

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



LUNENBURG VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 85,600 acres in 1992 to 77,762 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 236 acres in 1992 to 229 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 181 farms in 1992 to 152 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

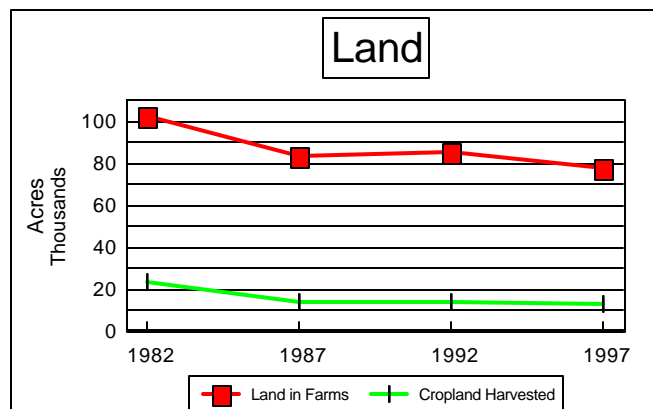
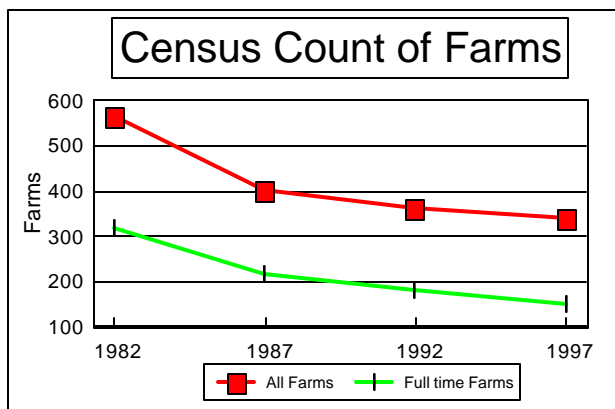
Increased 24 percent to \$16,473,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 57 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 43 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 32 percent from \$36,779 in 1992 to \$48,592 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	16,473	41	98	2,236	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	9,449	29	98	1,796	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,024	44	97	2,131	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	8,873	6	47	108	580
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	13	92	589	2,901
Cattle and calves	1,594	56	97	2,306	3,063
Soybeans	211	49	77	1,530	2,136
Horses and ponies	199	20	96	810	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	3	68	155	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	25	44	592	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	15	93	1,007	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	4,411	53	97	2,251	3,063
All goats sold	129	17	90	755	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	5	95	258	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	5	50	231	1,790
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	8	96	775	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	9,395	51	97	2,200	3,064
Broiler inventory	(D)	26	63	653	2,620
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	8,350	55	97	1,871	3,061
Tobacco-acres	2,361	7	47	114	583
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,342	51	77	1,515	2,144
Wheat-acres	569	53	87	1,866	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	310	78	97	2,176	2,691

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	216	224	-4
\$10,000 or more	123	138	-11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	12,559	10,877	15
Average per farmdollars..	37,158	30,048	24
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,548	2,298	54
Average per farmdollars..	10,498	6,348	65
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	311	332	-6
Partnership or corporation	25	30	-17
Other	3	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	152	181	-16
Other	187	181	3
Operators by sex:			
Male	304	328	-7
Female	35	34	3
Operators by race:			
White	304	319	-5
Black and other races	35	43	-19
Average age of operator	57.8	56.7	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.