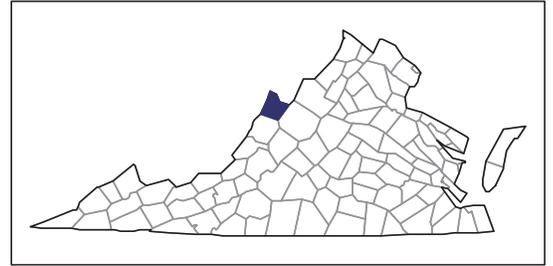


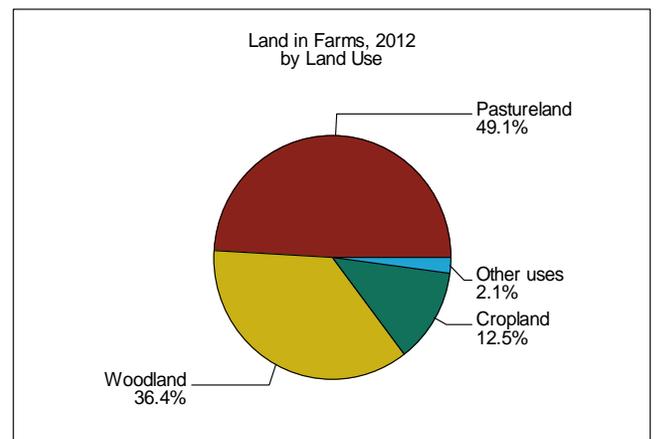
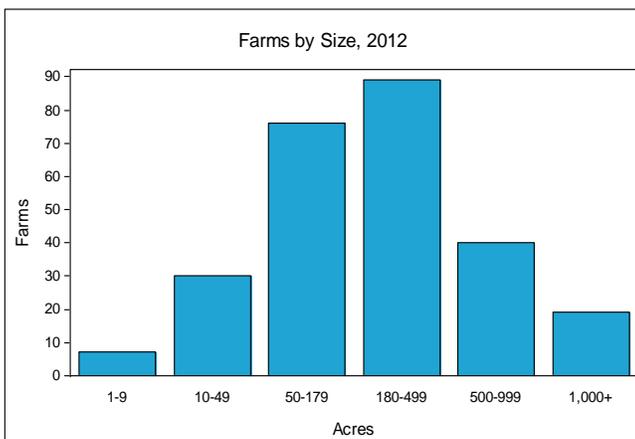
# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE



### Highland County Virginia

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	261	239	+ 9
<b>Land in Farms</b>	93,080 acres	76,764 acres	+ 21
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	357 acres	321 acres	+ 11
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$30,067,000	\$13,126,000	+ 129
Crop Sales \$1,362,000 (5 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$28,705,000 (95 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$115,200	\$54,921	+ 110
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$252,000	\$48,000	+ 425
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$7,202	\$778	+ 826





## Highland 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	30,067	36	98	2,148	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,362	89	98	2,811	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	28,705	19	98	1,332	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	110	90	96	2,651	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	28	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	49	96	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	-	-	95	-	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	68	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,097	49	97	1,849	3,049
Poultry and eggs	15,353	10	97	517	3,013
Cattle and calves	12,518	19	97	1,150	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	68	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	11	52	86	2,080	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	5	97	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	7	89	95	2,880	3,011
Aquaculture	(D)	13	44	(D)	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	3	83	96	2,582	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	9,239	50	97	1,707	3,057
Corn for silage	145	59	80	1,810	2,237
Soybeans for beans	39	77	80	2,082	2,162
Barley for grain	(D)	60	64	(D)	1,158
Apples	18	32	84	784	2,167
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Turkeys	152,165	5	83	125	2,416
Cattle and calves	14,665	38	97	1,617	3,063
Sheep and lambs	3,515	6	94	250	2,897
Layers	347	88	97	2,558	3,040
Horses and ponies	185	84	97	2,806	3,072

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	34	Farming	133
\$1,000 to \$2,499	23	Other	128
\$2,500 to \$4,999	21	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	22	Male	230
\$10,000 to \$19,999	26	Female	31
\$20,000 to \$24,999	18	Average age of principal operator (years)	61.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	25	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	34	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	26	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	12	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	10	White	397
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	25,709	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	98,502	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,813		
Average per farm (\$)	22,272		

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.