

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



PITTSYLVANIA VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 10 percent from 297,064 acres in 1992 to 266,879 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 214 acres in 1992 to 216 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 18 percent from 753 farms in 1992 to 618 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

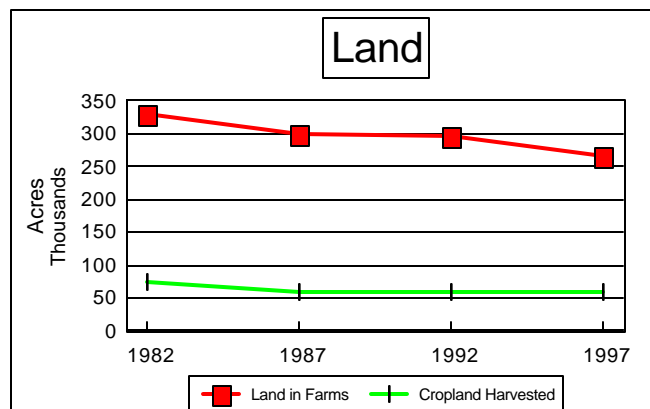
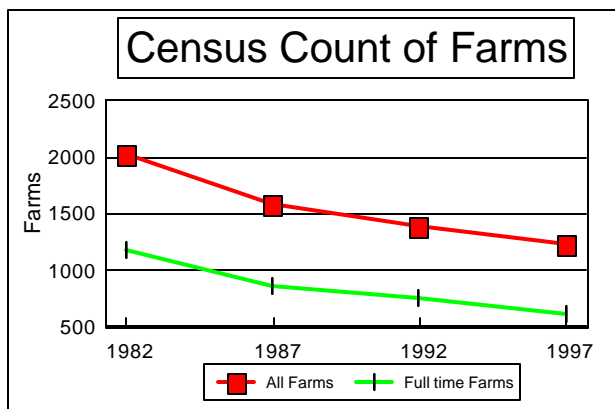
Increased 5 percent to \$58,864,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 75 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 25 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 18 percent from \$40,331 in 1992 to \$47,663 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	58,864	6	98	1,011	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	44,158	1	98	638	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	14,707	23	97	1,527	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	40,048	1	47	11	580
Cattle and calves	6,149	23	97	1,289	3,063
Dairy products	5,521	10	72	591	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	22	92	846	2,901
Wheat	1,137	17	83	862	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	16	44	486	1,882
Turkeys sold	(D)	11	37	331	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	17,200	17	97	1,133	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	8,316	17	93	1,070	2,976
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	1	17	18	611
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	16	63	466	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	36,046	11	97	924	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,018	28	96	1,596	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	749	24	95	1,365	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	601	29	97	1,333	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	31,746	8	97	632	3,061
Tobacco-acres	11,132	1	47	8	583
Wheat-acres	8,708	9	87	821	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	3,667	8	86	412	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	2,757	36	97	1,541	2,691

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	701	713	-2
\$10,000 or more	534	676	-21
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	39,246	39,291	-0
Average per farmdollars..	31,778	28,287	12
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	18,781	18,102	4
Average per farmdollars..	15,208	13,032	17
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,096	1,192	-8
Partnership or corporation	133	192	-31
Other	6	5	20
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	618	753	-18
Other	617	636	-3
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,152	1,294	-11
Female	83	95	-13
Operators by race:			
White	1,175	1,307	-10
Black and other races	60	82	-27
Average age of operator	55.9	55.7	0

(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.