

# 1997 Census of Agriculture State Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 8,297,011 acres in 1992 to 8,228,226 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 197 acres in 1992 to 200 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 19,571 farms in 1992 to 18,410 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

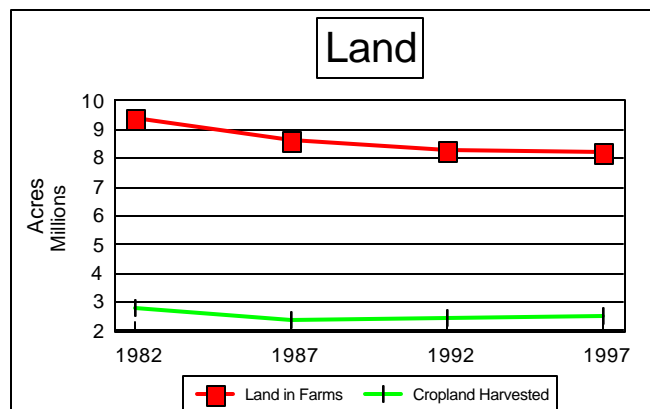
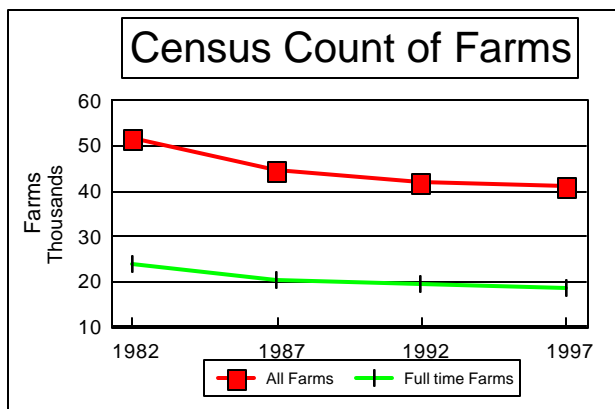
Increased 14 percent to \$2,343,518,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 33 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 67 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 17 percent from \$48,694 in 1992 to \$57,027 in 1997.



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#### Ranked Items Within U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>			
Total value of agricultural products sold	2,343,518	29	50
Value of livestock and poultry	1,563,418	23	50
Value of crops including nursery	780,099	33	50
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>			
Poultry & poultry products	760,221	8	50
Cattle and calves	389,787	22	50
Dairy products	271,855	17	50
Tobacco	187,358	5	21
Nursery and greenhouse crops	166,411	18	50
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>			
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	258,684,455	7	50
Turkeys sold	26,030,650	3	49
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	6,303,716	16	50
Cattle and calves sold	906,897	23	50
Hogs and pigs sold	710,320	23	50
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>			
Broiler inventory	41,360,070	8	50
All turkeys inventory	8,175,875	5	50
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	3,767,755	23	50
Cattle and calves inventory	1,639,058	22	50
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	1,067,112	16	50
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>			
Hay crops-acres	1,189,425	23	50
Soybeans for beans-acres	487,001	21	42
Corn for grain-acres	318,208	24	48
Wheat-acres	257,063	26	46
Corn for silage-acres	143,216	12	49

#### Other State Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	24,956	25,394	-2
\$10,000 or more .....	16,139	16,828	-4
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	1,924,690	1,699,051	13
Average per farm .....dollars..	46,858	40,233	16
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	364,331	334,280	9
Average per farm .....dollars..	8,870	7,916	12
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	35,824	36,866	-3
Partnership or corporation .....	5,045	5,113	-1
Other .....	226	243	-7
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	18,410	19,571	-6
Other .....	22,685	22,651	0
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	36,672	37,993	-3
Female .....	4,423	4,229	5
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	39,854	40,838	-2
Black and other races .....	1,241	1,384	-10
Average age of operator .....	56.4	55.6	1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.  
 \* Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.