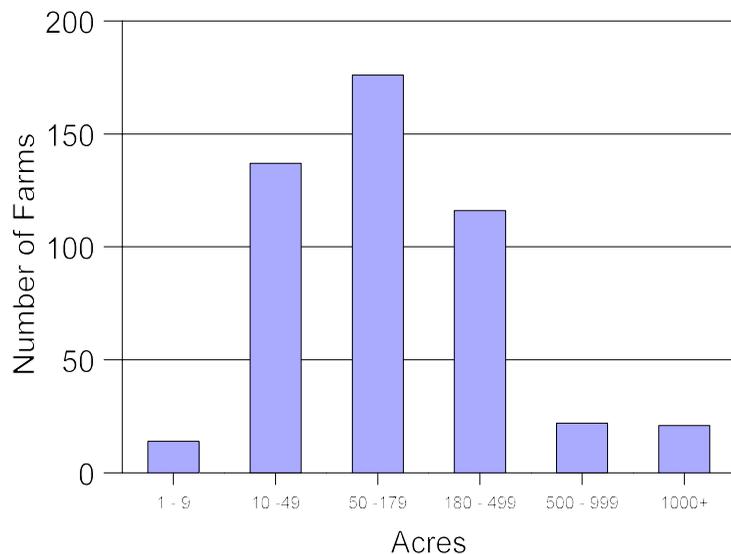
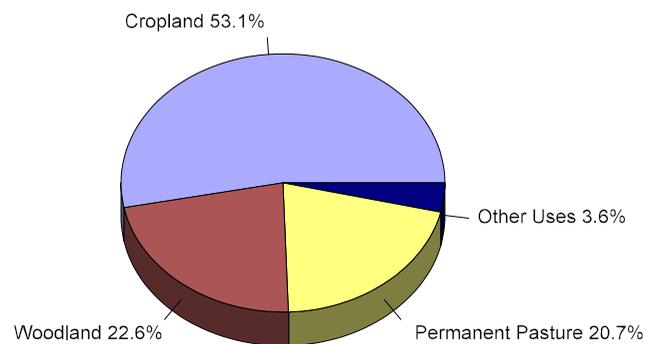


## FARMS

### Farms by Size



### Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	231
Other	255
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	403
Female	83
Average age of principal operator (years)	57.0
All operators <sup>5</sup> by race:	
White	653
Black or African American	32
American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	2
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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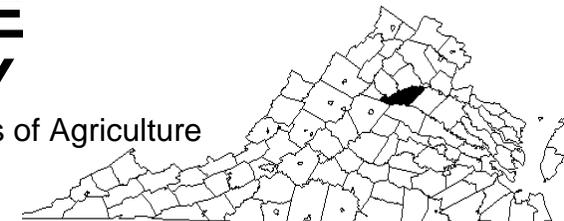
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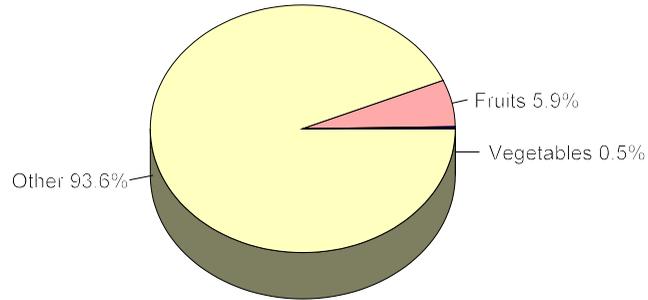
Orange County is located in the northern part of the Piedmont Plateau. Formed in 1764 from part of Spotsylvania, the county was named in honor of William of Orange. Orange County is the birthplace of President Zachary Taylor as well as the former home of President James Madison. Madison died here in 1836.

The topography of the county is mostly rolling, with elevations ranging from 200 to 500 feet above sea level. However, higher points reaching nearly 1,200 feet can be found where the Southwest Mountain's ridge reaches into the county. Temperatures for the area average about 35 degrees in January and 76 in July. The frost-free growing season averages approximately 190 days, usually extending from around April 17 to October 23. Annual precipitation averages 41 inches.

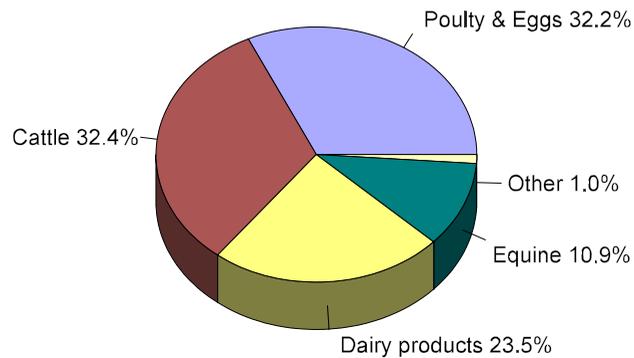
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	486	527
Land in Farms (acres)	104,879	107,696
Average size of farm	216	204
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$36,787,000	\$26,659,000
Average per farm	\$75,693	\$50,586
Government Payments	\$636,000	\$347,000

# 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	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	93	52	95	1,757	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,129	9	93	330	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	535	43	97	1,844	3,046
Poultry and eggs	5,650	12	94	594	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,679	28	97	1,420	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	4,122	15	83	710	2,493
Hogs and pigs	59	32	90	1,642	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	70	22	93	1,039	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,912	4	94	53	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	52	16	87	1,140	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Turkeys	183,451	6	72	120	2,328
Cattle and calves	23,735	25	97	1,288	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,343	17	97	900	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	958	37	96	1,426	2,983
Sheep and lambs	504	30	93	1,455	2,867
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	21,256	24	97	1,046	3,059
Corn for grain	5,237	25	96	1,260	2,592
Soybeans	3,717	35	79	1,255	2,076
Corn for silage	2,662	11	87	623	2,307
All Wheat for grain	739	42	87	1,649	2,517

### 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	1,353	164,017	47	38,035	5,152	41,449	NA	NA	NA
1945	1,279	160,576	65	36,287	9,192	10,006	34,710	NA	65,968
1950	1,119	155,920	89	32,443	10,014	27,459	17,410	NA	62,973
1954	848	149,134	109	31,137	3,806	14,045	34,014	NA	61,624
1959	656	139,747	144	28,420	4,586	12,273	32,337	NA	57,441
1964	560	143,825	172	28,579	4,313	6,793	32,244	5,990	38,890
1969	412	120,162	286	24,506	4,023	21,262	19,883	7,626	32,705
1974 4/	415	118,523	678	27,250	1,889	25,533	12,947	6,012	33,532
1978	420	116,195	963	30,634	3,249	23,331	16,970	8,485	29,050
1982	461	118,613	1,232	34,299	1,667	24,562	13,762	7,643	31,282
1987	424	113,175	1,419	32,527	5,130	22,009	17,070	7,271	23,835
1992	419	107,700	2,031	31,888	3,721	24,398	11,912	5,282	27,663
1997 2/	527	107,696	2,407	32,550	2,977	22,141	17,946	5,144	23,150
<b>2002</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>104,879</b>	<b>3,138</b>	<b>33,938</b>	<b>3,937</b>	<b>17,818</b>	<b>21,703</b>	<b>4,772</b>	<b>18,887</b>

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