

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



CHARLOTTE VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased 17 percent from 112,944 acres in 1992 to 131,587 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 250 acres in 1992 to 267 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 229 farms in 1992 to 234 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

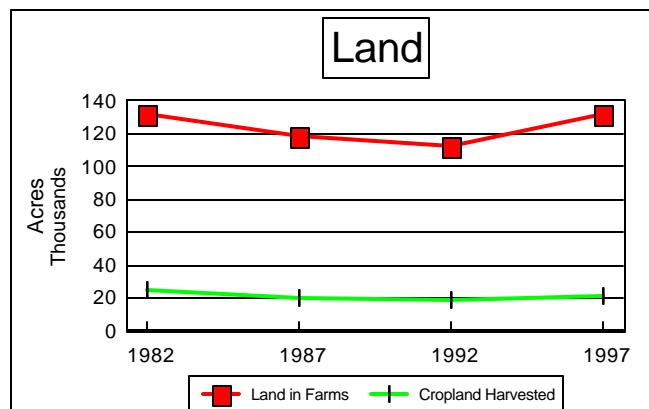
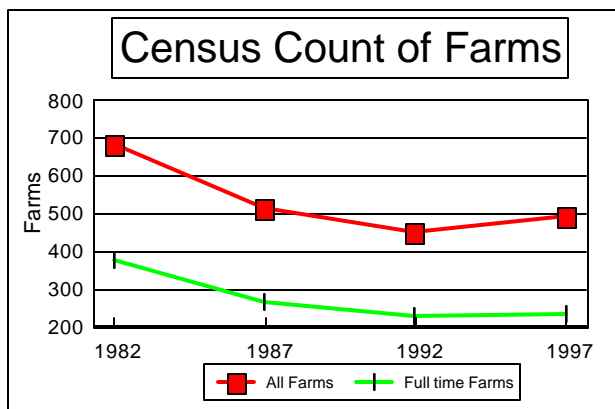
Increased 13 percent to \$16,518,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 4 percent from \$32,285 in 1992 to \$33,504 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	16,518	40	98	2,235	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	9,479	28	98	1,793	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,039	43	97	2,130	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	8,295	7	47	114	580
Cattle and calves	3,434	37	97	1,764	3,063
Dairy products	2,372	30	72	981	2,563
Hogs and pigs	(D)	13	93	973	2,976
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	55	97	1,510	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	13	93	1,002	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	8,741	37	97	1,721	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	4	62	590	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	309	32	89	1,502	2,765
All goats sold	(D)	8	90	465	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	17,316	34	97	1,680	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	18	96	1,114	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	4	91	413	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	577	29	93	1,321	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	352	53	95	1,948	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	14,952	36	97	1,311	3,061
Tobacco-acres	2,445	6	47	112	583
Wheat-acres	1,717	34	87	1,488	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	1,336	30	86	894	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	1,157	52	97	1,814	2,691

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	300	253	19
\$10,000 or more	193	198	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	13,746	10,289	34
Average per farmdollars..	27,883	22,864	22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,725	4,065	-8
Average per farmdollars..	7,555	9,034	-16
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	436	409	7
Partnership or corporation	53	42	26
Other	4	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	234	229	2
Other	259	222	17
Operators by sex:			
Male	445	412	8
Female	48	39	23
Operators by race:			
White	453	410	10
Black and other races	40	41	-2
Average age of operator	56.5	54.3	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.