

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



HANOVER VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 96,282 acres in 1992 to 98,201 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 176 acres in 1992 to 196 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 241 farms in 1992 to 228 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

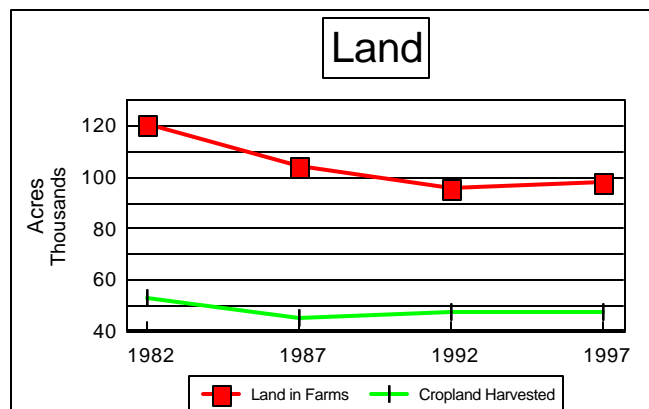
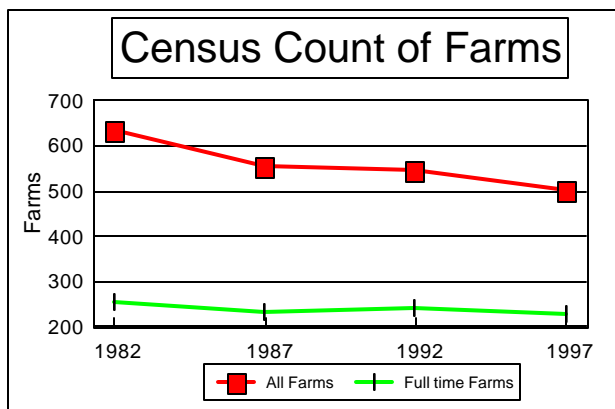
Increased 37 percent to \$28,727,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 76 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 24 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 50 percent from \$38,255 in 1992 to \$57,338 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	28,727	20	98	1,780	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	21,724	9	98	1,199	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,002	45	97	2,134	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	9,463	4	97	215	2,790
Soybeans	3,224	5	77	862	2,136
Corn for grain	2,710	7	94	1,009	2,582
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	2,499	3	96	312	2,739
Cattle and calves	2,407	47	97	2,021	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,169,212	15	44	438	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	7,094	45	97	1,883	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	5	62	591	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	1,298	33	93	1,733	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	436	23	89	1,332	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	418,136	10	63	349	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	12,829	46	97	1,918	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	6	91	561	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	1,051	10	97	682	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	601	26	93	1,292	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	21,806	4	77	771	2,144
Hay crops-acres	13,140	39	97	1,418	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	9,178	13	97	1,112	2,691
Wheat-acres	8,816	8	87	814	2,612
Barley-acres	4,581	1	72	192	1,411

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	301	342	-12
\$10,000 or more	200	205	-2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	21,348	18,206	17
Average per farmdollars..	42,695	33,162	29
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,371	2,887	155
Average per farmdollars..	14,741	5,259	180
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	426	480	-11
Partnership or corporation	74	65	14
Other	1	2	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	228	241	-5
Other	273	306	-11
Operators by sex:			
Male	449	497	-10
Female	52	50	4
Operators by race:			
White	490	526	-7
Black and other races	11	21	-48
Average age of operator	57.0	55.2	3

(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.