

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



## LOUISA VIRGINIA

### Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 81,427 acres in 1992 to 79,019 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 212 acres in 1992 to 205 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 177 farms in 1992 to 167 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

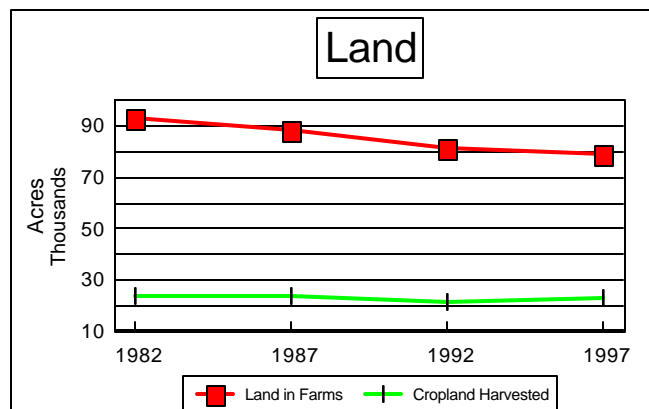
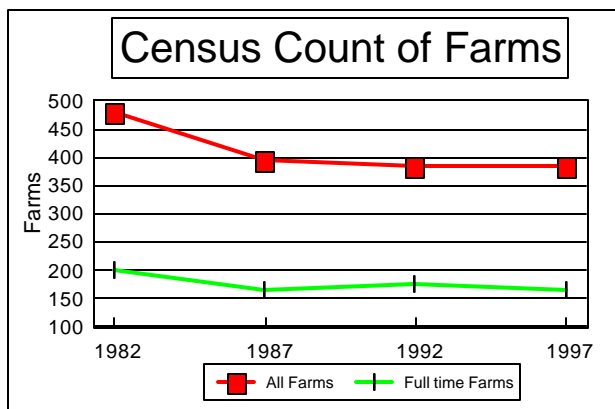
Decreased 3 percent to \$9,542,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 26 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 74 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 4 percent from \$25,748 in 1992 to \$24,785 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	9,542	63	98	2,529	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	7,082	42	97	2,127	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,460	66	98	2,437	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	3,874	34	97	1,660	3,063
Dairy products	1,504	42	72	1,198	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	25	92	928	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	682	42	97	1,176	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	676	14	97	1,324	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	23	44	574	1,882
Turkeys sold	(D)	9	37	276	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	9,181	35	97	1,676	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	1,333	32	93	1,721	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	10	62	722	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	(D)	21	63	538	2,620
All turkeys inventory	(D)	10	73	289	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	17,563	32	97	1,665	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	7	91	573	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	674	21	97	1,194	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	16,814	30	97	1,206	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	2,652	37	97	1,551	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,727	49	77	1,453	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	1,093	38	86	1,011	2,473
Wheat-acres	1,078	42	87	1,638	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 .....	244	258	-5
\$10,000 or more .....	141	126	12
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	7,268	8,944	-19
Average per farm .....dollars..	18,927	23,292	-19
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,691	634	167
Average per farm .....dollars..	4,404	1,651	167
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	339	338	0
Partnership or corporation .....	46	45	2
Other .....	-	1	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	167	177	-6
Other .....	218	207	5
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	328	340	-4
Female .....	57	44	30
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	374	367	2
Black and other races .....	11	17	-35
Average age of operator .....	58.1	56.9	2

(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.