

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



HIGHLAND VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 96,910 acres in 1992 to 91,342 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 325 acres in 1992 to 323 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 1 percent from 150 farms in 1992 to 152 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

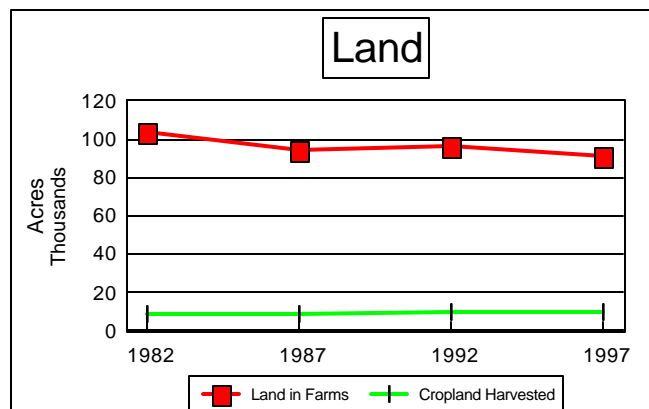
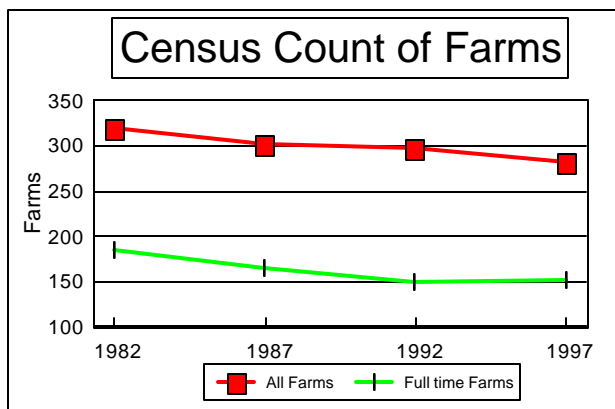
Increased 25 percent to \$12,256,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 2 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 98 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 32 percent from \$32,918 in 1992 to \$43,308 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	12,256	54	98	2,408	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	11,991	33	97	1,716	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	265	93	98	2,959	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	5,863	11	92	551	2,901
Cattle and calves	5,022	28	97	1,461	3,063
Sheep, lambs, and wool	506	3	92	209	2,787
Aquaculture	(D)	6	50	242	1,505
Dairy products	(D)	61	72	2,008	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	640,825	5	37	105	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	10,826	30	97	1,543	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	6,528	2	89	187	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	9	62	664	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	91	69	93	2,591	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	255,331	5	73	100	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	12,719	47	97	1,932	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	6,903	3	93	207	2,864
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	5	91	533	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	197	67	97	2,595	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	9,018	53	97	1,810	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	366	55	86	1,573	2,473
All nursery-acres	72	55	93	1,361	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	(D)	92	97	2,461	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	36	38	96	1,600	2,693

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	130	130	
\$10,000 or more	153	168	-9
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	10,827	7,477	45
Average per farmdollars..	38,258	25,092	52
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	474	1,781	-73
Average per farmdollars..	1,674	5,976	-72
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	262	275	-5
Partnership or corporation	21	22	-5
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	152	150	1
Other	131	148	-11
Operators by sex:			
Male	254	261	-3
Female	29	37	-22
Operators by race:			
White	282	298	-5
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	56.8	56.3	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.