

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



MONTGOMERY VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 98,914 acres in 1992 to 93,074 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 184 acres in 1992 to 180 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 228 farms in 1992 to 195 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

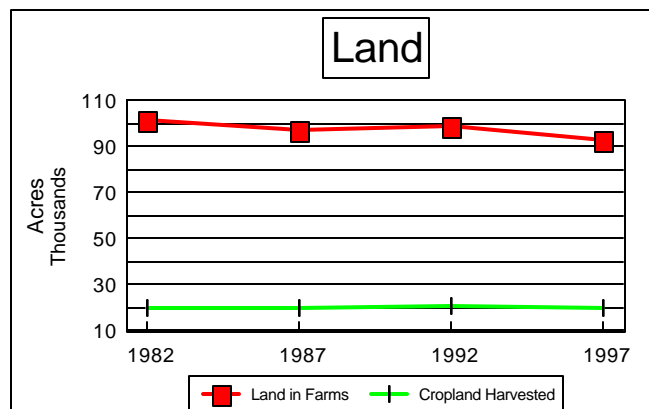
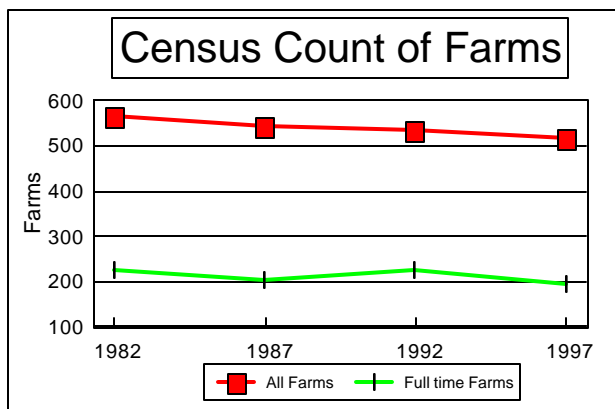
Decreased 2 percent to \$14,792,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 15 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 85 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 1 percent from \$28,246 in 1992 to \$28,610 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	14,792	43	98	2,311	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	12,592	30	97	1,669	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,200	70	98	2,479	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	5,986	25	97	1,315	3,063
Dairy products	5,592	9	72	584	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,387	29	97	849	2,790
Horses and ponies	642	9	96	192	3,015
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	308	39	97	2,050	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	14,195	25	97	1,288	3,063
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	28	44	697	1,882
Sheep and lambs sold	3,063	5	89	340	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	40	93	1,978	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	173	6	96	439	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	25,506	28	97	1,290	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	3,602	5	93	327	2,864
Broiler inventory	(D)	27	63	679	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,172	21	95	1,118	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	826	13	97	948	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	17,372	27	97	1,166	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,554	14	86	568	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	1,116	55	97	1,832	2,691
Wheat-acres	354	58	87	1,995	2,612
All nursery-acres	261	19	93	803	2,619

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	328	369	-11
\$10,000 or more	189	168	13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	10,313	13,161	-22
Average per farmdollars..	19,949	24,463	-18
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,240	2,182	48
Average per farmdollars..	6,268	4,056	55
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	446	455	-2
Partnership or corporation	68	80	-15
Other	3	2	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	195	228	-14
Other	322	309	4
Operators by sex:			
Male	464	499	-7
Female	53	38	39
Operators by race:			
White	513	530	-3
Black and other races	4	7	-43
Average age of operator	58.0	56.6	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.