

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



PRINCE EDWARD VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 68,584 acres in 1992 to 72,927 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 226 acres in 1992 to 234 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 15 percent from 165 farms in 1992 to 141 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

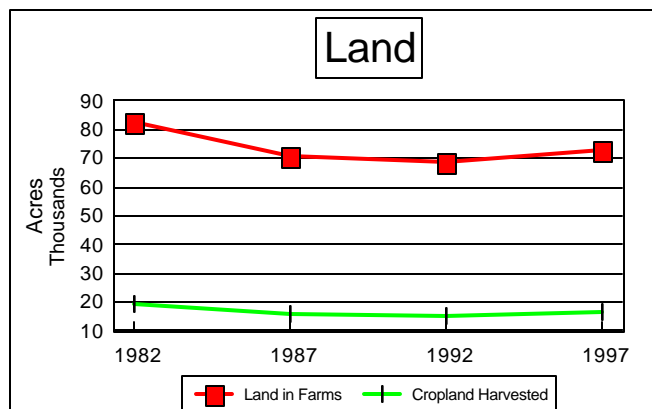
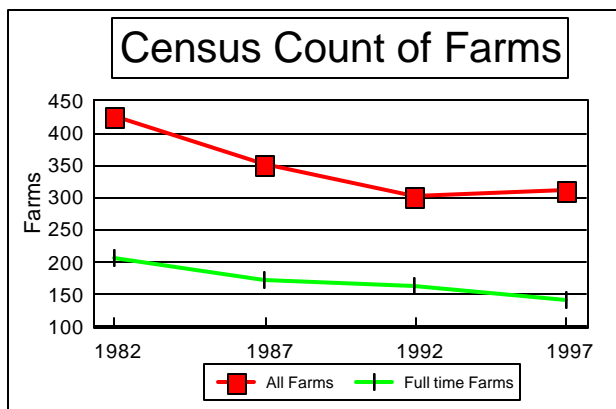
Increased 14 percent to \$13,521,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 14 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 86 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 11 percent from \$38,868 in 1992 to \$43,336 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	13,521	48	98	2,356	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	11,672	34	97	1,739	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,849	75	98	2,539	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	3,716	15	92	661	2,901
Cattle and calves	2,852	43	97	1,895	3,063
Dairy products	2,683	27	72	923	2,563
Hogs and pigs	2,396	9	93	761	2,976
Tobacco	985	21	47	304	580
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,646,594	11	44	406	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	77,491	13	68	532	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	22,430	8	93	781	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	7,319	43	97	1,859	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	52	89	2,049	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	296,855	13	63	397	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	51,036	10	95	580	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	16,385	39	97	1,734	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	11,350	7	96	760	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	235	30	91	1,472	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	12,937	41	97	1,432	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	1,566	26	86	815	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	896	61	97	1,894	2,691
Wheat-acres	534	55	87	1,881	2,612
Barley-acres	405	30	72	547	1,411

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	205	190	8
\$10,000 or more	107	114	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	11,244	11,047	2
Average per farmdollars..	36,155	36,339	-1
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,256	967	30
Average per farmdollars..	4,038	3,183	27
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	284	281	1
Partnership or corporation	23	23	
Other	5	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	141	165	-15
Other	171	139	23
Operators by sex:			
Male	275	261	5
Female	37	43	-14
Operators by race:			
White	293	271	8
Black and other races	19	33	-42
Average age of operator	57.6	57.6	

(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.