

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 9 percent from 56,280 acres in 1992 to 61,538 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 15 percent from 469 acres in 1992 to 540 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 9 percent from 66 farms in 1992 to 72 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

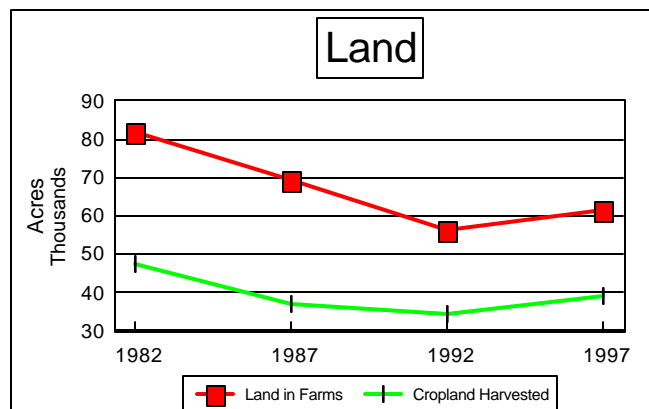
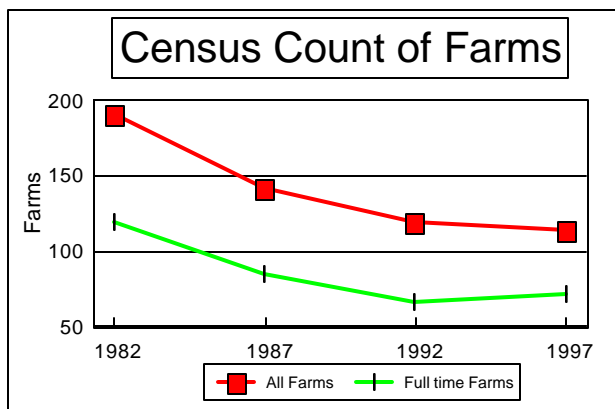
Increased 7 percent to \$10,287,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 95 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 5 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 12 percent from \$80,429 in 1992 to \$90,239 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	10,287	58	98	2,487	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	9,778	26	98	1,768	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	509	85	97	2,955	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	3,521	3	94	923	2,582
Soybeans	2,679	9	77	912	2,136
Wheat	2,404	3	83	599	2,578
Barley	660	3	66	165	1,167
Cattle and calves	319	77	97	2,853	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	26	93	1,599	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	811	79	97	2,865	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	7	84	96	2,819	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	88	90	2,650	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	1,538	81	97	2,889	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	24	96	1,549	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	79	86	95	2,705	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	66	88	97	2,933	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	77	91	2,531	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	20,860	5	77	785	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	13,043	3	97	972	2,691
Wheat-acres	12,220	3	87	692	2,612
Barley-acres	4,525	2	72	193	1,411
Hay crops-acres	1,140	77	97	2,852	3,061

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	44	49	-10
\$10,000 or more	70	71	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	9,515	8,499	12
Average per farmdollars..	84,206	70,241	20
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	523	1,341	-61
Average per farmdollars..	4,625	11,079	-58
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	92	101	-9
Partnership or corporation	22	19	16
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	72	66	9
Other	42	54	-22
Operators by sex:			
Male	106	110	-4
Female	8	10	-20
Operators by race:			
White	108	111	-3
Black and other races	6	9	-33
Average age of operator	55.6	52.8	5

(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.