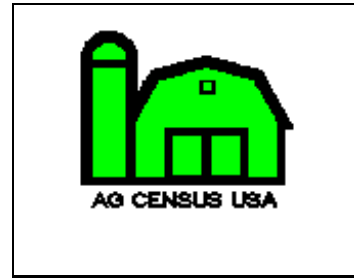


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CHESAPEAKE VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased 12 percent from 54,290 acres in 1992 to 60,667 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 287 acres in 1992 to 302 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 16 percent from 90 farms in 1992 to 104 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

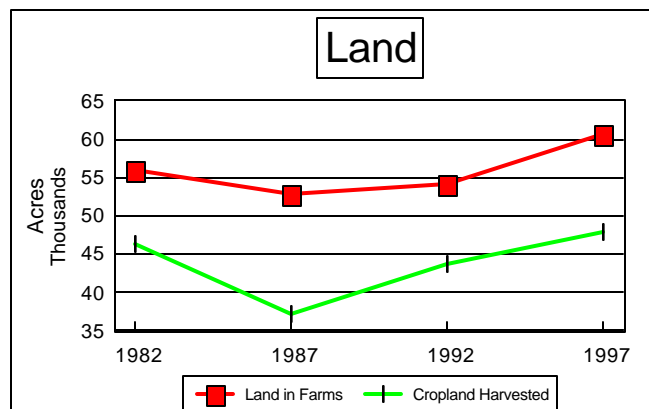
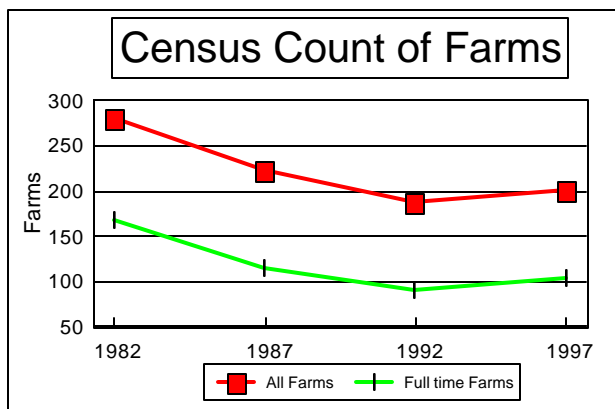
Increased 54 percent to \$36,314,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 45 percent from \$125,014 in 1992 to \$180,665 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	36,314	17	98	1,536	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	32,779	5	98	873	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,535	66	97	2,512	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	20,446	1	97	103	2,790
Soybeans	5,307	2	77	729	2,136
Corn for grain	3,556	2	94	919	2,582
Wheat	1,818	8	83	689	2,578
Hogs and pigs	1,769	11	93	850	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	15,654	12	93	892	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	1,086	73	97	2,805	3,063
All goats sold	199	9	90	480	2,686
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	38	68	1,531	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	49	71	89	2,278	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	9,704	11	96	820	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	2,749	71	97	2,765	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	391	42	97	1,905	3,066
All goat inventory	325	18	95	752	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	212	69	95	2,281	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	25,647	2	77	724	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	14,815	1	97	920	2,691
Wheat-acres	11,018	4	87	733	2,612
Hay crops-acres	1,653	70	97	2,761	3,061
All nursery-acres	(D)	8	93	337	2,619

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	101	92	10
\$10,000 or more	100	97	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	27,167	20,208	34
Average per farmdollars..	135,834	106,918	27
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	8,912	2,746	225
Average per farmdollars..	44,561	14,527	207
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	147	148	-1
Partnership or corporation	54	41	32
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	104	90	16
Other	97	99	-2
Operators by sex:			
Male	174	180	-3
Female	27	9	200
Operators by race:			
White	194	182	7
Black and other races	7	7	
Average age of operator	53.9	52.8	2

(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.