

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 8 percent from 63,991 acres in 1992 to 69,190 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 198 acres in 1992 to 218 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 5 percent from 139 farms in 1992 to 146 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

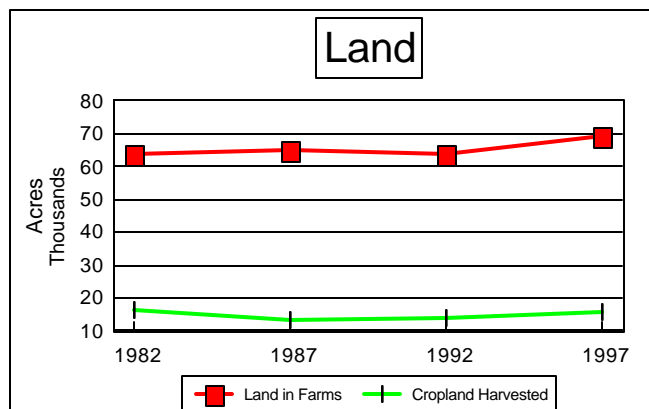
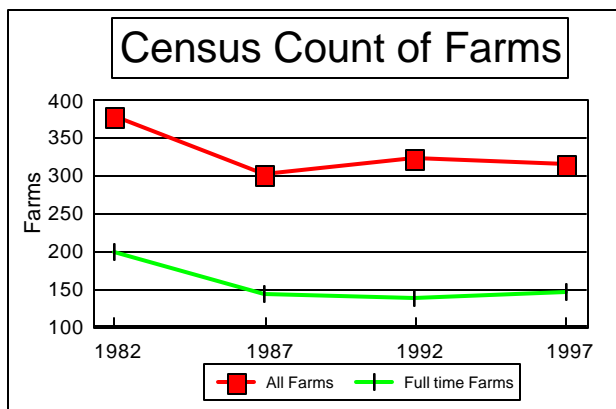
Decreased 11 percent to \$22,057,000 in 1997.

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

Decreased 9 percent from \$76,131 in 1992 to \$69,579 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	22,057	25	98	2,027	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	18,664	13	97	1,318	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,392	58	98	2,311	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	12,976	8	92	377	2,901
Dairy products	3,036	26	72	866	2,563
Tobacco	2,742	15	47	222	580
Cattle and calves	2,595	45	97	1,963	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	339	37	97	1,981	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	6,523,408	8	44	233	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	10	68	401	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	6,865	47	97	1,906	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	396	27	89	1,376	2,765
All goats sold	224	7	90	426	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	1,311,943	7	63	210	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	11	95	590	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	7	75	290	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	15,367	42	97	1,790	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	664	25	93	1,227	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	12,815	42	97	1,439	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	1,188	32	86	952	2,473
Tobacco-acres	876	15	47	216	583
Soybeans for beans-acres	710	54	77	1,650	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	346	76	97	2,153	2,691

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 .....	198	186	6
\$10,000 or more .....	119	138	-14
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	17,619	20,868	-16
Average per farm .....dollars..	55,581	64,408	-14
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,223	3,797	-15
Average per farm .....dollars..	10,167	11,718	-13
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	284	279	2
Partnership or corporation .....	30	43	-30
Other .....	3	2	50
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	146	139	5
Other .....	171	185	-8
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	286	301	-5
Female .....	31	23	35
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	295	302	-2
Black and other races .....	22	22	
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.