

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



ALBEMARLE VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 188,567 acres in 1992 to 172,251 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 249 acres in 1992 to 231 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 345 farms in 1992 to 330 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

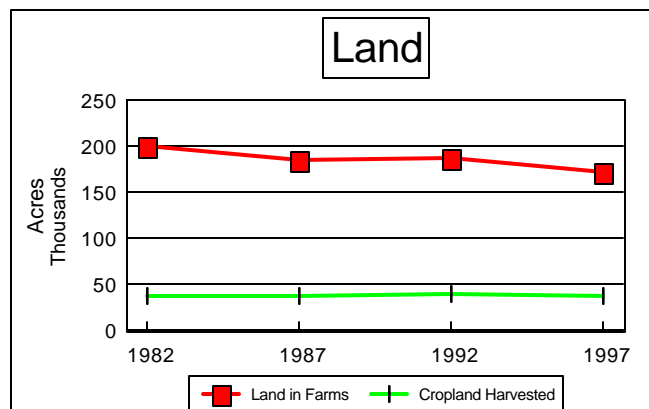
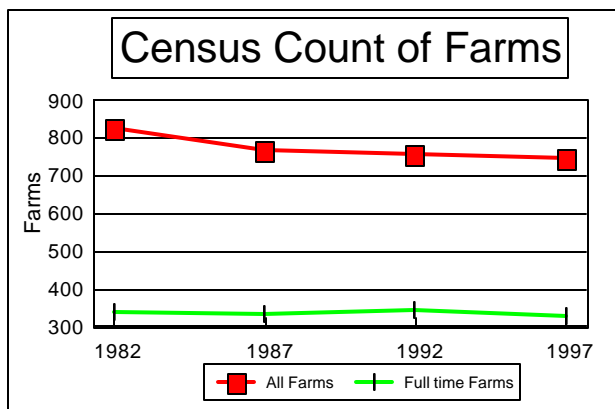
Decreased 2 percent to \$21,450,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 22 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 78 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased slightly from \$28,852 in 1992 to \$28,715 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	21,450	27	98	2,048	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	16,827	17	97	1,408	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,623	49	98	2,165	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Horses and ponies	7,849	2	96	10	3,015
Cattle and calves	6,849	18	97	1,210	3,063
Fruits, nuts, berries	2,005	6	91	229	2,547
Dairy products	1,696	38	72	1,134	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,243	31	97	889	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	15,835	19	97	1,197	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	2	62	486	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	1,344	12	89	657	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	472	45	93	2,082	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	325	3	96	163	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	31,303	18	97	1,082	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	2	91	305	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	2,579	3	97	125	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,556	14	93	666	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,084	22	95	1,151	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	34,316	6	97	552	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	1,799	47	97	1,683	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	1,633	5	96	249	2,693
Corn for silage-acres	731	45	86	1,236	2,473
Wheat-acres	343	61	87	2,009	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	489	510	-4
\$10,000 or more	258	247	4
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	19,115	21,057	-9
Average per farmdollars..	25,623	27,816	-8
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,720	894	92
Average per farmdollars..	2,305	1,180	95
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	622	659	-6
Partnership or corporation	119	92	29
Other	6	6	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	330	345	-4
Other	417	412	1
Operators by sex:			
Male	619	627	-1
Female	128	130	-2
Operators by race:			
White	741	748	-1
Black and other races	6	9	-33
Average age of operator	59.2	57.0	4

(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.