

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



## CLARKE VIRGINIA

### Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 68,326 acres in 1992 to 71,423 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 214 acres in 1992 to 220 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 7 percent from 144 farms in 1992 to 154 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

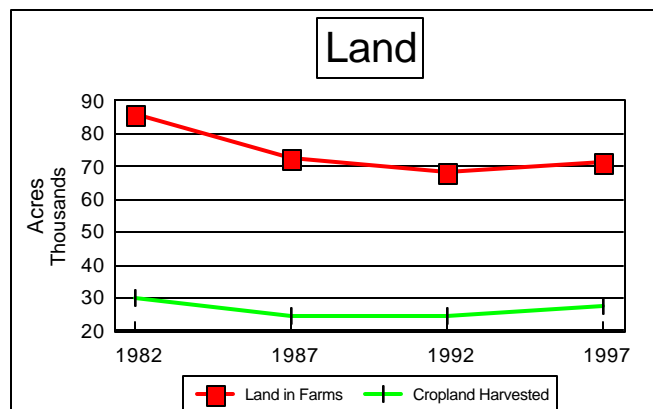
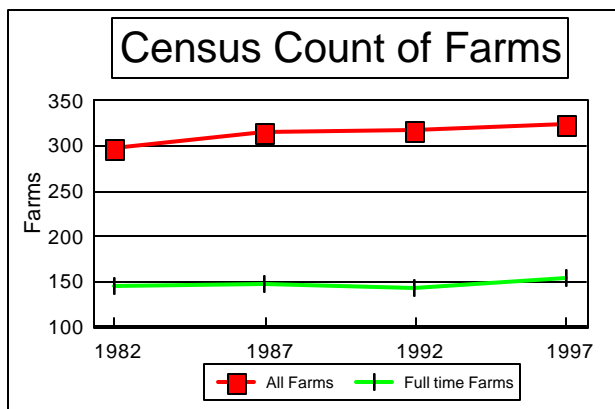
Decreased 26 percent to \$13,056,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 34 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 66 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 28 percent from \$55,678 in 1992 to \$40,174 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	13,056	51	98	2,378	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	8,669	39	97	1,971	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,387	51	98	2,190	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	3,438	36	97	1,760	3,063
Dairy products	2,537	28	72	945	2,563
Horses and ponies	2,356	4	96	37	3,015
Fruits, nuts, berries	2,049	5	91	227	2,547
Nursery and greenhouse crops	629	44	97	1,216	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	8,450	38	97	1,750	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,985	7	89	481	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	1,754	27	93	1,615	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	212	5	96	321	3,015
Rabbits and their pelts sold	121	19	40	741	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	17,277	35	97	1,683	3,064
Colony of bees inventory (D)		1	83	179	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,431	8	93	454	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	1,463	5	97	392	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	957	30	96	1,630	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	17,331	28	97	1,169	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	3,265	33	97	1,488	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	2,744	2	96	178	2,693
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,017	45	77	1,408	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	1,750	24	86	757	2,473

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 .....	192	184	4
\$10,000 or more .....	133	135	-1
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	13,086	17,112	-24
Average per farm .....dollars..	40,389	53,643	-25
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	(298)	491	-161
Average per farm .....dollars..	(921)	1,539	-160
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	261	260	0
Partnership or corporation .....	62	52	19
Other .....	2	7	-71
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	154	144	7
Other .....	171	175	-2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	278	286	-3
Female .....	47	33	42
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	321	316	2
Black and other races .....	4	3	33
Average age of operator .....	55.9	55.4	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.