

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



## LOUDOUN VIRGINIA

### Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 195,476 acres in 1992 to 184,988 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 14 percent from 208 acres in 1992 to 179 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 8 percent from 367 farms in 1992 to 395 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

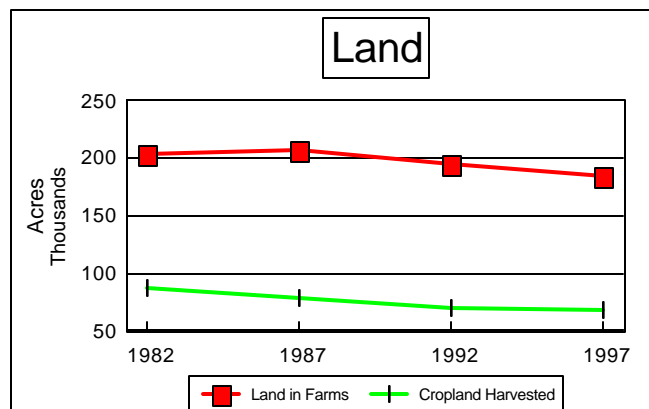
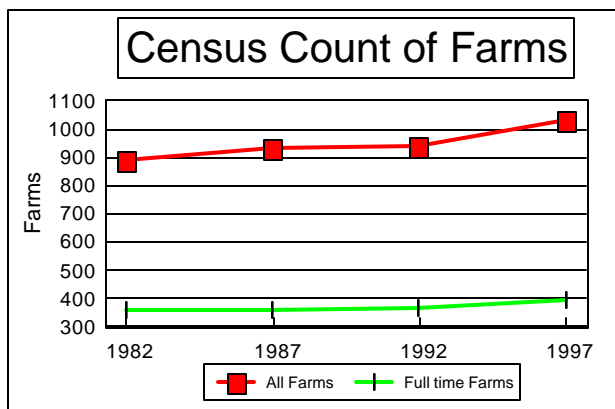
Decreased 3 percent to \$25,978,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 11 percent from \$28,393 in 1992 to \$25,173 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	25,978	21	98	1,885	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	14,934	22	97	1,516	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	11,044	22	98	1,695	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	6,791	19	97	1,218	3,063
Horses and ponies	6,522	3	96	11	3,015
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,018	11	97	460	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,929	2	97	422	3,043
Soybeans	1,817	18	77	1,012	2,136
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	15,802	20	97	1,199	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,458	29	93	1,681	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	1,455	10	89	613	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	486	2	96	87	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	24	68	1,103	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	32,650	15	97	1,043	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	4,135	2	97	34	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,954	19	95	964	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,923	10	93	566	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	869	31	96	1,663	3,005
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	42,720	4	97	373	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	8,856	21	77	1,041	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	8,683	15	97	1,125	2,691
Wheat-acres	4,544	21	87	1,107	2,612
All nursery-acres	2,050	3	93	131	2,619

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 .....	703	639	10
\$10,000 or more .....	329	303	9
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	26,462	30,592	-14
Average per farm .....dollars..	25,692	32,475	-21
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,222	(4,596)	127
Average per farm .....dollars..	1,186	(4,879)	124
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	880	787	12
Partnership or corporation .....	143	143	
Other .....	9	12	-25
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	395	367	8
Other .....	637	575	11
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	814	748	9
Female .....	218	194	12
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,018	930	9
Black and other races .....	14	12	17
Average age of operator .....	55.7	55.4	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.