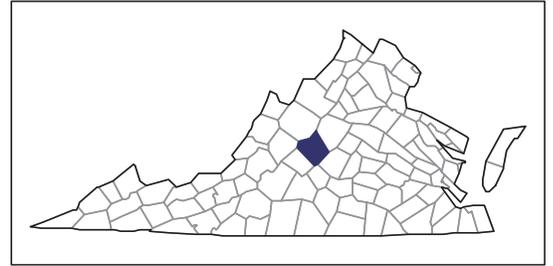


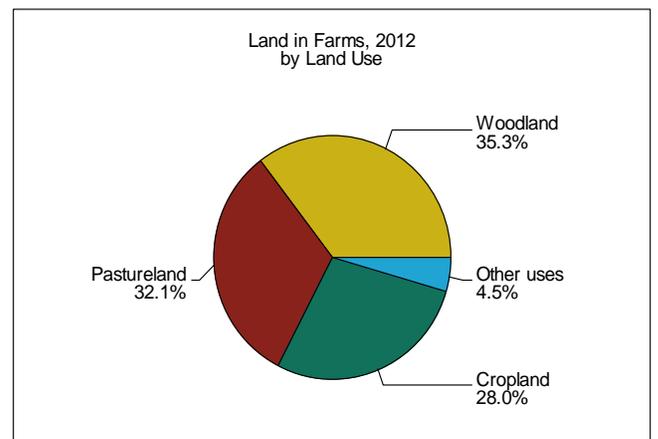
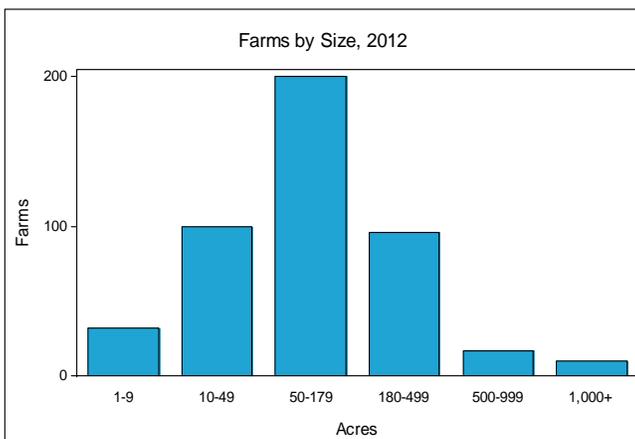
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Nelson County Virginia

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	455	462	- 2
<b>Land in Farms</b>	79,981 acres	73,149 acres	+ 9
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	176 acres	158 acres	+ 11
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$15,807,000	\$12,445,000	+ 27
Crop Sales \$10,377,000 (66 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$5,430,000 (34 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$34,740	\$26,937	+ 29
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$116,000	\$76,000	+ 53
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$2,412	\$1,619	+ 49





## Nelson County – Virginia

### Ranked items among the 98 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	15,807	62	98	2,487	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	10,377	43	98	2,077	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,430	61	98	2,441	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	67	96	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	28	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,237	10	97	766	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	4,639	3	96	198	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,153	23	95	742	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,215	45	97	1,755	3,049
Poultry and eggs	11	70	97	2,339	3,013
Cattle and calves	4,785	39	97	1,847	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	68	68	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	10	54	86	2,106	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	139	21	97	1,082	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	109	50	95	1,757	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	15	44	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	16,126	37	97	1,182	3,057
Soybeans for beans	(D)	62	80	(D)	2,162
Corn for grain	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,638
Apples	695	4	84	56	2,167
Vegetables harvested, all	451	6	97	721	2,801
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	13,158	42	97	1,716	3,063
Layers	707	73	97	2,127	3,040
Goats, all	603	31	96	1,036	2,996
Colonies of bees	560	4	97	529	2,761
Sheep and lambs	531	37	94	1,393	2,897

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	113	Farming	164
\$1,000 to \$2,499	45	Other	291
\$2,500 to \$4,999	51	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	61	Male	375
\$10,000 to \$19,999	74	Female	80
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.6
\$25,000 to \$39,999	51	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10	Asian	4
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7	Black or African American	11
\$250,000 to \$499,999	9	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	4	White	648
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,664	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	38,822	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	18
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	141		
Average per farm (\$)	309		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.