

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



RAPPAHANNOCK VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 78,977 acres in 1992 to 72,141 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 15 percent from 253 acres in 1992 to 215 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 12 percent from 131 farms in 1992 to 147 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

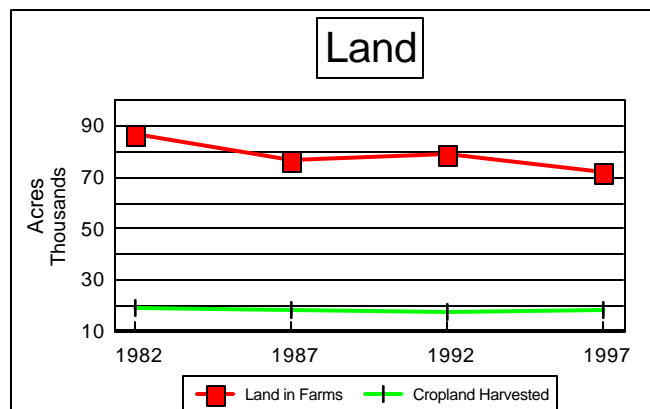
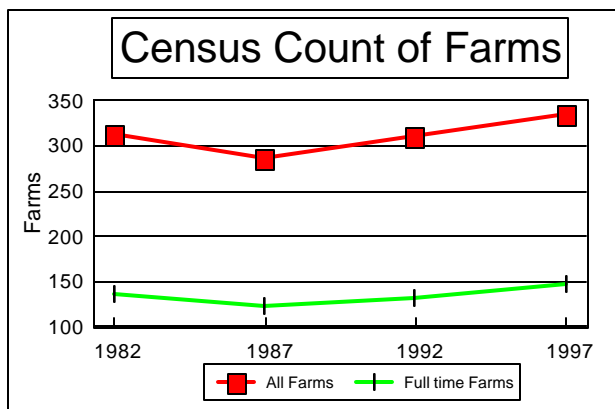
Decreased 10 percent to \$5,539,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 35 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 65 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 16 percent from \$19,781 in 1992 to \$16,535 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	5,539	76	98	2,734	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	3,580	65	97	2,506	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,959	72	98	2,522	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	3,367	40	97	1,774	3,063
Fruits, nuts, berries	1,014	10	91	309	2,547
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	390	32	97	1,840	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	365	53	97	1,473	2,790
Horses and ponies	100	34	96	1,372	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	8,344	39	97	1,760	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	23	68	1,091	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	260	54	93	2,309	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	228	36	89	1,656	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	74	20	96	1,244	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	15,838	41	97	1,766	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	623	27	97	1,292	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	619	31	95	1,508	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	430	17	91	1,089	2,884
Colony of bees inventory	342	6	83	699	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	16,293	32	97	1,236	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	751	7	96	371	2,693
Corn for grain-acres	589	66	97	2,008	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	256	62	86	1,724	2,473
Barley-acres	(D)	55	72	883	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	228	202	13
\$10,000 or more	107	110	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	4,907	6,107	-20
Average per farmdollars..	14,649	19,574	-25
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(227)	325	-170
Average per farmdollars..	(678)	1,043	-165
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	294	282	4
Partnership or corporation	40	29	38
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	147	131	12
Other	188	181	4
Operators by sex:			
Male	278	266	5
Female	57	46	24
Operators by race:			
White	323	302	7
Black and other races	12	10	20
Average age of operator	58.6	57.4	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.