

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 129,296 acres in 1992 to 127,420 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 15 percent from 100 acres in 1992 to 115 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 572 farms in 1992 to 485 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

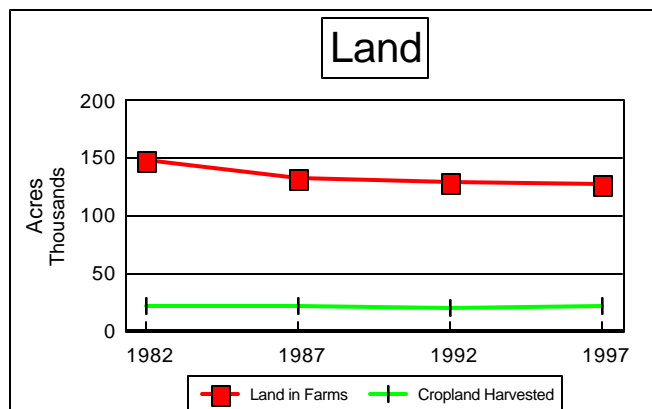
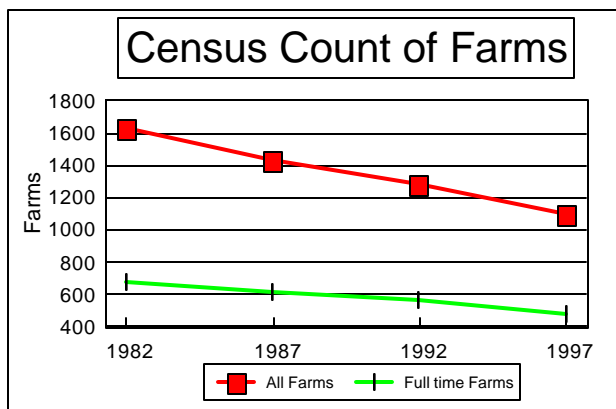
Decreased 15 percent to \$13,100,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 51 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 49 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased slightly from \$11,939 in 1992 to \$11,844 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	13,100	50	98	2,374	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	6,649	39	98	1,979	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,450	47	97	2,197	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	6,058	24	97	1,298	3,063
Tobacco	5,631	10	47	147	580
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	492	21	97	1,624	3,043
Dairy products	315	59	72	1,936	2,563
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	226	15	83	757	2,237
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	15,418	21	97	1,222	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	17	62	995	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	204	39	89	1,712	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	62	93	2,482	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	26	40	890	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	29,185	21	97	1,167	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	645	29	95	1,476	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	501	33	97	1,593	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	345	22	91	1,219	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	336	39	93	1,612	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	18,432	25	97	1,113	3,061
Tobacco-acres	2,083	9	47	126	583
Corn for grain-acres	612	65	97	2,004	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	306	59	86	1,661	2,473
Potatoes-acres	116	5	75	360	1,733

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 .....	746	866	-14
\$10,000 or more .....	360	421	-14
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	9,226	9,174	1
Average per farm .....dollars..	8,334	7,129	17
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,237	4,963	-35
Average per farm .....dollars..	2,924	3,857	-24
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,010	1,174	-14
Partnership or corporation .....	90	107	-16
Other .....	6	6	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	485	572	-15
Other .....	621	715	-13
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	976	1,134	-14
Female .....	130	153	-15
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,100	1,278	-14
Black and other races .....	6	9	-33
Average age of operator .....	55.5	54.9	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.