

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



HALIFAX VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 232,852 acres in 1992 to 227,816 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 223 acres in 1992 to 242 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 599 farms in 1992 to 505 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

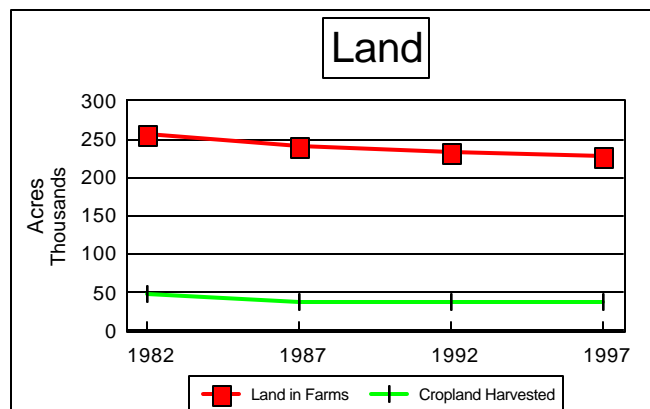
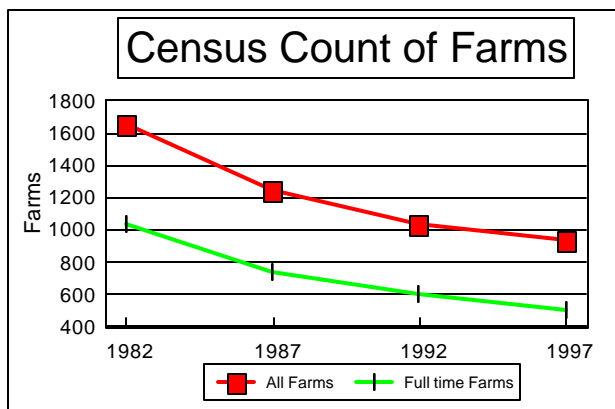
Increased 20 percent to \$40,179,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 82 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 18 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 33 percent from \$32,047 in 1992 to \$42,743 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	40,179	14	98	1,433	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	32,846	4	98	872	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,333	41	97	2,102	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	29,825	2	47	18	580
Cattle and calves	3,782	35	97	1,681	3,063
Hogs and pigs	2,425	8	93	752	2,976
Dairy products	1,053	46	72	1,383	2,563
Wheat	769	21	83	1,036	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	41,567	7	93	590	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	10,776	32	97	1,549	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	66	66	89	2,170	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	40	35	62	1,628	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	37	39	96	1,953	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	21,566	30	97	1,469	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	10,359	10	96	791	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	412	41	97	1,846	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	396	49	95	1,866	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	335	23	91	1,233	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	18,673	23	97	1,099	3,061
Tobacco-acres	9,034	2	47	17	583
Wheat-acres	5,849	19	87	992	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,445	42	77	1,365	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	2,414	39	97	1,582	2,691

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	427	492	-13
\$10,000 or more	513	550	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	25,915	22,040	18
Average per farmdollars..	27,599	21,151	30
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	13,306	10,953	21
Average per farmdollars..	14,170	10,512	35
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	836	940	-11
Partnership or corporation	98	98	
Other	6	4	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	505	599	-16
Other	435	443	-2
Operators by sex:			
Male	867	948	-9
Female	73	94	-22
Operators by race:			
White	800	862	-7
Black and other races	140	180	-22
Average age of operator	56.5	56.1	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.