FARMS
Farms by Size


## Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:
Farming

Principal operators by sex:
Male
Female
Average age of principal operator (years)
All operators ${ }^{5}$ by race:
White
Black or African American
American Indian or Alaska Native

## Asian

All operators ${ }^{5}$ of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin 14 Footnotes: 1/Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with items. 2/Beginning with 1997, data includes "cropland pasture" and "other pasture" are not always comparable from the Census. Acreage beginning with 1964 refer to pastureland and rangeland, other thay cropland and woodland pastured, on tarms with sales of agricultural products of $\$ 2,500$ and over. $4 /$ Beginning with 1974 , agricultural operations under indiviviual
management
with annual sales of $\$ 1,000$ or more. 5 Data were colleted for a maximum of three porators management with annual sales of 11,000 or more. 5 Data were coilected 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 per frarm. NA Not Available. (D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less.
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## MONTGOMERY COUNTY <br> 2002 U.S. Census of Agriculture

Montgomery County is located in the southwestern part of Virginia. Formed in 1777 from an area formerly known as the Fincastle District, the county was named in honor of General Richard Montgomery a prominent officer in the Revolutionary War

The topography of the county varies from gently rolling terrain to steep hills and mountainsides. Part of the county drains into the New River, which flows northward along the western boundary, and part drains eastward into the Roanoke River. More than half of the county is wooded and part of the Jefferson National Forest lies in Montgomery Temperatures in the area average 33 degrees in January and 72 in July. The frost-free growing season is roughly 161 days, usually extending The frost-free growing season is roughly 161 days, usually extending between April 30 and October 8 . Annual rainfal
heaviest precipitation falling in July and August.

| Highlights | 2002 | 1997 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Number of Farms | 650 | 637 |
| Land in Farms (acres) | 99,670 | 100,664 |
| Average size of farm | 153 | 158 |
| Market Value of Production |  |  |
| County Total | $\$ 17,914,000$ | $\$ 15,858,000$ |
| Average per farm | $\$ 27,560$ | $\$ 24,894$ |
| Government Payments | $\$ 548,000$ | $\$ 127,000$ |

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 ( $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 0 0 0 \text { ) }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 119 | 66 | 95 | 2,340 | 2,871 |
| Tobacco | (D) | (D) | 43 | (D) | 560 |
| Cotton and cottonseed |  |  | 15 |  | 656 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes | 187 | 35 | 95 | 1,402 | 2,747 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | (D) | (D) | 93 | (D) | 2,638 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 4,300 | 15 | 95 | 501 | 2,708 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | 60 | 21 | 76 | 578 | 1,774 |
| Other crops and hay | 1,079 | 18 | 97 | 1,164 | 3,046 |
| Poultry and eggs | (D) | (D) | 94 | (D) | 2,918 |
| Cattle and calves | 5,941 | 27 | 97 | 1,392 | 3,053 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 5,404 | 12 | 83 | 599 | 2,493 |
| Hogs and pigs | (D) | (D) | 90 | (D) | 2,919 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 167 | 8 | 93 | 520 | 2,997 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 230 | 32 | 94 | 979 | 3,014 |
| Aquaculture |  |  | 44 |  | 1,520 |
| Other animals and other animal products | 309 | 3 | 87 | 424 | 2,727 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cattle and calves | 23,270 | 27 | 97 | 1,297 | 3,059 |
| Sheep and lambs | 3,092 | 5 | 93 | 365 | 2,867 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older | 2,874 | 24 | 96 | 895 | 2,983 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | (D) | (D) | 79 | (D) | 2,599 |
| Quail | (D) | (D) | 34 | (D) | 1,412 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 18,944 | 32 | 97 | 1,154 | 3,059 |
| Corn for silage | 2,333 | 14 | 87 | 678 | 2,307 |
| Corn for grain | 651 | 59 | 96 | 1,909 | 2,592 |
| All Wheat for grain | 393 | 57 | 87 | 1,857 | 2,517 |
| Nursery stock | (D) | (D) | 77 | (D) | 2,129 |



