

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



GOOCHLAND VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 51,442 acres in 1992 to 46,789 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 222 acres in 1992 to 204 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 91 farms in 1992 to 93 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

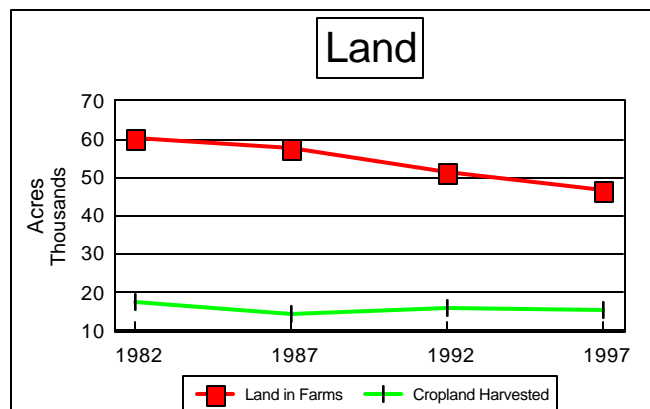
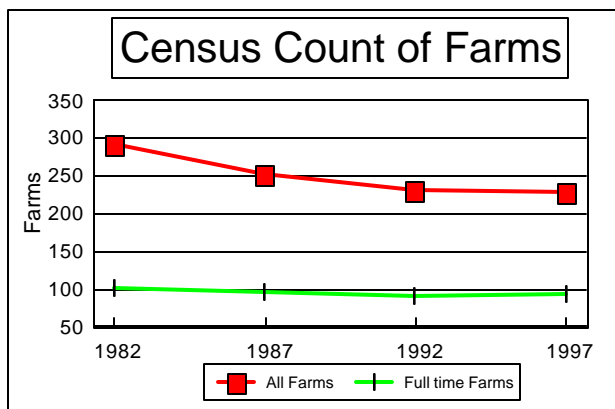
Increased 44 percent to \$6,857,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 29 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 71 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 46 percent from \$20,480 in 1992 to \$29,942 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	6,857	69	98	2,663	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	4,844	58	97	2,375	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,012	71	98	2,514	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	1,978	52	97	2,169	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	1,115	27	92	938	2,901
Dairy products	(D)	48	72	1,427	2,563
Horses and ponies	765	7	96	152	3,015
Soybeans	601	39	77	1,292	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	616,781	18	44	499	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	5,401	49	97	2,105	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	8	62	663	2,200
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	5	40	294	1,593
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	78	93	2,722	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	122,300	17	63	490	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	8,464	54	97	2,282	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	500	34	97	1,597	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	439	15	91	1,079	2,884
Rabbit inventory	(D)	4	75	303	2,456
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	9,177	49	97	1,789	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	3,115	37	77	1,303	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	2,094	40	97	1,628	2,691
Wheat-acres	1,833	33	87	1,460	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	784	42	86	1,184	2,473

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	162	173	-6
\$10,000 or more	67	59	14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	5,764	4,496	28
Average per farmdollars..	25,172	19,377	30
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	695	185	276
Average per farmdollars..	3,033	797	281
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	204	200	2
Partnership or corporation	23	29	-21
Other	2	3	-33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	93	91	2
Other	136	141	-4
Operators by sex:			
Male	193	199	-3
Female	36	33	9
Operators by race:			
White	221	221	
Black and other races	8	11	-27
Average age of operator	59.3	56.5	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.