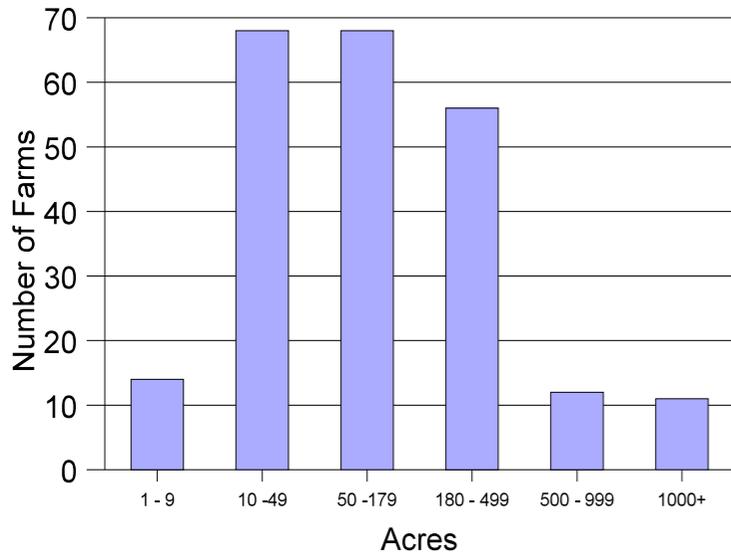
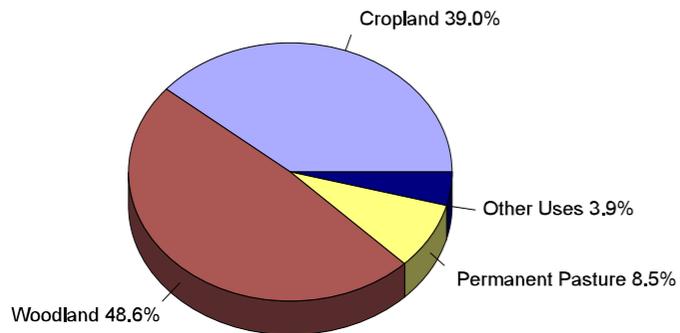


Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics

Principal operators by primary occupation:

Farming	221
Other	174

Principal operators by sex:

Male	330
Female	65

Average age of principal operator (years)

60.3

All operators⁵ by race:

White	499
Black or African American	53
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	2
More than one race	4

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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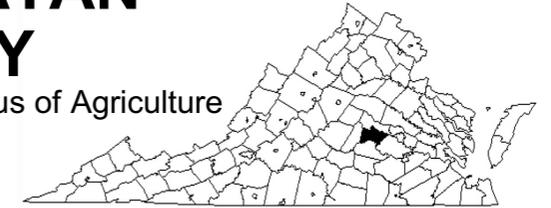
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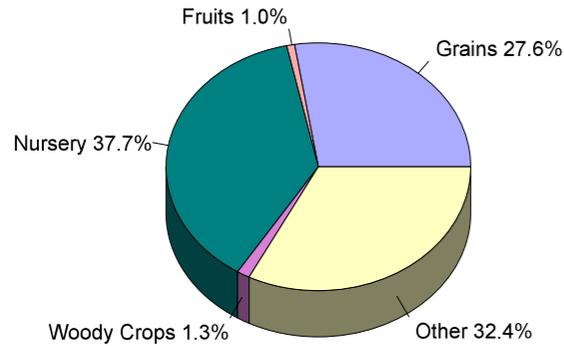
In 1777 Powhatan County was formed by taking land from Cumberland County between the Appomattox and James Rivers. Named for the powerful Indian Chief Powhatan, the county lies in Virginia's Piedmont between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Tidewater.

The topography of Powhatan County features gently rolling, hills with elevations ranging from 150 to 400 feet above sea level with an average annual precipitation of 48 inches. The climate is generally mild, as temperatures average 36.6 degrees in January and 79 degrees in July.

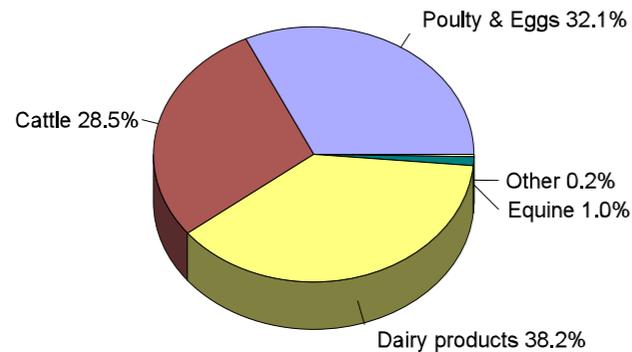
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	229	263
Land in Farms (acres)	54,644	48,621
Average size of farm	239	185
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$8,101,000	\$7,054,000
Average per farm	\$35,376	\$26,822
Government Payments	\$211,000	\$73,000

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	433	51	95	2,040	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	43	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	15	82	93	2,051	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	591	49	95	1,351	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	21	43	76	934	1,774
Other crops and hay	343	60	97	2,209	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2,098	21	94	813	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,861	54	97	2,217	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,496	28	83	924	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	67	59	94	2,150	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	210,000	16	79	468	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	14	96	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	7,014	57	97	2,328	3,059
Horses and ponies	523	54	97	2,106	3,065
Sheep and lambs	120	57	93	2,191	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,786	57	97	1,899	3,059
Corn for silage	1,546	21	87	886	2,307
Soybeans	1,329	53	79	1,475	2,076
Corn for grain	876	54	96	1,830	2,592
All Wheat for grain	711	44	87	1,665	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
				-Acres-					
1940	829	104,626	26	16,577	--	7,192	--	--	--
1945	891	111,252	34	18,828	3,173	4,985	7,907	14,247	55,916
1950	657	100,185	52	13,895	2,894	8,166	5,074	13,157	51,326
1954	599	93,606	72	14,836	2,513	8,671	5,189	15,701	43,053
1959	396	80,152	126	12,987	2,972	7,676	5,437	9,257	38,237
1964	304	65,253	162	12,332	1,620	3,042	7,514	8,389	29,741
1969	220	47,623	252	9,636	2,714	5,170	2,451	3,217	12,409
1974 4/	199	50,687	612	12,647	1,076	5,933	2,484	3,073	10,432
1978	198	50,736	892	12,376	2,803	6,342	6,111	3,302	16,644
1982	215	57,186	1,307	18,121	1,351	6,927	6,210	3,480	18,596
1987	212	57,567	1,448	16,418	2,246	8,200	7,534	2,671	18,984
1992	195	43,180	2,032	12,312	1,394	5,631	3,464	2,859	15,522
1997 2/	263	48,621	2,380	11,826	1,955	6,707	3,709	3,071	19,647
2002	229	54,644	3,027	13,164	2,247	5,901	4,626	3,311	23,241