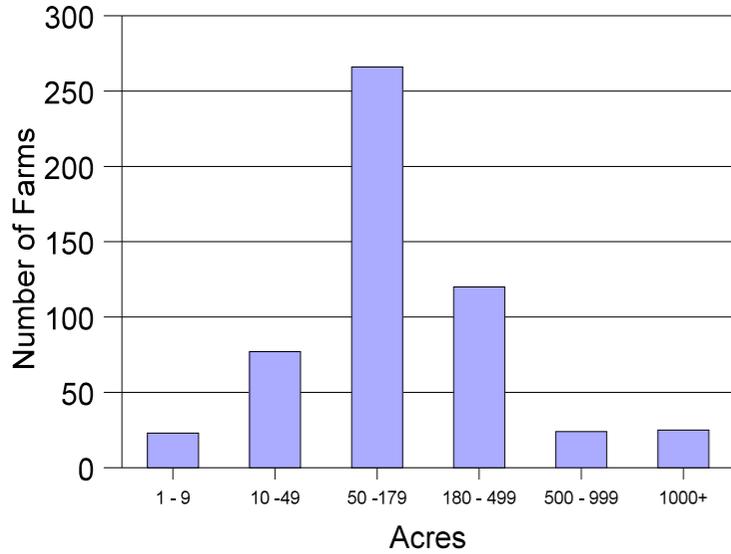
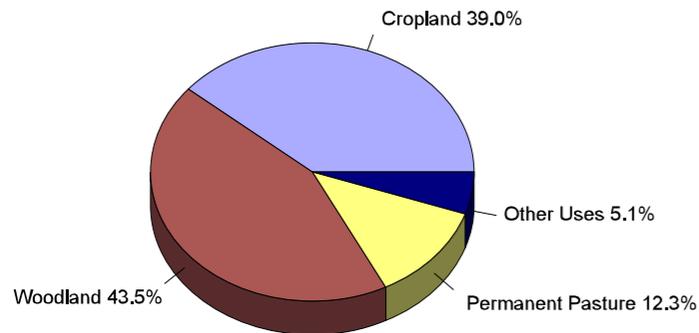


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics

Principal operators by primary occupation:

Farming	302
Other	233

Principal operators by sex:

Male	474
Female	61

Average age of principal operator (years)

57.0

All operators⁵ by race:

White	653
Black or African American	93
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-

All operators⁵ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin

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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. 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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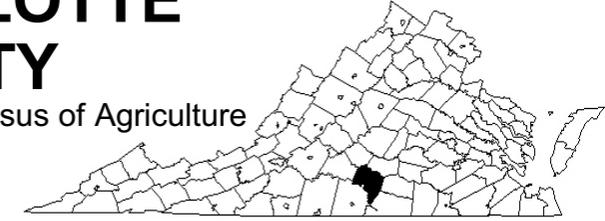
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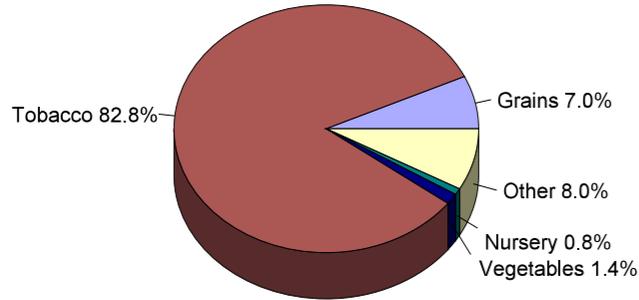
Charlotte County is located in the southern Piedmont Plateau. Formed from part of Lunenburg in 1764, the county was named in honor of Queen Charlotte, wife of King George II. Interestingly, Charlotte County was the home of both Patrick Henry and John Randolph. Henry died and is buried at Red Hill, his last home.

The topography of the county is gently rolling, with soils varying from loam to clay. Temperatures average 36 degrees in January and 76 in July. Precipitation averages 40 inches annually, with monthly averages of more than 4 inches during the important crop months of June, July, and August.

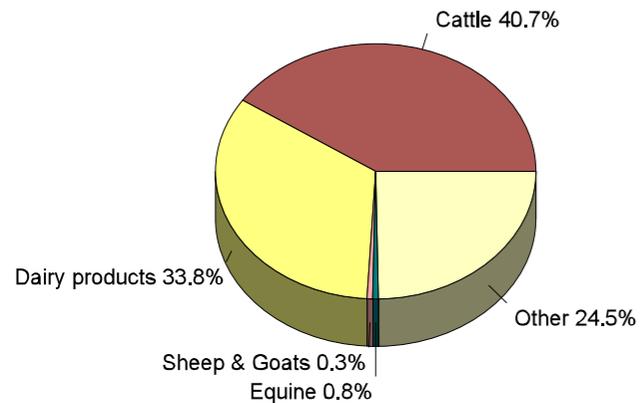
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	535	578
Land in Farms (acres)	133,719	141,155
Average size of farm	250	244
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$15,805,000	\$16,640,000
Average per farm	\$29,542	\$28,789
Government Payments	\$352,000	\$273,000

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/
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas					
Tobacco					
Cotton and cottonseed	460	49	95	2,028	2,871
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,450	7	43	91	560
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	-	-	15	-	656
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	91	55	95	1,764	2,747
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Other crops and hay	55	83	95	2,235	2,708
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Cattle and calves	471	48	97	1,944	3,046
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,918
Hogs and pigs	3,748	38	97	1,741	3,053
Sheep, goats, and their products	3,115	22	83	819	2,493
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Aquaculture	24	45	93	1,793	2,997
Other animals and other animal products	76	51	94	2,022	3,014
	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,520
	11	39	87	1,791	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves					
Hogs and pigs					
Horses and ponies	16,875	39	97	1,620	3,059
All Goats	8,801	9	87	749	2,926
	534	51	97	2,082	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older ³	328	43	95	1,409	2,971
	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop					
Tobacco					
Soybeans	19,727	29	97	1,117	3,059
All Wheat for grain	1,511	7	43	88	563
Corn for silage	1,410	50	79	1,456	2,076
	1,271	33	87	1,451	2,517
	1,189	29	87	1,024	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	2,435	248,751	23	47,405	25,168	20,219	NA	NA	NA
1945	2,450	245,686	31	45,143	17,194	18,351	16,842	NA	139,666
1950	2,010	228,259	49	39,594	23,204	16,910	12,418	NA	128,630
1954	1,904	214,572	63	37,079	15,060	12,557	18,547	NA	123,773
1959	1,475	196,960	89	31,915	18,645	9,002	17,183	NA	113,182
1964	1,271	184,355	119	26,509	16,913	8,485	15,689	14,249	63,586
1969	1,048	160,300	178	24,414	14,341	17,104	7,209	16,530	39,297
1974 ^{4/}	814	148,472	360	25,680	11,756	19,317	11,457	13,046	44,877
1978	740	135,995	607	24,417	10,598	19,907	3,744	16,804	50,717
1982	686	131,676	614	25,361	9,288	18,872	6,576	15,337	48,387
1987	518	118,811	714	20,270	11,052	19,916	6,503	10,475	46,066
1992	451	112,944	913	19,138	13,513	17,560	11,868	11,971	35,164
1997 ^{2/}	578	141,155	1,184	22,600	13,007	21,827	16,331	11,986	48,543
2002	535	133,719	1,323	25,953	11,503	14,704	16,467	10,698	47,513