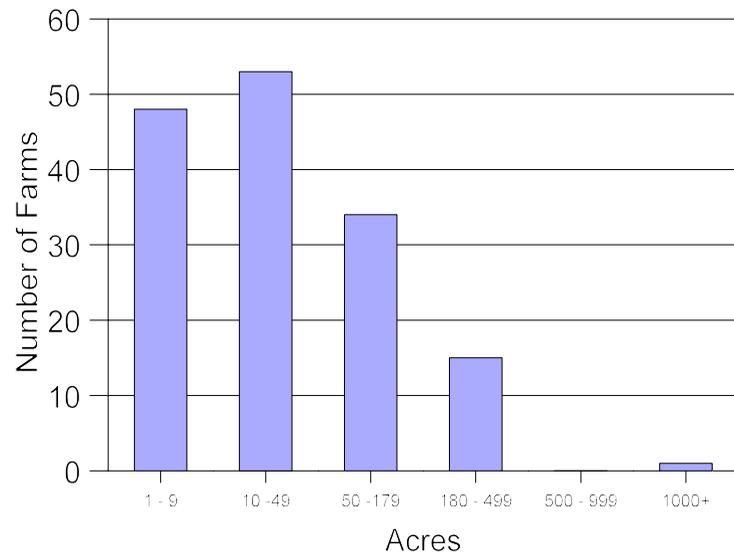
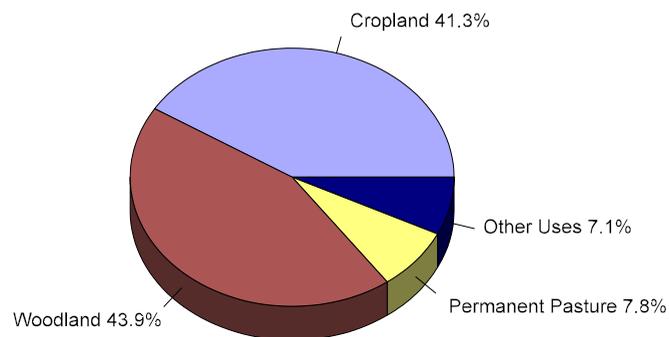


## FARMS

### Farms by Size



### Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	62
Other	89
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	101
Female	50
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
All operators <sup>5</sup> by race:	
White	230
Black or African American	3
American Indian or Alaska Native	9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	1
All operators <sup>5</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5

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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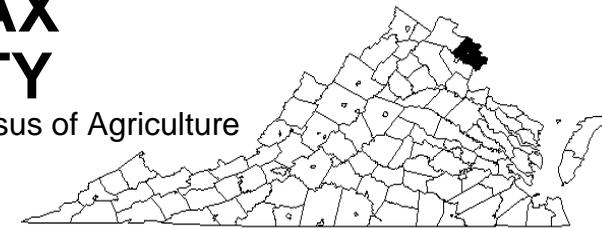
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# FAIRFAX COUNTY

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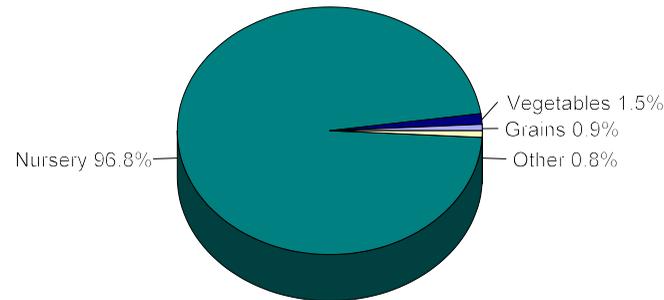
Fairfax County is located in the extreme northeastern part of Virginia. Most of the county is in the Piedmont Plateau, with a small part of the eastern border falling in the coastal plain. Formed in 1742 from part of Prince William, the county was named in honor of Lord Fairfax. Interestingly enough, Fairfax County was both the home and burial place of George Washington.

The topography of Fairfax is gently rolling and cut by many streams, resulting in narrow, shallow valleys. The elevation varies from near sea level along tidal marshes of the Potomac River to 520 feet in the west central part of the county. All of the area is drained by the Potomac River. Temperatures for the area average 34 degrees in January and 76 degrees in July, while annual precipitation averages 42 inches. A frost-free growing period of roughly 184 days extends from about April 21 to October 22.

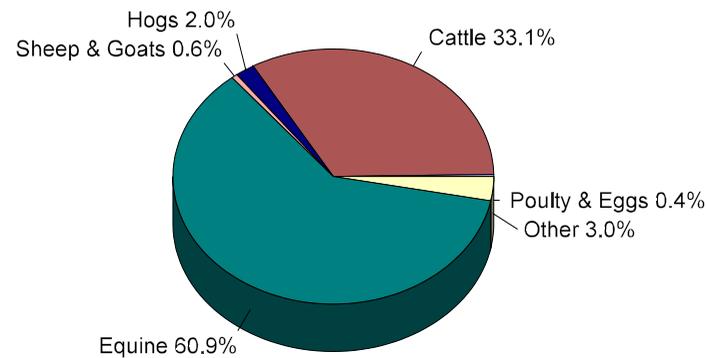
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	151	167
Land in Farms (acres)	9,946	15,098
Average size of farm	66	90
Market Value of Production County Total	\$5,368,000	\$5,333,000
Average per farm	\$35,551	\$31,937
Government Payments	\$19,000	\$80,000

## 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	40	82	95	2,562	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	65	66	95	1,926	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	4,263	16	95	504	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	76	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4	66	94	2,315	2,918
Cattle and calves	319	80	97	2,838	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	83	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	19	41	90	2,075	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	6	76	93	2,545	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	586	14	94	301	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	30	23	87	1,354	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	1,171	82	97	2,909	3,059
Horses and ponies	608	44	97	1,927	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	500	52	96	1,902	2,983
Sheep and lambs	130	53	93	2,153	2,867
Hogs and pigs	74	54	87	2,455	2,926
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,559	76	97	2,793	3,059
Corn for grain	255	78	96	2,149	2,592
Nursery stock	79	26	77	732	2,129
Soybeans	72	68	79	1,933	2,076
All Vegetables harvested	8	86	95	2,274	2,710

## 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	1,484	123,909	115	33,107	7,924	29,988	NA	NA	NA
1945	1,788	127,915	194	35,782	5,149	12,766	26,887	NA	41,571
1950	1,656	110,285	356	27,311	7,649	20,882	8,265	NA	39,756
1954	1,159	89,432	633	21,385	3,855	16,804	9,133	NA	33,860
1959	428	62,291	754	14,996	2,603	11,184	9,273	NA	21,327
1964	218	32,369	1,389	10,000	1,185	3,009	4,580	861	3,887
1969	278	36,211	2,050	8,612	2,625	7,215	3,687	1,587	3,572
1974 4/	186	22,053	2,536	5,919	555	3,990	2,918	779	2,465
1978	187	20,464	3,588	6,790	811	3,176	2,154	597	4,889
1982	242	17,605	5,359	4,699	930	2,928	2,152	792	3,779
1987	198	12,602	8,428	2,921	339	3,118	1,325	437	3,005
1992	151	15,714	4,724	1,675	475	2,829	1,572	335	5,830
1997 2/	167	15,098	3,460	2,328	1,011	892	3,215	487	5,216
<b>2002</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>9,946</b>	<b>8,361</b>	<b>2,012</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>1,507</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>3,405</b>

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