

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



## NORTHUMBERLAN VIRGINIA

### Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 41,290 acres in 1992 to 38,151 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 323 acres in 1992 to 313 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 76 farms in 1992 to 74 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

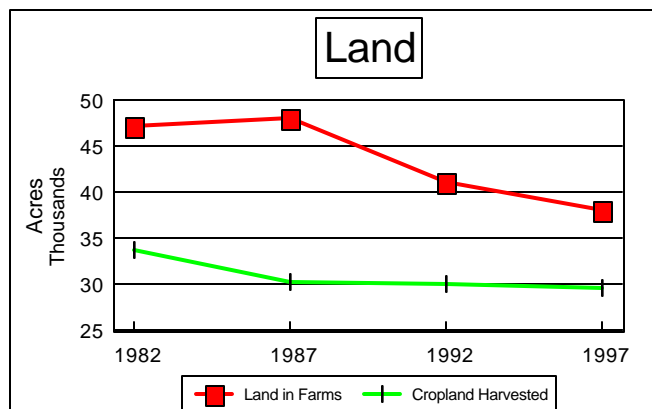
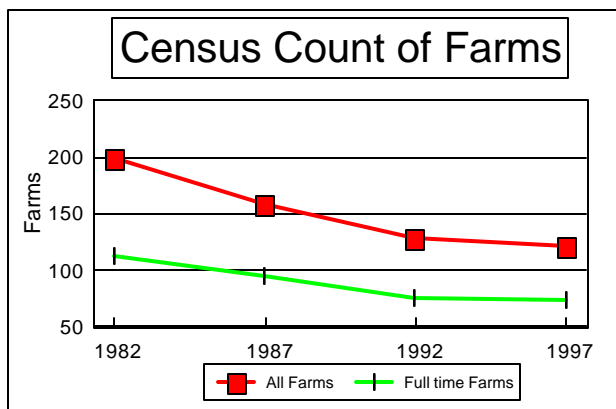
Increased 21 percent to \$9,645,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 98 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 2 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 27 percent from \$62,206 in 1992 to \$79,056 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	9,645	62	98	2,522	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	9,491	27	98	1,791	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	154	93	97	3,012	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Corn for grain	3,213	4	94	953	2,582
Soybeans	2,932	6	77	887	2,136
Wheat	2,093	4	83	645	2,578
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	(D)	12	96	690	2,739
Barley	332	8	66	223	1,167
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	48	93	2,188	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	291	90	97	2,972	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	95	96	2,959	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	604	89	97	2,967	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	47	96	2,086	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	170	73	95	2,396	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	71	91	2,337	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	41	94	97	2,997	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	17,165	9	77	833	2,144
Wheat-acres	10,369	5	87	755	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	10,089	11	97	1,083	2,691
Barley-acres	1,851	10	72	290	1,411
Cotton-acres	609	13	23	537	713

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 .....	49	45	9
\$10,000 or more .....	73	83	-12
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	7,597	6,962	9
Average per farm .....dollars..	62,787	54,820	15
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	2,289	1,071	114
Average per farm .....dollars..	18,919	8,436	124
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	106	107	-1
Partnership or corporation .....	15	20	-25
Other .....	1	1	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	74	76	-3
Other .....	48	52	-8
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	111	115	-3
Female .....	11	13	-15
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	112	118	-5
Black and other races .....	10	10	
Average age of operator .....	57.8	57.2	1

(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.