Innovative Employers

Agribusiness is booming in Nelson County, as evidenced by the county’s many award-winning craft breweries, cideries, distilleries, and wineries. Companies located in Nelson County include:

- Blue Mountain Brewery & Blue Mountain Barrel House
  barrel house and craft brewery
- Bold Rock Cidery & Brew Pub
  hard craft cider
- California Sidecar & Escapade Trailers
  sidecars and trailers
- Central Virginia Electric Cooperative
  member-owned electric utility, headquarters
- Devils Backbone Brewing Company
  craft brewery
- Wild Wolf Brewing Company
  craft brewery, restaurant
- Wintergreen Resort
  11,000 acre, four-season resort
- Veritas Vineyard & Winery
  vineyard and winery

Nelson County

Bordered by the first 30 miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway and the James River, Nelson County balances economic growth with exceptional natural beauty. This balance is exemplified by the world class breweries, cideries, distilleries, and wineries that flourish in Nelson County and Wintergreen Resort. Nelson is the ideal location for companies seeking to do business in the midst of incredible natural beauty without sacrificing access to transportation infrastructure and a skilled workforce.

Advantages for Business

- Unlike many rural counties, Nelson County residents and businesses have access to 38 miles of dark fiber and active circuits which runs through the center of the County, offering high-speed internet to many businesses and to the Colleen Business Park, bringing the benefits of advanced information technology infrastructure to Nelson County’s idyllic and pastoral setting.
- Nelson County boasts direct access to I-64 and is a 15 minute drive from I-81. The county sits less than 40 miles from both the Charlottesville Albermarle Airport and the Lynchburg Regional Airport.
- Several major universities and two-year institutions, including the top-ranked University of Virginia, and Piedmont Virginia Community College are within an hour’s drive.
Demographics

The Central Virginia region boasts a growing labor pool of nearly 165,000 and the ability to tap into even larger labor markets in nearby Fredericksburg and Richmond metropolitan areas.

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