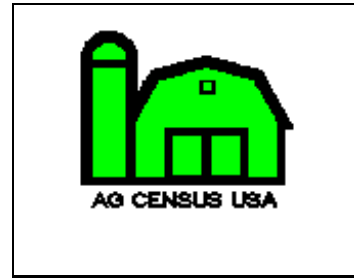


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ROANOKE VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased 7 percent from 24,924 acres in 1992 to 26,688 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 92 acres in 1992 to 98 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 112 farms in 1992 to 117 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

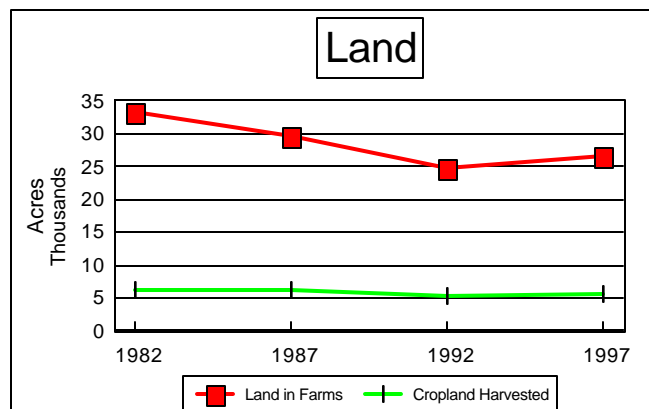
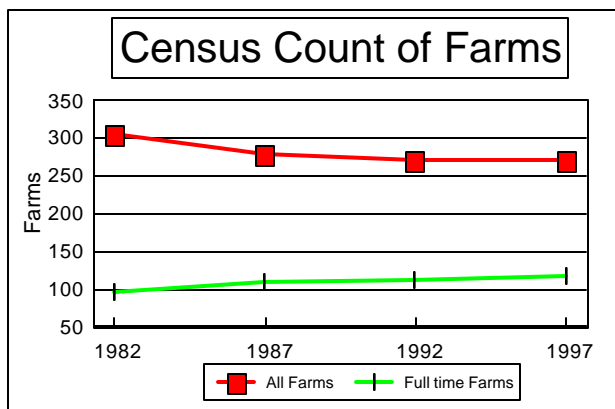
Decreased 61 percent to \$5,042,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 51 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 49 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 61 percent from \$47,327 in 1992 to \$18,470 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	5,042	82	98	2,762	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	2,583	64	98	2,420	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,459	72	97	2,659	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,569	27	97	792	2,790
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	26	92	936	2,901
Cattle and calves	890	66	97	2,590	3,063
Fruits, nuts, berries	326	17	91	561	2,547
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	325	22	96	903	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	4	68	172	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	2,386	64	97	2,584	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	131	49	89	1,905	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	124	9	96	738	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	90	93	2,852	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	5	75	253	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	5,612	63	97	2,511	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	562	30	97	1,441	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	171	53	93	1,933	2,864
Colony of bees inventory	89	20	83	1,123	2,588
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	5,083	61	97	2,277	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	240	65	86	1,758	2,473
Land in orchards-acres	175	19	96	797	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	135	25	96	1,103	2,741
All nursery-acres	129	36	93	1,089	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	205	206	
\$10,000 or more	68	66	3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	4,527	10,075	-55
Average per farmdollars..	16,582	37,040	-55
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	599	2,094	-71
Average per farmdollars..	2,194	7,697	-71
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	240	237	1
Partnership or corporation	33	34	-3
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	117	112	4
Other	156	160	-3
Operators by sex:			
Male	240	240	
Female	33	32	3
Operators by race:			
White	269	271	-1
Black and other races	4	1	300
Average age of operator	59.1	57.5	3

(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.