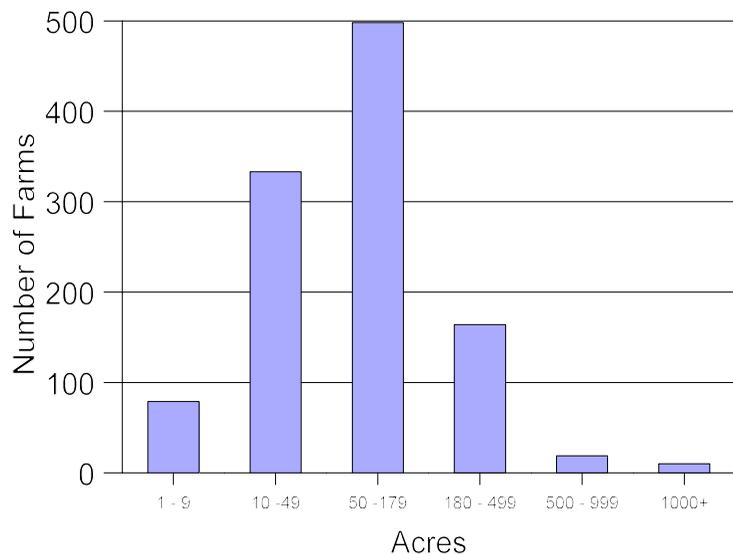
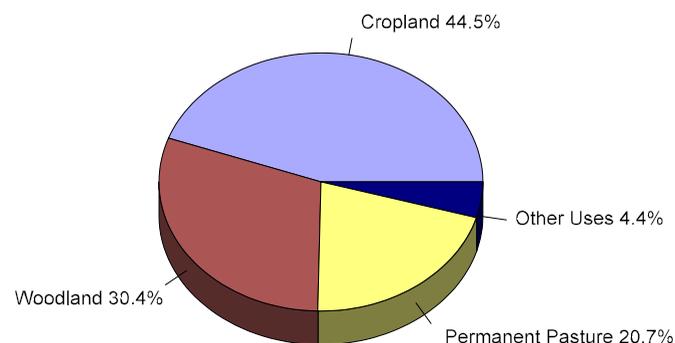


## FARMS

### Farms by Size



### Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	526
Other	577
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	981
Female	122
Average age of principal operator (years)	
	55.4
All operators <sup>5</sup> by race:	
White	1554
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	7
More than one race	5
All operators <sup>5</sup> 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. 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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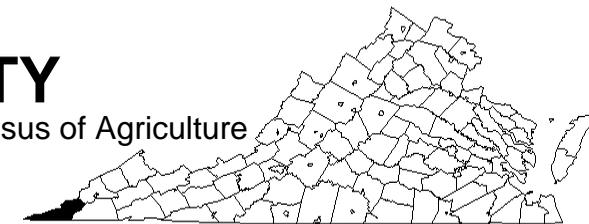
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# LEE COUNTY

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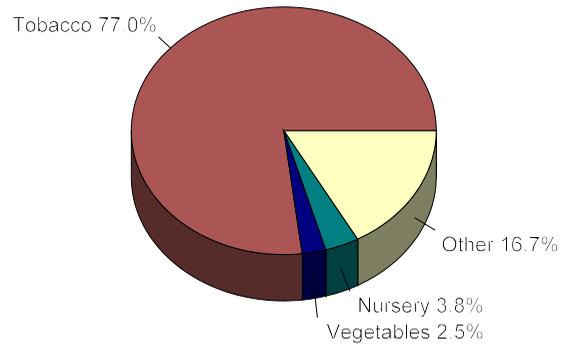
Lee County is situated in the extreme southwestern corner of Virginia and borders Kentucky on the north and Tennessee on the south. Formed in 1793 from part of Russell, the county was named in honor of General Henry Lee, who had just become Governor of Virginia.

The topography of the county consists of parallel valleys separated by long and narrow mountain ridges. Elevations range from 1,200 feet above sea level on the Powell River to over 3,700 feet in the northern tip of the county. Temperatures average 34 degrees in January and 73 in July. The frost-free growing season is roughly 164 days, usually extending from about April 29 to October 10. Annual precipitation averages 50 inches.

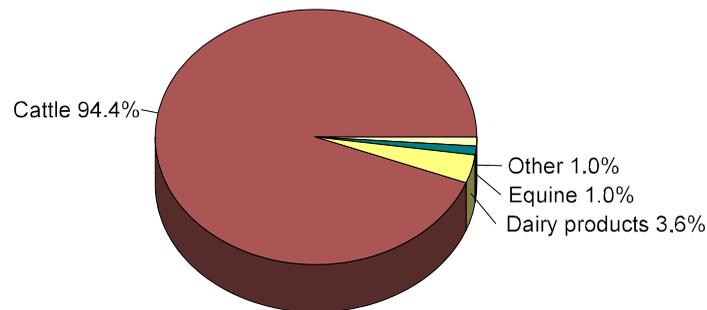
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	1,103	1,277
Land in Farms (acres)	128,042	132,928
Average size of farm	116	104
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$12,117,000	\$13,374,000
Average per farm	\$10,986	\$10,473
Government Payments	\$233,000	\$86,000

# 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	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	4,197	10	43	119	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	134	44	95	1,561	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	205	65	95	1,803	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	771	30	97	1,502	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2	74	94	2,535	2,918
Cattle and calves	6,297	23	97	1,339	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	238	59	83	1,941	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	68	57	94	2,124	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	30	22	87	1,353	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	28,866	19	97	1,095	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,015	26	97	1,266	3,065
All Goats	802	11	95	622	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	469	55	96	1,945	2,983
Bison	346	1	19	139	1,321
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	22,879	22	97	983	3,059
Tobacco	1,313	9	43	107	563
Corn for silage	663	46	87	1,294	2,307
Corn for grain	435	72	96	2,024	2,592
Short-rotation woody crops	148	14	66	356	1,262

### 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	3,571	197,211	45	47,255	5,552	56,012	NA	NA	NA
1945	3,679	218,110	64	47,741	5,300	23,790	70,885	NA	58,050
1950	3,166	189,178	97	41,224	10,100	25,173	46,703	NA	54,545
1954	3,116	171,090	112	34,519	7,948	10,316	60,059	NA	52,501
1959	2,297	165,150	135	29,761	8,572	15,700	55,581	NA	48,214
1964	1,969	146,535	156	24,991	6,398	23,755	22,701	6,408	14,773
1969	1,911	156,246	260	21,089	9,956	38,486	21,228	9,156	15,594
1974 4/	1,551	144,102	404	19,901	6,228	40,181	20,412	10,293	16,439
1978	1,468	132,797	690	18,631	6,656	30,835	21,878	14,953	31,472
1982	1,635	149,159	944	21,651	6,824	36,727	29,276	13,362	32,636
1987	1,431	132,816	839	21,179	5,831	32,334	23,164	14,869	27,165
1992	1,287	129,296	1,073	20,275	4,563	36,323	20,059	16,668	26,551
1997 2/	1,277	132,928	1,224	21,797	4,541	38,397	22,724	14,017	25,360
<b>2002</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>128,042</b>	<b>1,726</b>	<b>24,906</b>	<b>4,717</b>	<b>27,332</b>	<b>26,568</b>	<b>14,090</b>	<b>24,840</b>

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