

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



## ISLE OF WIGHT VIRGINIA

### Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 86,247 acres in 1992 to 88,030 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 14 percent from 407 acres in 1992 to 463 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 148 farms in 1992 to 125 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

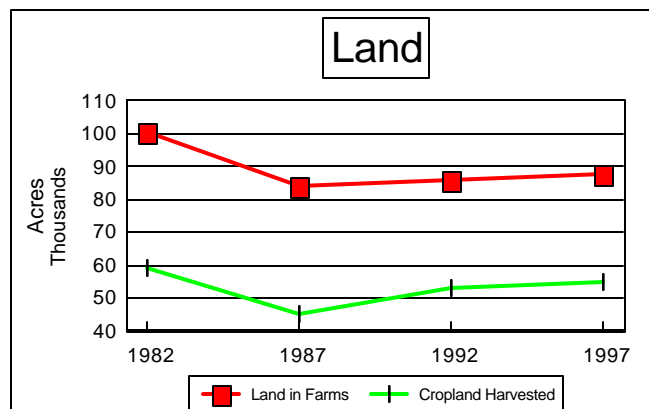
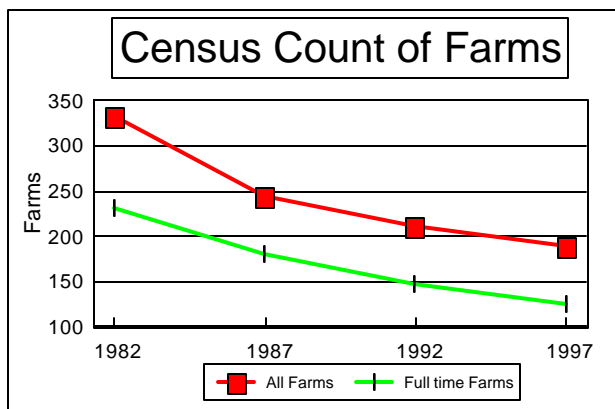
Increased 7 percent to \$41,025,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 52 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 48 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 19 percent from \$181,380 in 1992 to \$215,922 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	41,025	12	98	1,407	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	21,283	10	98	1,217	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	19,742	12	97	1,260	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	13,449	2	93	264	2,976
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	9,649	2	83	139	2,237
Cotton, cottonseed	5,497	2	21	230	709
Poultry & poultry products	5,333	12	92	580	2,901
Soybeans	1,975	15	77	987	2,136
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,948,500	10	44	335	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	119,434	1	93	288	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	2,358	65	97	2,595	3,063
All goats sold	67	34	90	1,201	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	91	96	2,910	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	362,900	11	63	373	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	66,755	2	96	244	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	5,018	64	97	2,577	3,064
All goat inventory	255	24	95	946	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	89	86	97	2,885	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Peanuts-acres	13,075	2	18	36	466
Soybeans for beans-acres	12,977	13	77	923	2,144
Cotton-acres	12,063	3	23	241	713
Corn for grain-acres	10,919	7	97	1,049	2,691
Wheat-acres	8,305	10	87	845	2,612

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 .....	42	47	-11
\$10,000 or more .....	148	165	-10
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	35,683	31,441	13
Average per farm .....dollars..	188,800	148,306	27
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	4,603	8,139	-43
Average per farm .....dollars..	24,356	38,394	-37
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	154	163	-6
Partnership or corporation .....	36	49	-27
Other .....			
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	125	148	-16
Other .....	65	64	2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	178	207	-14
Female .....	12	5	140
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	178	194	-8
Black and other races .....	12	18	-33
Average age of operator .....	52.8	52.2	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.