

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



PRINCE WILLIAM VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased 9 percent from 32,973 acres in 1992 to 35,936 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 9 percent from 127 acres in 1992 to 138 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 14 percent from 100 farms in 1992 to 114 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

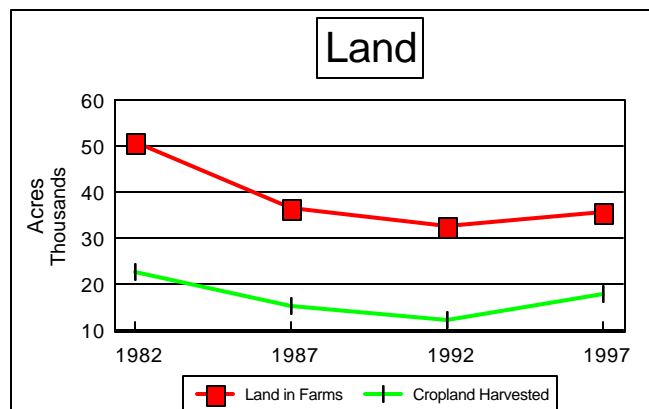
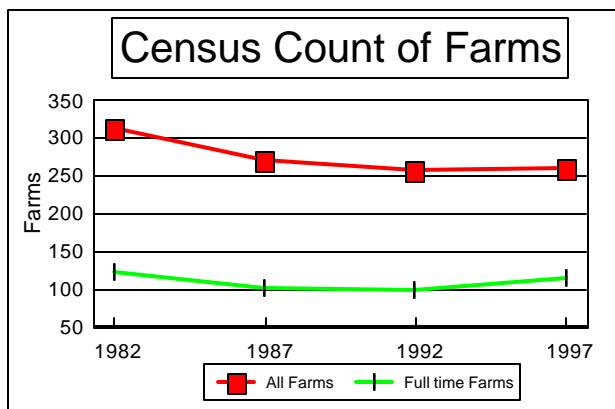
Increased 73 percent to \$9,733,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 50 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 50 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 72 percent from \$21,723 in 1992 to \$37,290 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 | 9,733 | 61 | 98 | 2,514 | 3,076 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 4,890 | 47 | 98 | 2,136 | 3,070 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 4,843 | 59 | 97 | 2,376 | 3,069 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops | 3,173 | 16 | 97 | 543 | 2,790 |
| Dairy products | 2,436 | 29 | 72 | 968 | 2,563 |
| Cattle and calves | 1,578 | 57 | 97 | 2,314 | 3,063 |
| Horses and ponies | 690 | 8 | 96 | 182 | 3,015 |
| Corn for grain | 641 | 33 | 94 | 1,489 | 2,582 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves sold | 4,066 | 55 | 97 | 2,310 | 3,063 |
| All goats sold | 642 | 1 | 90 | 141 | 2,686 |
| Rabbits and their pelts sold | (D) | 6 | 40 | 316 | 1,593 |
| Sheep and lambs sold | 389 | 29 | 89 | 1,388 | 2,765 |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold | (D) | 19 | 62 | 1,155 | 2,200 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves inventory | 8,164 | 56 | 97 | 2,315 | 3,064 |
| Horse and pony inventory | 813 | 14 | 97 | 972 | 3,066 |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory | 577 | 34 | 95 | 1,569 | 3,002 |
| All goat inventory | 479 | 11 | 95 | 497 | 2,983 |
| Sheep and lamb inventory | 355 | 38 | 93 | 1,581 | 2,864 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Hay crops-acres | 10,295 | 47 | 97 | 1,686 | 3,061 |
| Corn for grain-acres | 2,853 | 35 | 97 | 1,532 | 2,691 |
| Soybeans for beans-acres | 2,426 | 43 | 77 | 1,366 | 2,144 |
| Corn for silage-acres | 1,643 | 25 | 86 | 785 | 2,473 |
| All nursery-acres | 982 | 7 | 93 | 305 | 2,619 |

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 | 196 | 193 | 2 |
| \$10,000 or more | 65 | 66 | -2 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 7,774 | 5,868 | 32 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 29,785 | 22,656 | 31 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 1,882 | 64 | 2841 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 7,211 | 246 | 2831 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 235 | 233 | 1 |
| Partnership or corporation | 24 | 25 | -4 |
| Other | 2 | 1 | 100 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 114 | 100 | 14 |
| Other | 147 | 159 | -8 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 202 | 201 | 0 |
| Female | 59 | 58 | 2 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 258 | 255 | 1 |
| Black and other races | 3 | 4 | -25 |
| Average age of operator | 57.8 | 55.5 | 4 |

(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.