

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 15 percent from 21,507 acres in 1992 to 18,263 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 266 acres in 1992 to 273 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 39 farms in 1992 to 38 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

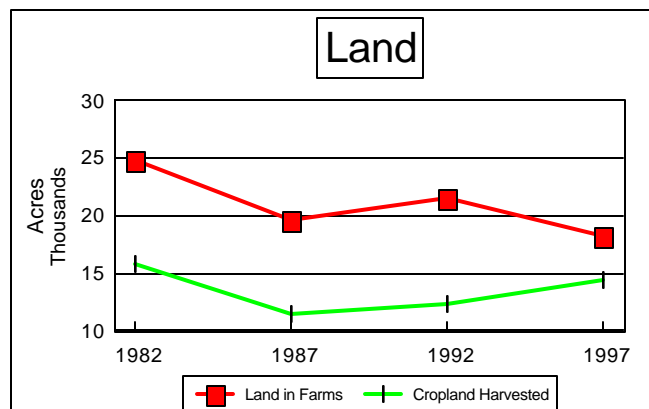
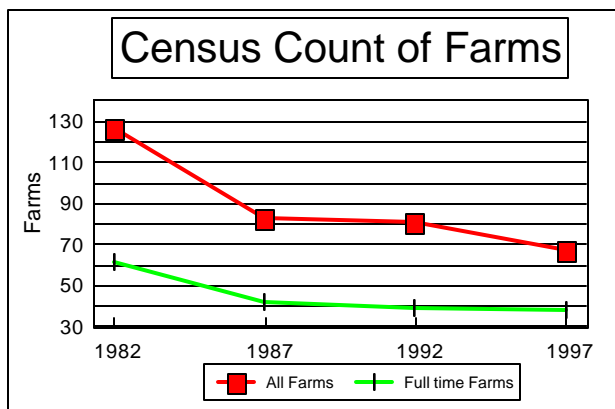
Increased 37 percent to \$5,189,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 97 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 3 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 65 percent from \$46,807 in 1992 to \$77,441 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	5,189	79	98	2,751	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	5,018	46	98	2,123	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	171	92	97	3,009	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,920	5	96	369	2,739
Soybeans	1,102	28	77	1,159	2,136
Corn for grain	1,042	27	94	1,323	2,582
Wheat	758	23	83	1,044	2,578
Cattle and calves	151	85	97	2,939	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	369	86	97	2,945	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	56	77	93	2,709	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	9	80	96	2,763	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	85	90	2,467	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	547	92	97	2,976	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	78	70	96	2,570	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	61	90	97	2,954	3,066
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	32	83	1,398	2,588
All goat inventory	(D)	81	95	2,339	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	8,254	23	77	1,060	2,144
Wheat-acres	4,115	23	87	1,151	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	3,847	30	97	1,432	2,691
Hay crops-acres	752	86	97	2,911	3,061
Land used for vegetables-acres	651	7	96	583	2,741

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 .....	33	44	-25
\$10,000 or more .....	34	37	-8
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	4,541	3,059	48
Average per farm .....dollars..	67,774	37,764	79
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	648	732	-11
Average per farm .....dollars..	9,667	9,043	7
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	50	66	-24
Partnership or corporation .....	15	14	7
Other .....	2	1	100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	38	39	-3
Other .....	29	42	-31
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	63	76	-17
Female .....	4	5	-20
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	56	73	-23
Black and other races .....	11	8	38
Average age of operator .....	58.8	56.6	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.