

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



FAUQUIER VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 235,533 acres in 1992 to 239,034 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 255 acres in 1992 to 250 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 1 percent from 450 farms in 1992 to 456 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

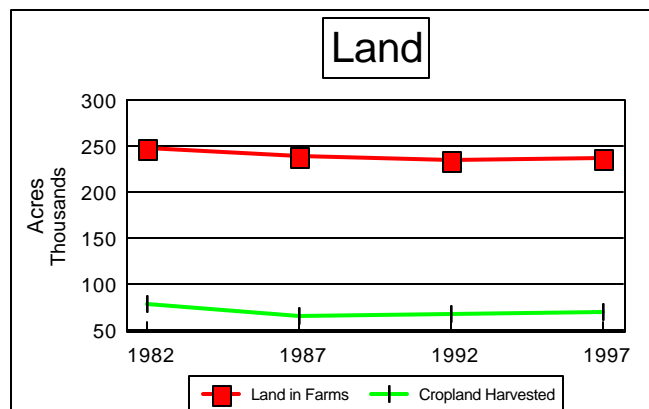
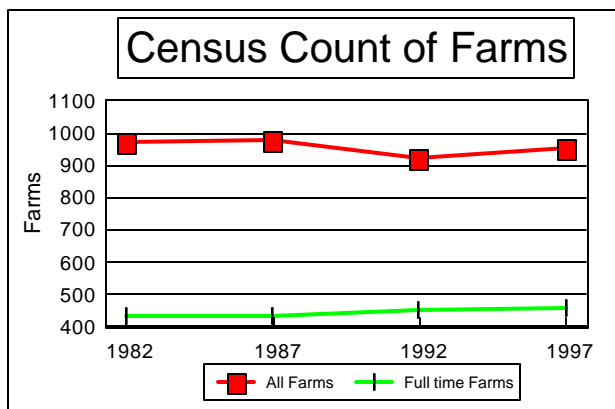
Increased 26 percent to \$47,474,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 28 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 72 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 21 percent from \$40,838 in 1992 to \$49,607 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	47,474	10	98	1,248	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	33,995	8	97	787	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	13,479	16	98	1,560	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	14,950	4	97	598	3,063
Dairy products	10,518	4	72	363	2,563
Horses and ponies	8,361	1	96	9	3,015
Nursery and greenhouse crops	7,311	6	97	284	2,790
Soybeans	1,842	17	77	1,008	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	32,782	4	97	564	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	904	19	89	865	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	538	44	93	2,031	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	530	1	96	75	3,015
Rabbits and their pelts sold	241	10	40	550	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	58,969	4	97	473	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	4,195	1	97	32	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,650	13	93	639	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,363	20	95	1,057	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	589	13	91	944	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	42,264	5	97	388	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	9,123	14	97	1,113	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	8,145	4	86	164	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	7,722	25	77	1,078	2,144
All nursery-acres	2,836	2	93	85	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	610	579	5
\$10,000 or more	347	346	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	38,831	40,249	-4
Average per farmdollars..	40,618	43,560	-7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	8,739	(3,808)	329
Average per farmdollars..	9,142	(4,121)	322
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	813	787	3
Partnership or corporation	134	127	6
Other	10	11	-9
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	456	450	1
Other	501	475	5
Operators by sex:			
Male	748	745	0
Female	209	180	16
Operators by race:			
White	939	903	4
Black and other races	18	22	-18
Average age of operator	57.7	57.1	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.