

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



GLOUCESTER VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 24,478 acres in 1992 to 23,211 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 221 acres in 1992 to 215 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 57 farms in 1992 to 55 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

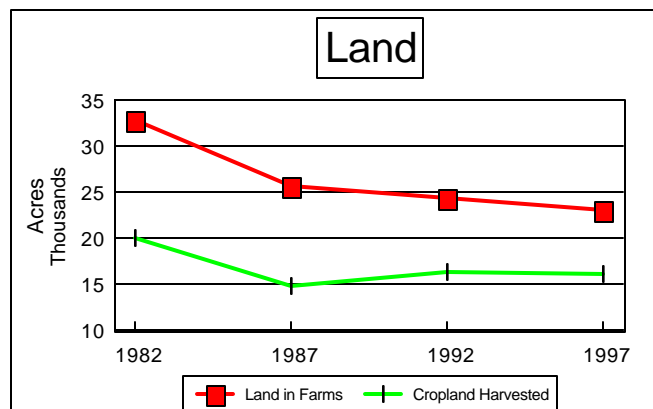
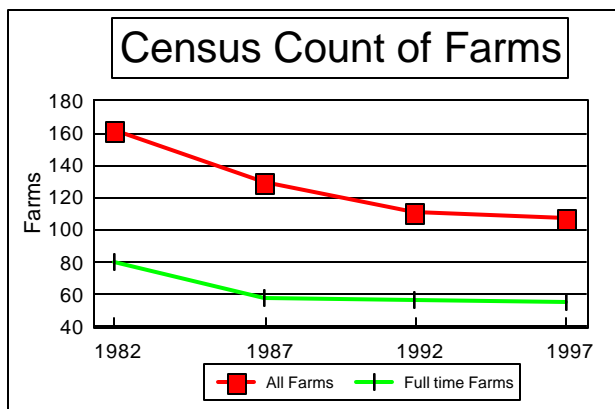
Increased 8 percent to \$5,068,000 in 1997.

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 11 percent from \$42,357 in 1992 to \$46,928 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	5,068	81	98	2,758	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	4,839	48	98	2,140	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	229	90	97	2,996	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,560	28	97	793	2,790
Corn for grain	1,346	20	94	1,237	2,582
Soybeans	1,295	23	77	1,110	2,136
Wheat	241	34	83	1,456	2,578
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	191	58	97	2,391	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	239	91	97	2,981	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	136	63	93	2,498	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	28	62	1,462	2,200
All goats sold	37	51	90	1,629	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	76	89	2,403	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	603	90	97	2,968	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	548	35	95	1,608	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	213	66	97	2,546	3,066
All goat inventory	119	56	95	1,600	2,983
Hogs and pigs inventory	104	65	96	2,475	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	8,352	22	77	1,057	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	5,939	19	97	1,246	2,691
Wheat-acres	1,208	39	87	1,599	2,612
Barley-acres	1,006	16	72	374	1,411
Hay crops-acres	720	88	97	2,916	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	61	64	-5
\$10,000 or more	47	47	
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	3,917	3,569	10
Average per farmdollars..	36,604	32,445	13
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	808	1,154	-30
Average per farmdollars..	7,552	10,492	-28
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	86	93	-8
Partnership or corporation	20	18	11
Other	2	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	55	57	-4
Other	53	54	-2
Operators by sex:			
Male	94	96	-2
Female	14	15	-7
Operators by race:			
White	104	107	-3
Black and other races	4	4	
Average age of operator	56.7	54.0	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.