

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



MADISON VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 100,602 acres in 1992 to 100,016 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 229 acres in 1992 to 237 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 217 farms in 1992 to 197 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

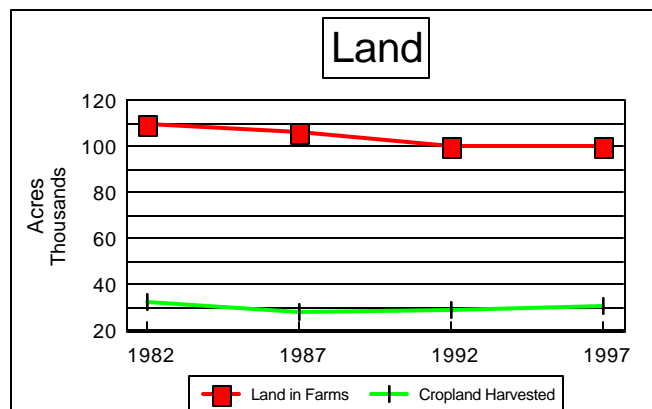
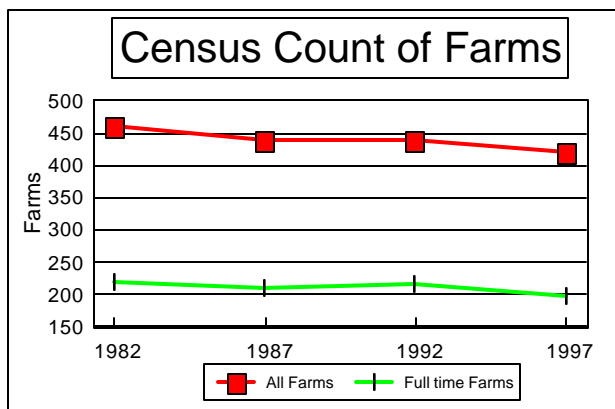
Decreased 10 percent to \$16,784,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 18 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 82 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 7 percent from \$42,647 in 1992 to \$39,773 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	16,784	39	98	2,229	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	13,829	25	97	1,593	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,956	62	98	2,378	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	7,767	17	97	1,110	3,063
Dairy products	5,326	14	72	616	2,563
Corn for grain	850	30	94	1,386	2,582
Soybeans	611	38	77	1,289	2,136
Fruits, nuts, berries	554	14	91	427	2,547
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	17,738	16	97	1,107	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	22	93	1,362	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	195	40	89	1,727	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	42	36	96	1,830	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	75	90	2,264	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	32,641	16	97	1,044	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	19	96	1,247	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	540	31	97	1,493	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	437	33	93	1,472	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	280	60	95	2,117	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	18,520	24	97	1,106	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	5,607	21	97	1,276	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	2,907	12	86	503	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,705	40	77	1,340	2,144
Wheat-acres	755	48	87	1,753	2,612

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	237	257	-8
\$10,000 or more	185	182	2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	14,661	16,357	-10
Average per farmdollars..	34,741	37,175	-7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,214	2,057	-41
Average per farmdollars..	2,877	4,675	-38
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	363	378	-4
Partnership or corporation	55	53	4
Other	4	8	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	197	217	-9
Other	225	222	1
Operators by sex:			
Male	383	398	-4
Female	39	41	-5
Operators by race:			
White	404	424	-5
Black and other races	18	15	20
Average age of operator	58.2	56.1	4

(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.