

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 73,097 acres in 1992 to 67,245 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 10 percent from 220 acres in 1992 to 197 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 1 percent from 140 farms in 1992 to 142 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

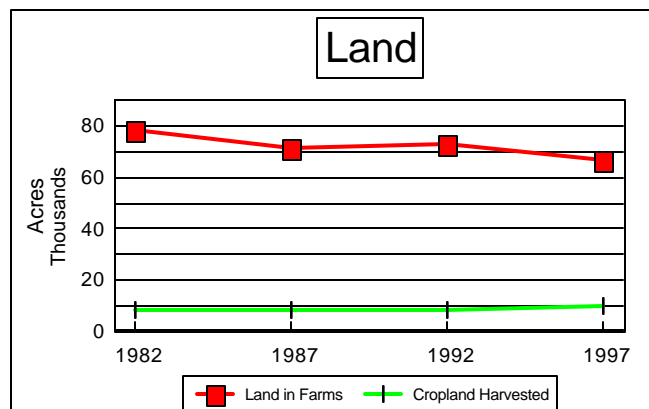
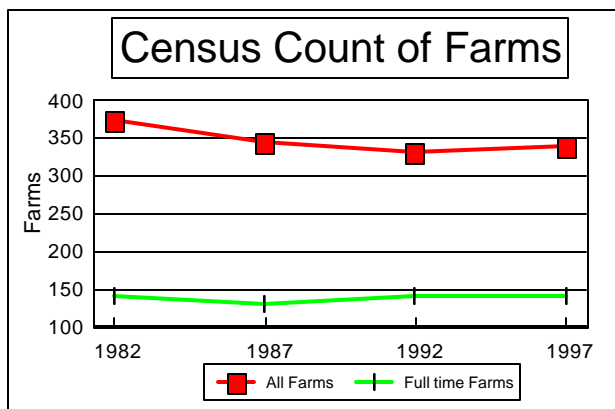
Increased 2 percent to \$4,122,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 13 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 87 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased slightly from \$12,207 in 1992 to \$12,089 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	4,122	85	98	2,814	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	3,587	64	97	2,505	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	536	88	98	2,863	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	3,424	38	97	1,765	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	219	53	97	2,289	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	183	73	97	1,795	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	124	27	91	850	2,547
Sheep, lambs, and wool	58	20	92	1,013	2,787
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	8,083	40	97	1,781	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	981	16	89	823	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	33	40	96	2,063	3,015
All goats sold	24	62	90	1,917	2,686
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	63	68	2,158	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	12,073	48	97	1,975	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,243	17	93	793	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	354	20	91	1,199	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	288	53	97	2,244	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	201	70	95	2,303	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	9,130	50	97	1,793	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	410	53	86	1,525	2,473
Land in orchards-acres	(D)	22	96	911	2,693
Corn for grain-acres	71	89	97	2,408	2,691
All nursery-acres	(D)	67	93	1,723	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 .....	237	231	3
\$10,000 or more .....	104	101	3
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	4,195	3,160	33
Average per farm .....dollars..	12,266	9,518	29
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	798	688	16
Average per farm .....dollars..	2,333	2,072	13
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	310	302	3
Partnership or corporation .....	31	29	7
Other .....	-	1	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	142	140	1
Other .....	199	192	4
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	318	301	6
Female .....	23	31	-26
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	338	331	2
Black and other races .....	3	1	200
Average age of operator .....	56.7	56.5	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.