

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



NELSON VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 72,681 acres in 1992 to 73,200 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 203 acres in 1992 to 205 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 7 percent from 138 farms in 1992 to 147 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

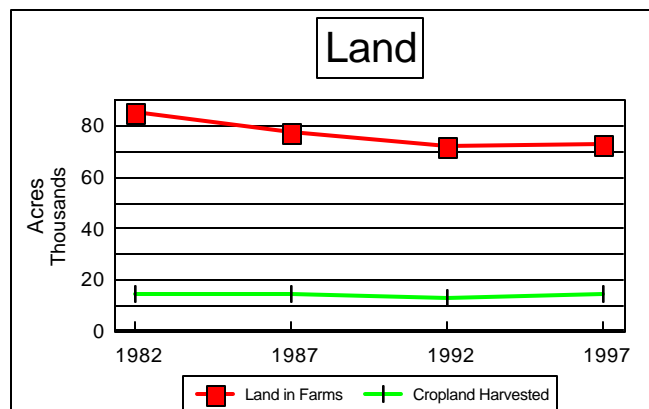
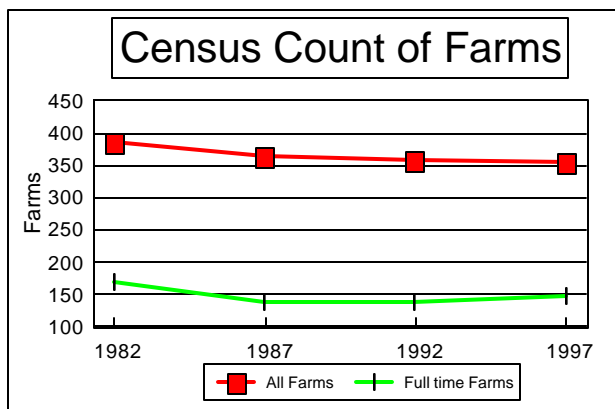
Increased 18 percent to \$6,844,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 58 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 42 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 18 percent from \$16,197 in 1992 to \$19,172 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	6,844	70	98	2,664	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	3,997	55	98	2,240	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,847	70	97	2,611	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Fruits, nuts, berries	2,784	3	91	199	2,547
Cattle and calves	2,511	46	97	1,995	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	747	41	97	1,130	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	247	25	96	980	2,739
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	146	64	97	2,517	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	6,679	48	97	1,925	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,469	9	89	607	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	299	50	93	2,264	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	27	68	1,268	2,203
Turkeys sold	(D)	14	37	614	1,353
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	13,388	44	97	1,882	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,662	11	93	636	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	704	27	95	1,412	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	415	42	96	1,953	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	267	58	97	2,328	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	11,626	44	97	1,547	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	1,239	6	96	295	2,693
All nursery-acres	436	13	93	600	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	418	70	97	2,098	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	(D)	61	77	1,832	2,144

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	251	270	-7
\$10,000 or more	106	88	20
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	5,945	5,291	12
Average per farmdollars..	16,700	14,780	13
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(74)	371	-120
Average per farmdollars..	(209)	1,037	-120
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	306	314	-3
Partnership or corporation	49	42	17
Other	2	2	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	147	138	7
Other	210	220	-5
Operators by sex:			
Male	303	315	-4
Female	54	43	26
Operators by race:			
White	346	347	-0
Black and other races	11	11	
Average age of operator	56.0	56.0	

(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.