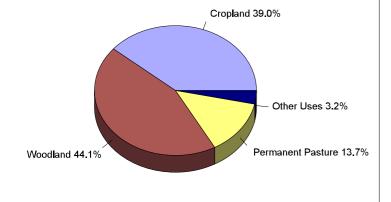


Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	310
Other	319
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	581
Female	48
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.1
All operators ⁵ by race:	
White	880
Black or African American	7
American Indian or Alaska Native	6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	_
Asian	-
More than one race	1
All operators 5 of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	12

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 ½ of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Vol. 1, Geographic Series" for complete footnotes.



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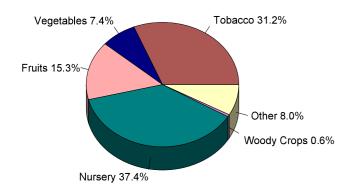
Patrick County is situated partly on the Piedmont Plateau and partly in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Formed from part of Henry in 1790, the county is the second in Virginia to be named after Patrick Henry.

Altitudes in the county vary widely, from 900 feet above sea level in southeastern regions to 3,200 feet on the mountain peaks. About one-third of the county lies on the Blue Ridge Plateau, where altitude are more uniform and range from 2,900 to 3,000 feet above sea level. Temperatures average 39 degrees in January and 75 in July. Annual precipitation for the area averages 49 inches. The frost-free growing season usually extends from April 12 to around October 25, generally averaging 196 days.

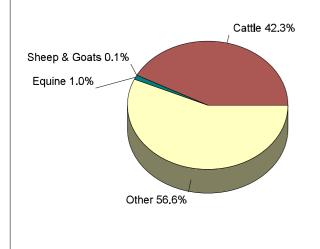
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	629	660
Land in Farms (acres)	90,569	83,193
Average size of farm	144	126
Market Value of Production County Total	\$15,227,000	\$13,542,000
Average per farm	\$24,209	\$20,518
Government Payments	\$156,000	\$108,000

CASH RECEIPTS

Crops



Livestock & Poultry



Ranked Items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 US Counties, 2002

VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas Cotton and cottonseed Cotton and cotton seed Cotton and cotton see	Commodity	Quantity	State Rank	Universe 1/	US Rank	Universe 1/
Tobacco	VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
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	Apples	487	8	87	111	2,173

FARM DATA & LAND USE

YEAR	Number Land of in Farms Farms Number Acres	Avg. Value	LAND USE						
			Per Acre For Land & Buildings Dollars		Cropland			Woodland	
		Farms		Harvested	Other	Pasture	Pasture 3/	Pasture	Not Pastured
				-Acres-					
1940	3,005	240,251	23	40,865	20,311	20,977	NA	NA	NA
1945	2,658	213,743	31	36,549	16,163	8,945	24,402	NA	120,652
1950	2,424	208,077	59	29,348	14,819	21,363	17,413	NA	117,073
1954	2,255	202,748	66	27,778	9,495	12,429	19,950	NA	127,637
1959	1,621	166,316	96	21,249	8,653	9,348	19,658	NA	102,523
1964	1,420	148,165	135	18,955	7,840	5,908	10,583	6,920	39,341
1969	1,057	122,764	181	14,040	8,312	15,531	7,088	9,817	27,590
1974 4/	868	103,857	370	16,548	4,151	15,071	10,645	9,735	23,311
1978	790	97,273	619	17,136	3,801	16,362	4,996	12,456	37,071
1982	781	97,542	848	17,510	3,869	19,465	4,821	7,791	37,526
1987	643	80,707	867	15,757	3,585	12,627	8,648	6,107	28,385
1992	556	79,449	1,205	14,833	4,864	13,971	5,182	9,273	28,397
1997 2/	660	83,193	1,711	18,299	2,856	17,873	6,681	7,668	26,499
2002	629	90,569	1,645	20,085	2,951	12,269	12,438	8,252	31,669