

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 15 percent from 66,034 acres in 1992 to 75,854 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 197 acres in 1992 to 205 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 9 percent from 154 farms in 1992 to 168 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

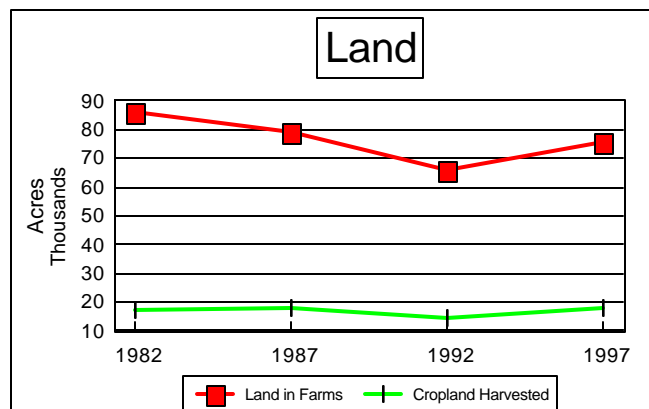
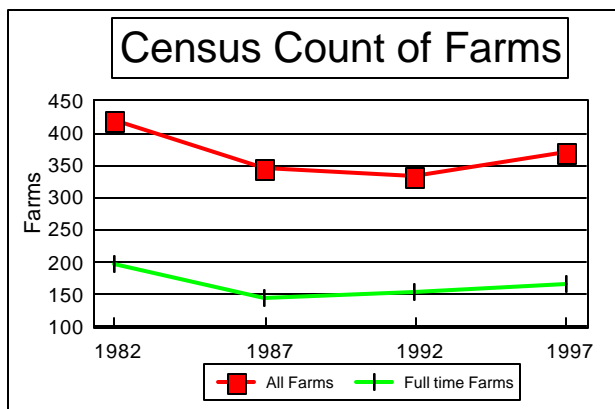
Increased 16 percent to \$18,084,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 5 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 95 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 5 percent from \$46,361 in 1992 to \$48,876 in 1997.



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

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	18,084	37	98	2,185	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	17,209	16	97	1,390	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	875	84	98	2,756	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	8,427	10	92	483	2,901
Hogs and pigs	5,337	5	93	516	2,976
Cattle and calves	2,622	44	97	1,953	3,063
Dairy products	(D)	51	72	1,526	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	403	29	97	1,810	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	4,507,627	9	44	281	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	91,947	12	68	487	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	46,120	5	93	551	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	7,086	46	97	1,885	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	157	45	89	1,831	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	821,639	9	63	262	2,620
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	8	75	295	2,549
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	12	95	708	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	16,842	37	97	1,706	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	14,309	5	96	689	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	16,604	31	97	1,219	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	528	48	86	1,402	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	392	74	97	2,119	2,691
Wheat-acres	326	62	87	2,025	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	(D)	59	77	1,818	2,144

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	256	224	14
\$10,000 or more .....	114	111	3
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	15,248	13,327	14
Average per farm .....dollars..	41,212	39,782	4
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	2,458	1,931	27
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,643	5,765	15
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	325	301	8
Partnership or corporation .....	42	32	31
Other .....	3	2	50
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	168	154	9
Other .....	202	181	12
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	319	297	7
Female .....	51	38	34
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	354	323	10
Black and other races .....	16	12	33
Average age of operator .....	58.1	58.4	-1

(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.