

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 136,320 acres in 1992 to 136,312 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 157 acres in 1992 to 160 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 348 farms in 1992 to 321 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

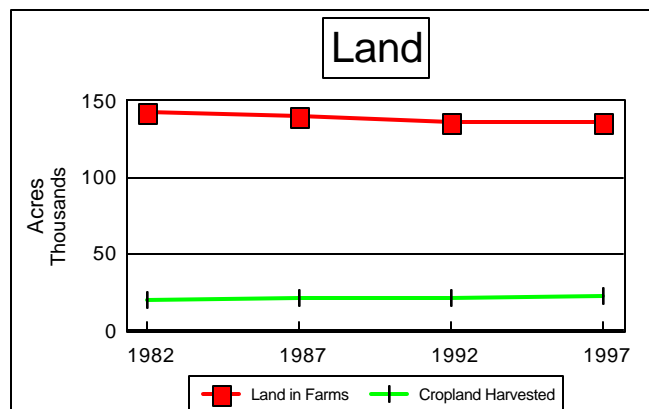
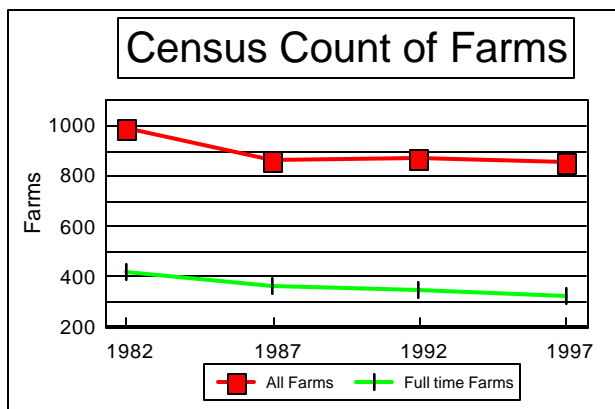
Increased 14 percent to \$19,314,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 21 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 79 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 17 percent from \$19,395 in 1992 to \$22,616 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	19,314	33	98	2,135	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	15,239	21	97	1,496	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,075	53	98	2,231	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	9,953	10	97	896	3,063
Dairy products	5,084	15	72	633	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,867	18	97	571	2,790
Tobacco	847	22	47	313	580
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	297	41	97	2,075	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	21,693	12	97	911	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,051	14	89	792	2,765
All goats sold	154	13	90	630	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	105	14	96	873	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	50	68	1,785	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	33,917	14	97	995	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,032	20	93	929	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	754	16	97	1,075	3,066
All goat inventory	433	13	95	566	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	283	59	95	2,109	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	19,171	22	97	1,078	3,061
All nursery-acres	1,862	4	93	148	2,619
Corn for silage-acres	1,465	27	86	848	2,473
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	878	2	81	23	1,965
Tobacco-acres	292	21	47	310	583

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 .....	526	555	-5
\$10,000 or more .....	328	316	4
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	14,790	12,467	19
Average per farm .....dollars..	17,318	14,330	21
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,249	3,890	-16
Average per farm .....dollars..	3,805	4,471	-15
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	782	797	-2
Partnership or corporation .....	70	71	-1
Other .....	2	3	-33
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	321	348	-8
Other .....	533	523	2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	794	813	-2
Female .....	60	58	3
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	851	870	-2
Black and other races .....	3	1	200
Average age of operator .....	55.6	54.9	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.