

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



LANCASTER VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 13 percent from 19,657 acres in 1992 to 17,199 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 277 acres in 1992 to 246 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 11 percent from 38 farms in 1992 to 42 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

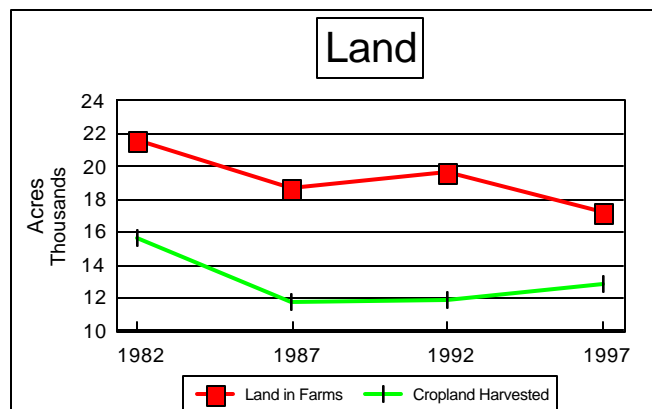
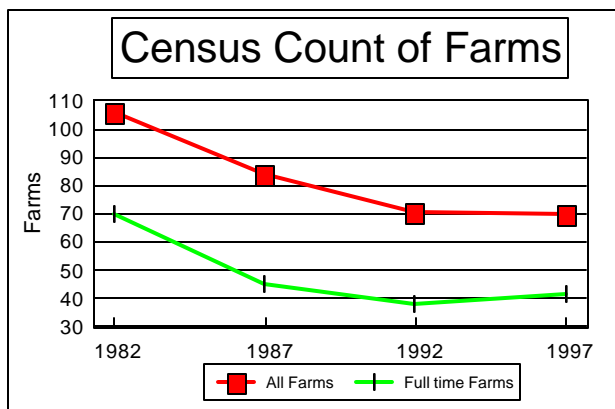
Increased 26 percent to \$3,291,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 98 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 2 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 28 percent from \$36,679 in 1992 to \$47,016 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	3,291	87	98	2,863	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	3,209	60	98	2,339	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	82	96	97	3,036	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Soybeans	1,191	25	77	1,133	2,136
Corn for grain	1,122	26	94	1,299	2,582
Wheat	535	26	83	1,179	2,578
Barley	152	12	66	295	1,167
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	108	41	96	1,342	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	148	96	97	3,007	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	65	93	2,523	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	84	89	2,583	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	96	96	2,988	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	281	96	97	3,012	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	61	96	2,354	3,005
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	87	93	2,587	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	16	97	97	3,049	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	95	95	2,942	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	7,661	26	77	1,082	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	4,179	28	97	1,399	2,691
Wheat-acres	3,078	25	87	1,265	2,612
Barley-acres	1,141	15	72	357	1,411
Hay crops-acres	179	95	97	3,014	3,061

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	22	33	-33
\$10,000 or more	48	38	26
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	3,086	2,304	34
Average per farmdollars..	44,086	32,451	36
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	205	300	-32
Average per farmdollars..	2,930	4,228	-31
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	57	60	-5
Partnership or corporation	13	11	18
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	42	38	11
Other	28	33	-15
Operators by sex:			
Male	66	61	8
Female	4	10	-60
Operators by race:			
White	67	68	-1
Black and other races	3	3	
Average age of operator	57.9	54.7	6

(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.