

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 107,700 acres in 1992 to 101,455 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 10 percent from 257 acres in 1992 to 232 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 7 percent from 206 farms in 1992 to 192 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

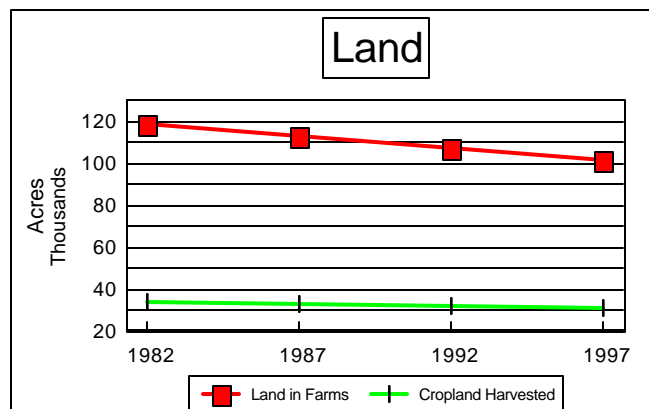
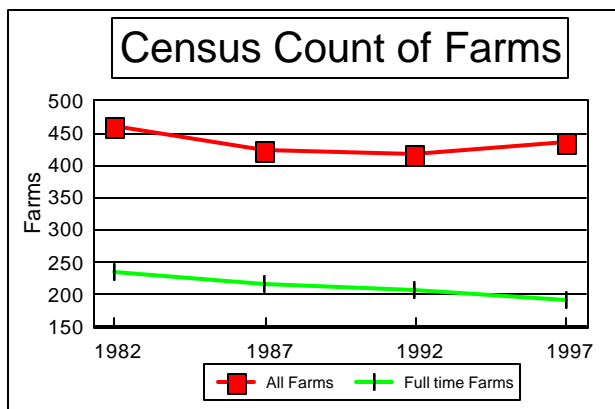
Increased 28 percent to \$25,872,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 39 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 61 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 22 percent from \$48,411 in 1992 to \$59,205 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	25,872	22	98	1,888	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	15,718	20	97	1,471	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	10,154	24	98	1,743	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	7	97	288	2,790
Cattle and calves	6,702	20	97	1,233	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	3,971	14	92	649	2,901
Dairy products	3,121	24	72	853	2,563
Horses and ponies	1,705	5	96	54	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Turkeys sold	501,000	6	37	121	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	14,979	23	97	1,244	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	1	40	43	1,593
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	7	62	598	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	412	47	93	2,142	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
All turkeys inventory	128,005	6	73	144	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	27,813	24	97	1,203	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	3	91	410	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	956	11	97	795	3,066
Rabbit inventory	(D)	1	75	108	2,456
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	21,113	18	97	983	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	4,073	29	97	1,407	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	3,004	38	77	1,310	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	2,260	17	86	627	2,473
Barley-acres	823	18	72	409	1,411

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 .....	270	240	13
\$10,000 or more .....	167	179	-7
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	19,502	19,320	1
Average per farm .....dollars..	44,729	46,001	-3
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	5,761	915	530
Average per farm .....dollars..	13,213	2,179	506
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	380	361	5
Partnership or corporation .....	53	55	-4
Other .....	4	3	33
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	192	206	-7
Other .....	245	213	15
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	384	364	5
Female .....	53	55	-4
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	418	405	3
Black and other races .....	19	14	36
Average age of operator .....	56.6	56.0	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.