

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



NORTHAMPTON VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased 8 percent from 52,469 acres in 1992 to 56,435 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 15 percent from 324 acres in 1992 to 371 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 108 farms in 1992 to 104 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

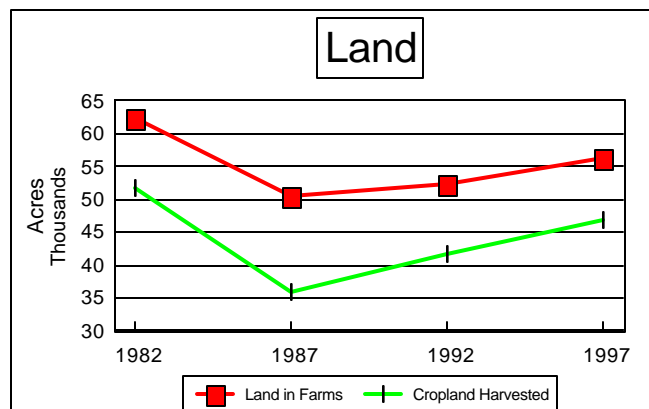
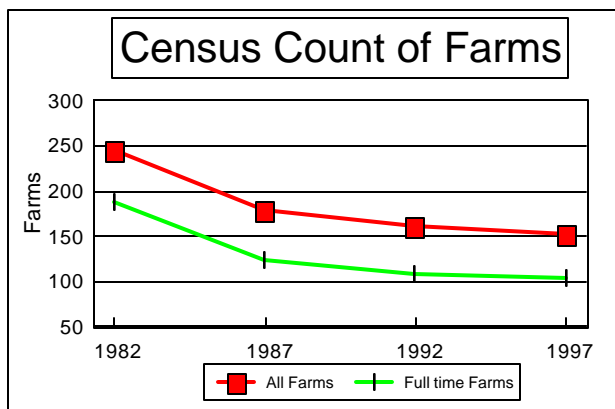
Increased 44 percent to \$38,597,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 54 percent from \$165,208 in 1992 to \$253,929 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	38,597	16	98	1,476	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	27,136	8	98	1,028	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	11,461	35	97	1,753	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Aquaculture	11,354	1	50	14	1,505
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	10,161	2	96	104	2,739
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	4,343	6	83	249	2,237
Wheat	4,268	2	83	422	2,578
Soybeans	3,507	3	77	834	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	152	95	97	3,006	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	43	81	93	2,747	2,976
All goats sold	(D)	54	90	1,661	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	21	82	89	2,498	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	14	69	96	2,617	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	313	95	97	3,003	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	189	55	96	2,287	3,005
Colony of bees inventory	(D)	16	83	1,038	2,588
Horse and pony inventory	89	86	97	2,885	3,066
All goat inventory	60	77	95	2,127	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	24,925	3	77	734	2,144
Wheat-acres	19,621	2	87	543	2,612
Land used for vegetables-acres	7,472	1	96	90	2,741
Corn for grain-acres	2,647	38	97	1,553	2,691
Potatoes-acres	2,443	1	75	97	1,733

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	42	46	-9
\$10,000 or more	110	116	-5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	25,156	21,148	19
Average per farmdollars..	166,596	131,352	27
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	12,953	5,297	145
Average per farmdollars..	85,783	32,899	161
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	122	141	-13
Partnership or corporation	30	21	43
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	104	108	-4
Other	48	54	-11
Operators by sex:			
Male	142	151	-6
Female	10	11	-9
Operators by race:			
White	130	147	-12
Black and other races	22	15	47
Average age of operator	54.3	52.1	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.