

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



RICHMOND VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 38,940 acres in 1992 to 36,360 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 13 percent from 302 acres in 1992 to 262 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 73 farms in 1992 to 69 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

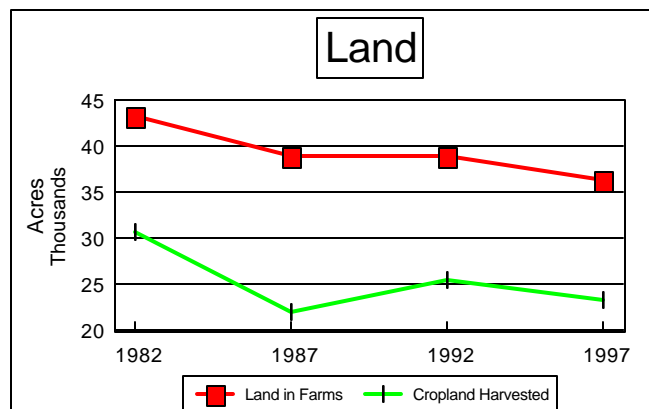
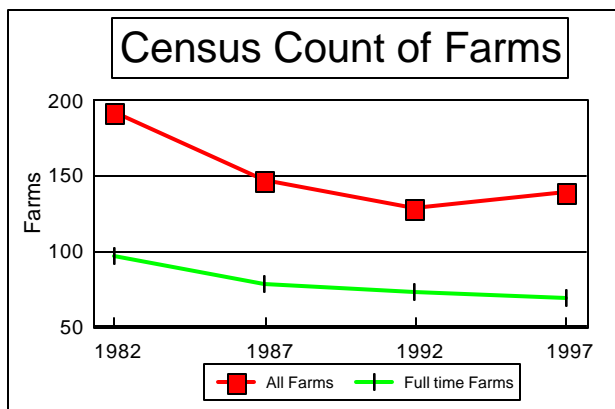
Increased 6 percent to \$8,885,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 94 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 6 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 2 percent from \$65,050 in 1992 to \$63,921 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	8,885	64	98	2,563	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	8,393	32	98	1,865	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	492	87	97	2,959	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Corn for grain	2,216	11	94	1,081	2,582
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	21	97	680	2,790
Soybeans	1,611	19	77	1,048	2,136
Wheat	1,282	15	83	813	2,578
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	760	9	96	622	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	533	84	97	2,919	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	73	89	2,323	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	92	93	2,930	2,976
All goats sold	(D)	86	90	2,505	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	1,334	83	97	2,906	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	265	61	95	2,150	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	19	75	723	2,549
Sheep and lamb inventory	82	72	93	2,257	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	38	80	96	2,738	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	11,793	16	77	946	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	8,420	16	97	1,135	2,691
Wheat-acres	7,288	14	87	894	2,612
Barley-acres	1,962	8	72	278	1,411
Hay crops-acres	878	84	97	2,890	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	61	46	33
\$10,000 or more	78	83	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	7,284	6,656	9
Average per farmdollars..	52,402	51,203	2
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,788	1,979	-10
Average per farmdollars..	12,867	15,225	-15
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	119	118	1
Partnership or corporation	19	10	90
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	69	73	-5
Other	70	56	25
Operators by sex:			
Male	131	123	7
Female	8	6	33
Operators by race:			
White	130	128	2
Black and other races	9	1	800
Average age of operator	55.7	55.8	-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.