

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 7 percent from 51,604 acres in 1992 to 55,403 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 285 acres in 1992 to 310 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 85 farms in 1992 to 79 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

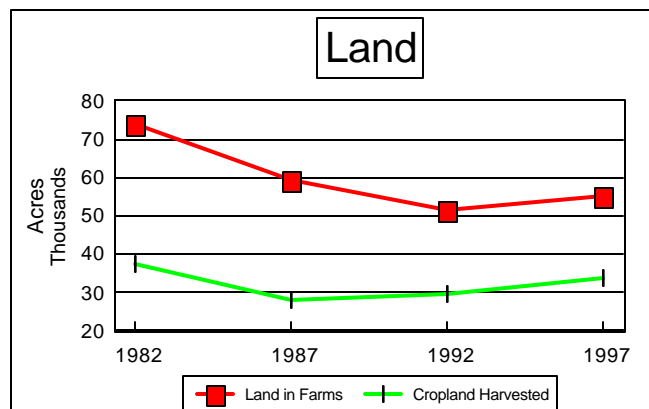
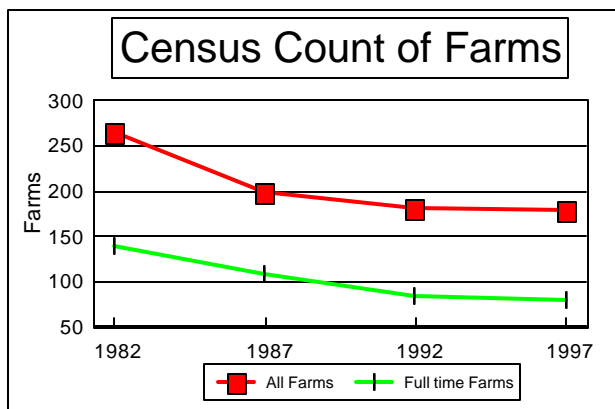
Increased 40 percent to \$11,599,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 86 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 14 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 42 percent from \$45,791 in 1992 to \$64,799 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                   | 11,599   | 56    | 98        | 2,430 | 3,076     |
| Value of crops including nursery                            | 10,021   | 25    | 98        | 1,752 | 3,070     |
| Value of livestock and poultry                              | 1,578    | 79    | 97        | 2,798 | 3,069     |
| <b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Soybeans  | 3,235    | 4     | 77        | 861   | 2,136     |
| Corn for grain  | 2,442    | 9     | 94        | 1,046 | 2,582     |
| Wheat   | 1,572    | 10    | 83        | 737   | 2,578     |
| Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons                          | 1,027    | 8     | 96        | 528   | 2,739     |
| Cattle and calves   | 945      | 64    | 97        | 2,571 | 3,063     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>       |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves sold                                      | 2,091    | 66    | 97        | 2,639 | 3,063     |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold                        | (D)      | 12    | 62        | 793   | 2,200     |
| Hogs and pigs sold  | 136      | 63    | 93        | 2,498 | 2,976     |
| All goats sold  | 95       | 21    | 90        | 938   | 2,686     |
| Sheep and lambs sold  | 90       | 52    | 89        | 2,049 | 2,765     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>  |          |       |           |       |           |
| Cattle and calves inventory                                 | 4,488    | 66    | 97        | 2,625 | 3,064     |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory                   | (D)      | 25    | 91        | 1,242 | 2,884     |
| Horse and pony inventory                                    | 308      | 52    | 97        | 2,182 | 3,066     |
| Rabbit inventory  | 147      | 10    | 75        | 588   | 2,456     |
| All goat inventory  | 115      | 58    | 95        | 1,627 | 2,983     |
| <b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>                     |          |       |           |       |           |
| Soybeans for beans-acres                                    | 19,393   | 6     | 77        | 799   | 2,144     |
| Corn for grain-acres  | 7,413    | 17    | 97        | 1,178 | 2,691     |
| Wheat-acres   | 7,296    | 13    | 87        | 893   | 2,612     |
| Hay crops-acres   | 3,479    | 66    | 97        | 2,500 | 3,061     |
| Barley-acres  | 2,902    | 6     | 72        | 233   | 1,411     |

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 .....                       | 106    | 95     | 12             |
| \$10,000 or more .....                         | 73     | 86     | -15            |
| Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..  | 8,868  | 6,838  | 30             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 49,819 | 37,781 | 32             |
| <b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b> |        |        |                |
| for the farm unit .....\$1,000..               | 2,092  | 1,530  | 37             |
| Average per farm .....dollars..                | 11,756 | 8,455  | 39             |
| <b>Farms by type of organization:</b>          |        |        |                |
| Individual or family .....                     | 154    | 154    |                |
| Partnership or corporation .....               | 24     | 25     | -4             |
| Other .....                                    | 1      | 2      | -50            |
| <b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>                |        |        |                |
| <b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>      |        |        |                |
| Farming .....                                  | 79     | 85     | -7             |
| Other .....                                    | 100    | 96     | 4              |
| <b>Operators by sex:</b>                       |        |        |                |
| Male .....                                     | 165    | 162    | 2              |
| Female .....                                   | 14     | 19     | -26            |
| <b>Operators by race:</b>                      |        |        |                |
| White .....                                    | 174    | 170    | 2              |
| Black and other races .....                    | 5      | 11     | -55            |
| Average age of operator .....                  | 55.9   | 55.1   | 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.