

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



BOTETOURT VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 96,833 acres in 1992 to 90,502 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 5 percent from 189 acres in 1992 to 179 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 211 farms in 1992 to 219 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

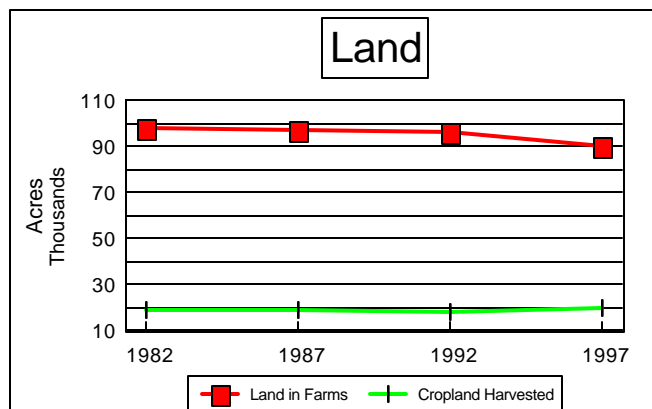
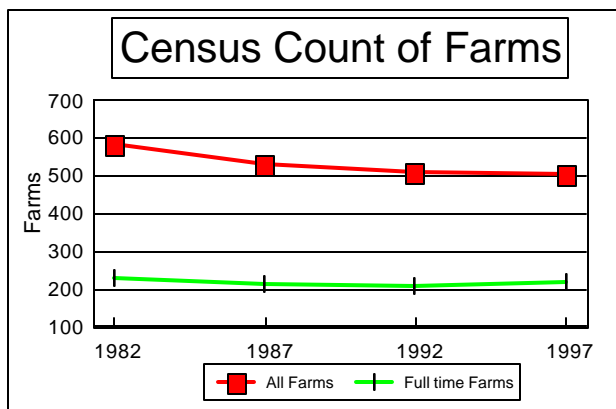
Decreased 14 percent to \$10,733,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 13 percent from \$24,510 in 1992 to \$21,253 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	10,733	57	98	2,468	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	8,961	38	97	1,944	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,772	76	98	2,552	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	4,554	31	97	1,526	3,063
Dairy products	4,067	17	72	720	2,563
Fruits, nuts, berries	1,003	11	91	310	2,547
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	495	20	97	1,619	3,043
Horses and ponies	190	24	96	846	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	11,017	29	97	1,528	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	816	37	93	1,880	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	691	15	62	858	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	408	26	89	1,365	2,765
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	14	40	648	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	23,087	29	97	1,393	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	746	23	93	1,154	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	635	24	97	1,264	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	635	12	91	907	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	614	34	96	1,801	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	17,107	29	97	1,185	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,152	21	86	652	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	883	62	97	1,900	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	515	11	96	464	2,693
Wheat-acres	173	69	87	2,181	2,612

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	364	376	-3
\$10,000 or more	141	136	4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	8,911	11,506	-23
Average per farmdollars..	17,610	22,473	-22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,051	744	41
Average per farmdollars..	2,077	1,453	43
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	452	455	-1
Partnership or corporation	49	55	-11
Other	4	2	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	219	211	4
Other	286	301	-5
Operators by sex:			
Male	452	464	-3
Female	53	48	10
Operators by race:			
White	504	510	-1
Black and other races	1	2	-50
Average age of operator	57.7	56.1	3

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.