, for example, is measured at 1,159 feet, and Spear Mountain is 1,550 feet. Temperatures in Buckingham average a moderate 37 degrees in January and 76 in July. The frost-free growing season averages 168 days, typically falling between April 29 and October 14. While the total precipitation for the year averages nearly 41 inches, heaviest rainfall occurs in July with 4.27 inches and in August with 4.43 inches.

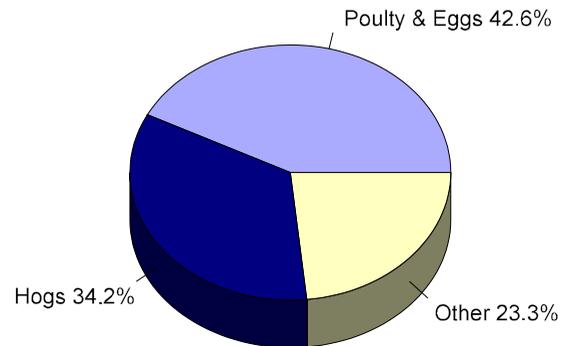
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	389	436
Land in Farms (acres)	81,150	80,648
Average size of farm	209	185
Market Value of Production County Total	\$20,254,000	\$18,374,000
Average per farm	\$52,066	\$42,143
Government Payments	\$264,000	\$153,000

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	61	77	95	2,493	2,871
Tobacco	32	37	43	448	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	813	44	95	1,186	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	46	29	76	668	1,774
Other crops and hay	869	22	97	1,379	3,046
Poultry and eggs	7,814	10	94	519	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	83	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	6,271	5	90	415	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	16	54	93	2,047	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	30	75	94	2,605	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	995,225	9	79	291	2,599
Cattle and calves	17,987	32	97	1,559	3,059
Hogs and pigs	16,828	5	87	574	2,926
Horses and ponies	550	49	97	2,046	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	19,810	28	97	1,109	3,059
Corn for silage	692	44	87	1,275	2,307
Corn for grain	460	71	96	2,005	2,592
All Wheat for grain	271	62	87	1,962	2,517
All Field and grass seed crops	(D)	(D)	28	(D)	1,293

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	1,872	226,263	16	34,499	18,601	22,599	NA	NA	NA
1945	1,812	228,168	17	37,292	16,362	10,219	18,544	NA	138,179
1950	1,520	203,949	43	28,976	18,084	13,035	18,376	NA	119,148
1954	1,291	180,859	50	27,075	9,917	7,365	14,546	NA	117,667
1959	859	145,265	65	24,759	11,717	8,102	10,126	NA	87,416
1964	692	135,865	77	18,403	9,018	10,629	10,753	NA	76,153
1969	545	117,489	158	16,340	7,390	16,322	6,440	13,111	27,160
1974 4/	436	91,458	440	15,575	5,414	16,035	5,230	12,021	21,720
1978	422	91,416	614	15,947	4,226	20,152	3,526	10,996	32,565
1982	420	85,870	799	17,595	3,789	16,385	6,159	10,636	28,067
1987	346	79,229	717	17,840	3,996	13,436	4,583	7,684	28,001
1992	335	66,034	880	14,459	2,006	15,464	2,845	6,898	22,119
1997 2/	436	80,648	1,568	18,518	2,980	18,453	4,243	7,140	24,161
2002	389	81,150	1,905	21,638	2,671	13,482	8,913	8,213	24,081

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