

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



PRINCE GEORGE VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 48,889 acres in 1992 to 44,981 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 328 acres in 1992 to 338 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 24 percent from 76 farms in 1992 to 58 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

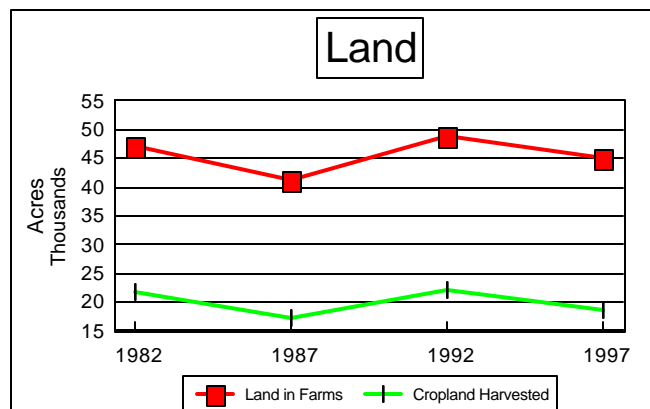
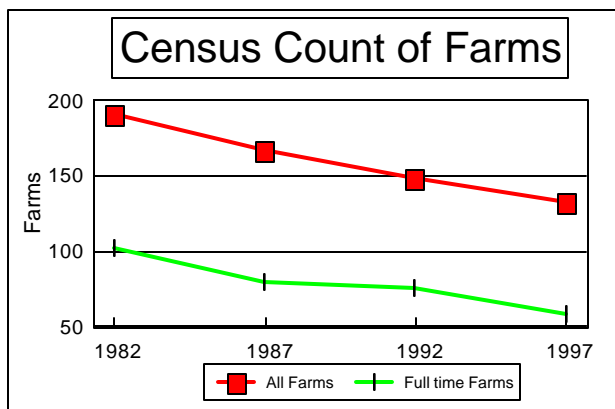
Decreased 24 percent to \$5,829,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 88 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 12 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 15 percent from \$51,489 in 1992 to \$43,828 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
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MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	5,829	75	98	2,719	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	5,127	45	98	2,112	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	702	83	97	2,927	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Soybeans	1,455	21	77	1,078	2,136
Corn for grain	1,194	22	94	1,285	2,582
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	928	11	83	484	2,237
Wheat	816	20	83	1,005	2,578
Nursery and greenhouse crops	370	52	97	1,470	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	24	93	1,418	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	913	76	97	2,840	3,063
All goats sold	71	31	90	1,152	2,686
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	35	40	1,325	1,593
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	82	96	2,791	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	22	96	1,415	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	1,410	82	97	2,902	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	183	72	95	2,358	3,002
All goat inventory	149	49	95	1,422	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	147	73	97	2,728	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	9,224	19	77	1,020	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	4,425	27	97	1,371	2,691
Wheat-acres	3,848	24	87	1,181	2,612
Peanuts-acres	1,557	8	18	129	466
Hay crops-acres	1,419	72	97	2,802	3,061

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	77	85	-9
\$10,000 or more	56	64	-13
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	5,049	6,623	-24
Average per farmdollars..	37,962	44,452	-15
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	968	1,251	-23
Average per farmdollars..	7,276	8,393	-13
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	123	138	-11
Partnership or corporation	10	11	-9
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	58	76	-24
Other	75	73	3
Operators by sex:			
Male	113	133	-15
Female	20	16	25
Operators by race:			
White	125	129	-3
Black and other races	8	20	-60
Average age of operator	55.5	56.9	-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.