

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



CULPEPER VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 115,295 acres in 1992 to 114,926 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 10 percent from 245 acres in 1992 to 221 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 6 percent from 228 farms in 1992 to 242 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

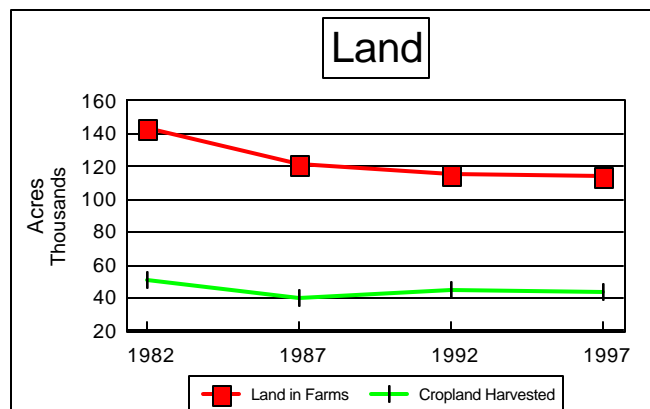
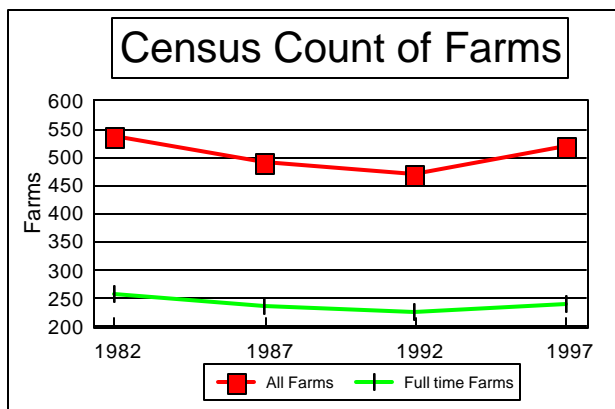
Decreased 10 percent to \$21,582,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 35 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 65 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 19 percent from \$51,080 in 1992 to \$41,424 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	21,582	26	98	2,041	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	13,972	24	97	1,585	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	7,610	35	98	1,912	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	6,676	21	97	1,236	3,063
Dairy products	6,258	8	72	540	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,314	10	97	439	2,790
Corn for grain	1,163	23	94	1,290	2,582
Horses and ponies	913	6	96	118	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	15,119	22	97	1,240	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,111	13	89	766	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	164	59	93	2,458	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	145	7	96	583	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	32	68	1,329	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	30,821	19	97	1,098	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,656	12	93	638	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	1,055	9	97	675	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	498	40	95	1,690	3,002
All goat inventory	224	32	95	1,066	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	27,041	11	97	748	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	6,606	18	97	1,215	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	4,584	6	86	329	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	4,258	34	77	1,244	2,144
Wheat-acres	1,330	37	87	1,576	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	322	295	9
\$10,000 or more	199	176	13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	21,462	21,969	-2
Average per farmdollars..	41,274	46,644	-12
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(D)	3,258	
Average per farmdollars..	(D)	6,918	-100
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	453	396	14
Partnership or corporation	63	71	-11
Other	5	4	25
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	242	228	6
Other	279	243	15
Operators by sex:			
Male	463	426	9
Female	58	45	29
Operators by race:			
White	492	447	10
Black and other races	29	24	21
Average age of operator	56.9	56.7	0

(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.