

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



## ALLEGHANY VIRGINIA

### Land in farms

Increased 20 percent from 25,810 acres in 1992 to 31,063 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 13 percent from 172 acres in 1992 to 194 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Unchanged from 44 farms in 1992 to 44 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

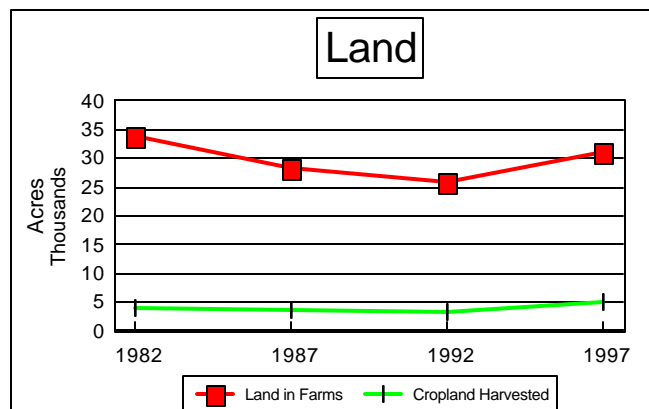
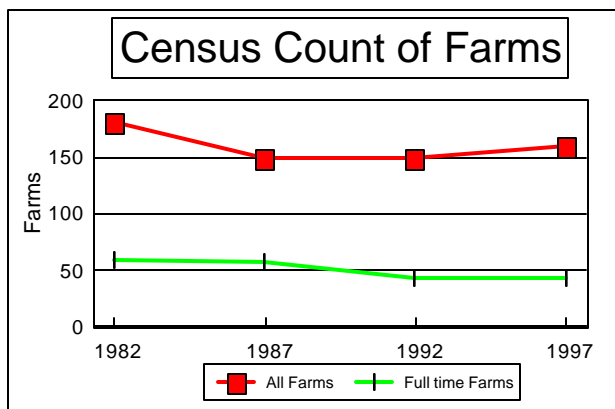
Increased 4 percent to \$2,132,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 2 percent from \$13,611 in 1992 to \$13,323 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	2,132	91	98	2,938	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,906	75	97	2,743	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	225	95	98	2,977	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	1,263	59	97	2,422	3,063
Dairy products	(D)	53	72	1,654	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	125	66	97	2,588	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	85	97	2,140	2,790
Horses and ponies	36	60	96	2,216	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	2,728	63	97	2,525	3,063
All goats sold	37	51	90	1,629	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	80	89	2,476	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	23	58	96	2,365	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	88	93	2,839	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	4,837	65	97	2,591	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	175	69	97	2,655	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	158	74	95	2,437	3,002
All goat inventory	66	73	95	2,050	2,983
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	56	65	91	2,269	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	4,600	64	97	2,339	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	250	63	86	1,738	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	83	97	2,259	2,691
Wheat-acres	(D)	78	87	2,468	2,612
All nursery-acres	(D)	75	93	1,905	2,619

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 .....	124	123	1
\$10,000 or more .....	36	27	33
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	2,553	2,047	25
Average per farm .....dollars..	15,959	13,647	17
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	(318)	(100)	-218
Average per farm .....dollars..	(1,989)	(667)	-198
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	152	141	8
Partnership or corporation .....	7	8	-13
Other .....	1	1	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	44	44	
Other .....	116	106	9
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	144	139	4
Female .....	16	11	45
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	159	150	6
Black and other races .....	1	-	
Average age of operator .....	58.0	56.1	3

(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.