

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



## KING WILLIAM VIRGINIA

### Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 59,326 acres in 1992 to 56,169 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 471 acres in 1992 to 457 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 67 farms in 1992 to 59 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

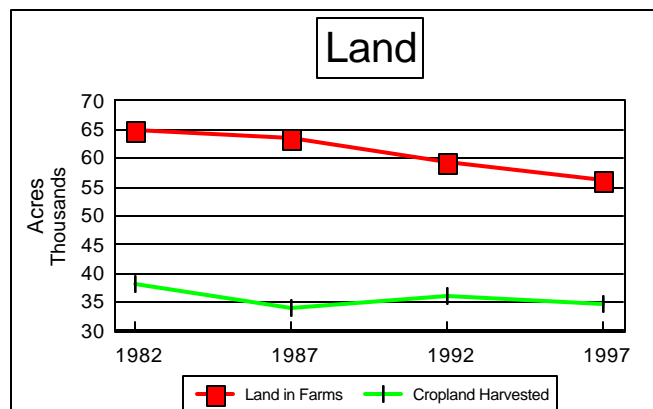
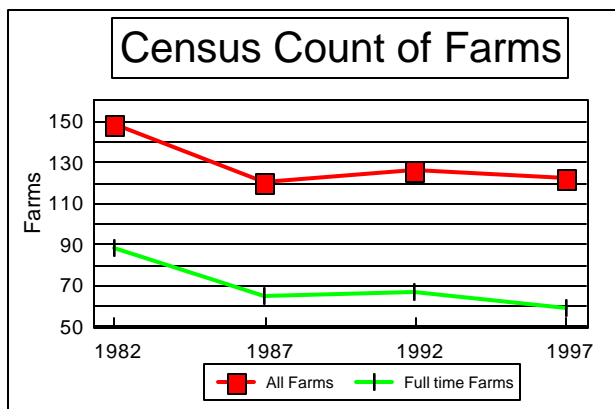
Decreased 2 percent to \$11,658,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 78 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 22 percent of the market value.

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

Increased slightly from \$94,129 in 1992 to \$94,780 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	11,658	55	98	2,427	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	9,143	30	98	1,817	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,515	71	97	2,648	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Corn for grain	2,796	6	94	1,002	2,582
Soybeans	2,593	10	77	919	2,136
Wheat	1,961	5	83	669	2,578
Dairy products	1,944	33	72	1,069	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	47	97	1,324	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	1,320	70	97	2,770	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	251	56	93	2,324	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	248	25	68	1,191	2,203
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	13	40	643	1,593
All goats sold	(D)	38	90	1,258	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	2,944	70	97	2,751	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	48	95	1,847	3,002
Rabbit inventory	(D)	5	75	364	2,456
Hogs and pigs inventory	151	62	96	2,359	3,005
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	22	75	1,012	2,549
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	17,341	8	77	831	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	10,751	9	97	1,055	2,691
Wheat-acres	9,696	7	87	781	2,612
Barley-acres	2,911	5	72	231	1,411
Hay crops-acres	1,298	75	97	2,826	3,061

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 .....	64	57	12
\$10,000 or more .....	59	69	-14
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	10,486	9,766	7
Average per farm .....dollars..	85,951	77,507	11
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	919	1,889	-51
Average per farm .....dollars..	7,529	14,995	-50
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	101	96	5
Partnership or corporation .....	21	29	-28
Other .....	1	1	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	59	67	-12
Other .....	64	59	8
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	110	119	-8
Female .....	13	7	86
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	114	119	-4
Black and other races .....	9	7	29
Average age of operator .....	56.3	53.6	5

(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.