

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



MECKLENBURG VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 167,858 acres in 1992 to 166,821 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 260 acres in 1992 to 276 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 12 percent from 356 farms in 1992 to 312 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

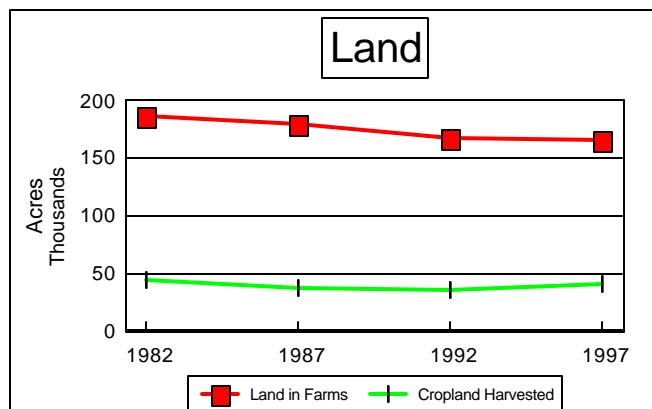
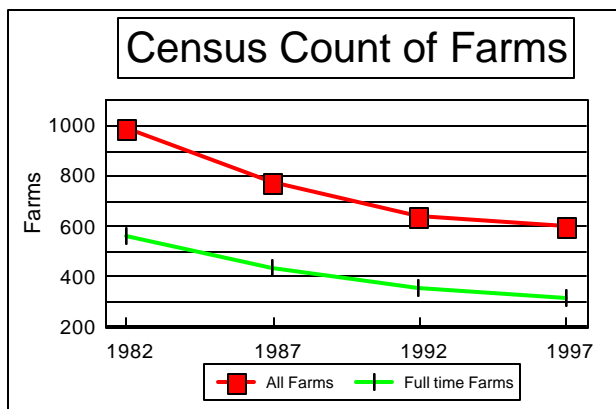
Increased 32 percent to \$41,948,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 78 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 22 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 41 percent from \$49,425 in 1992 to \$69,450 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 | 41,948 | 11 | 98 | 1,387 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 32,773 | 6 | 98 | 874 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 9,175 | 37 | 97 | 1,919 | 3,069 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Tobacco | 25,794 | 3 | 47 | 24 | 580 |
| Cattle and calves | 4,547 | 32 | 97 | 1,530 | 3,063 |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops | 4,527 | 9 | 97 | 423 | 2,790 |
| Dairy products | 4,130 | 16 | 72 | 710 | 2,563 |
| Soybeans | 1,184 | 26 | 77 | 1,137 | 2,136 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold | 39,686 | 15 | 68 | 671 | 2,203 |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold | (D) | 27 | 44 | 658 | 1,882 |
| Cattle and calves sold | 13,037 | 26 | 97 | 1,364 | 3,063 |
| Hogs and pigs sold | (D) | 30 | 93 | 1,704 | 2,976 |
| All goats sold | 135 | 16 | 90 | 725 | 2,686 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 27,828 | 23 | 97 | 1,202 | 3,064 |
| Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory | (D) | 12 | 75 | 372 | 2,549 |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory | (D) | 15 | 95 | 818 | 3,002 |
| Broiler inventory | (D) | 25 | 63 | 635 | 2,620 |
| Hogs and pigs inventory | 1,094 | 26 | 96 | 1,566 | 3,005 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Hay crops-acres | 21,565 | 16 | 97 | 964 | 3,061 |
| Soybeans for beans-acres | 7,740 | 24 | 77 | 1,077 | 2,144 |
| Tobacco-acres | 6,716 | 3 | 47 | 26 | 583 |
| Wheat-acres | 2,838 | 27 | 87 | 1,291 | 2,612 |
| Corn for silage-acres | 1,129 | 35 | 86 | 982 | 2,473 |

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 | 307 | 327 | -6 |
| \$10,000 or more | 297 | 318 | -7 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 28,558 | 21,255 | 34 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 47,281 | 32,954 | 43 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 11,929 | 8,009 | 49 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 19,750 | 12,416 | 59 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 521 | 548 | -5 |
| Partnership or corporation | 77 | 94 | -18 |
| Other | 6 | 3 | 100 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 312 | 356 | -12 |
| Other | 292 | 289 | 1 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 536 | 591 | -9 |
| Female | 68 | 54 | 26 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 561 | 585 | -4 |
| Black and other races | 43 | 60 | -28 |
| Average age of operator | 57.4 | 55.9 | 3 |

(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.