

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 11 percent from 70,411 acres in 1992 to 78,483 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 241 acres in 1992 to 234 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 3 percent from 147 farms in 1992 to 151 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

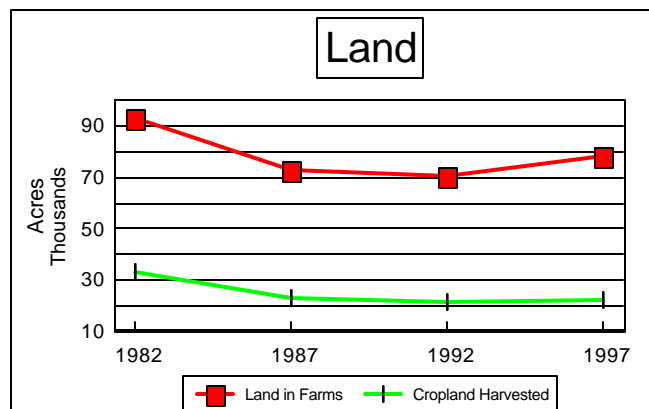
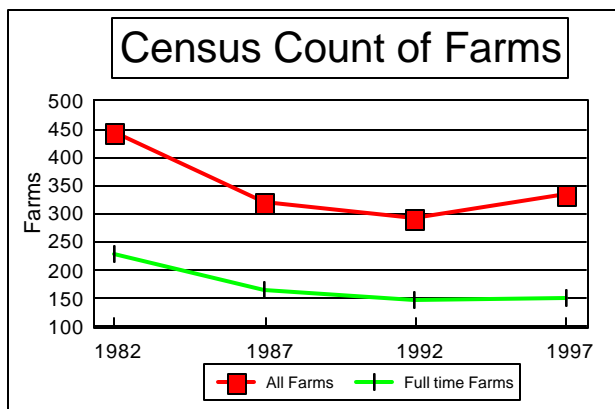
Increased 48 percent to \$57,543,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 29 percent from \$132,921 in 1992 to \$171,259 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	57,543	7	98	1,037	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	53,485	5	97	469	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,058	54	98	2,233	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	42,443	6	92	145	2,901
Cattle and calves	5,661	26	97	1,365	3,063
Dairy products	5,354	12	72	611	2,563
Tobacco	2,032	17	47	245	580
Soybeans	810	32	77	1,231	2,136
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	13,711,009	5	44	142	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	9	68	297	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	10,164	34	97	1,597	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	24	62	1,413	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	67	65	89	2,163	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	2,541,770	5	63	130	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	3	95	183	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	3	75	135	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	6	50	246	1,790
Cattle and calves inventory	13,964	43	97	1,853	3,064
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	10,405	46	97	1,676	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	5,283	30	77	1,189	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	2,764	13	86	528	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	1,996	43	97	1,648	2,691
Barley-acres	1,876	9	72	285	1,411

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 .....	204	159	28
\$10,000 or more .....	132	133	-1
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	47,351	33,800	40
Average per farm .....dollars..	140,925	115,754	22
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	8,920	5,934	50
Average per farm .....dollars..	26,547	20,322	31
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	292	248	18
Partnership or corporation .....	43	43	
Other .....	1	1	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	151	147	3
Other .....	185	145	28
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	296	266	11
Female .....	40	26	54
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	316	266	19
Black and other races .....	20	26	-23
Average age of operator .....	58.3	56.0	4

(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.