

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



PATRICK VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 79,449 acres in 1992 to 74,190 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 143 acres in 1992 to 138 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 214 farms in 1992 to 223 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

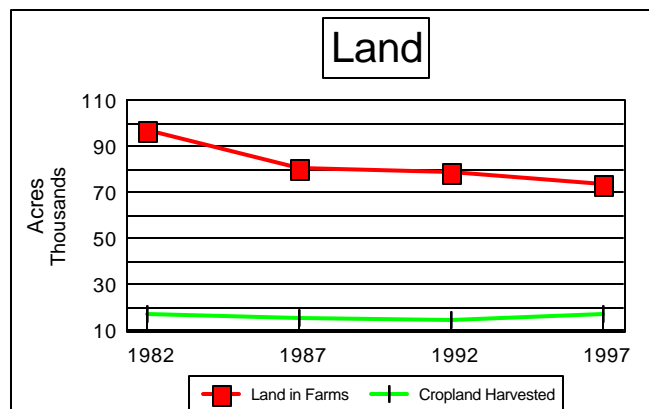
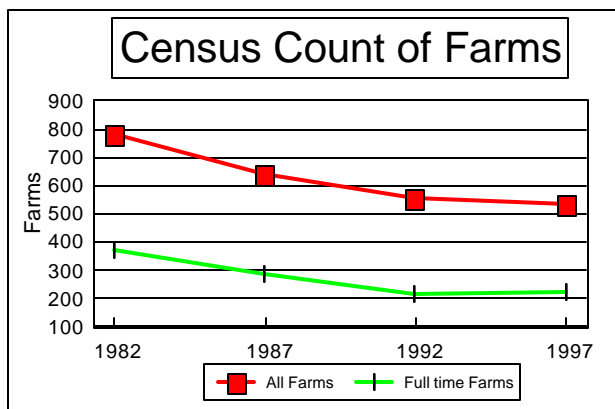
Increased 19 percent to \$13,312,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 52 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 48 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 23 percent from \$20,135 in 1992 to \$24,837 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	13,312	49	98	2,364	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	6,900	38	98	1,959	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,413	48	97	2,202	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	3,280	22	72	818	2,563
Cattle and calves	2,902	42	97	1,877	3,063
Tobacco	2,852	14	47	214	580
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,773	24	97	744	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	714	10	96	640	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	7,517	42	97	1,840	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	188	41	89	1,748	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	66	93	2,529	2,976
Mules, burros, and donkeys sold	(D)	1	49	11	1,580
Horses and ponies sold	55	22	96	1,543	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	16,033	40	97	1,752	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	372	46	97	1,969	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	223	67	95	2,259	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	207	48	93	1,845	2,864
Mule burro, and donkey inventory	202	1	88	45	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	13,191	38	97	1,413	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	1,148	54	97	1,818	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	1,097	37	86	1,008	2,473
Tobacco-acres	952	14	47	205	583
Land in orchards-acres	744	8	96	373	2,693

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	381	398	-4
\$10,000 or more	155	158	-2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	10,524	8,727	21
Average per farmdollars..	19,597	15,667	25
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,513	1,783	-15
Average per farmdollars..	2,818	3,202	-12
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	483	491	-2
Partnership or corporation	51	62	-18
Other	2	3	-33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	223	214	4
Other	313	342	-8
Operators by sex:			
Male	498	521	-4
Female	38	35	9
Operators by race:			
White	529	545	-3
Black and other races	7	11	-36
Average age of operator	56.5	55.1	3

(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.