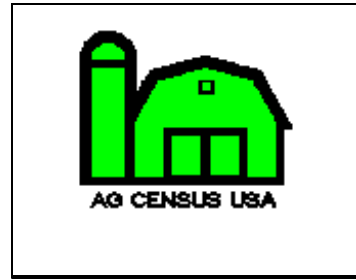


# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



## ROCKBRIDGE VIRGINIA

### Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 141,766 acres in 1992 to 140,110 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 220 acres in 1992 to 222 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 307 farms in 1992 to 263 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

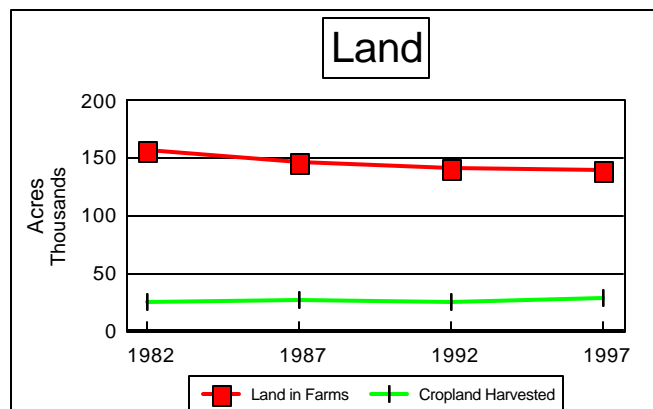
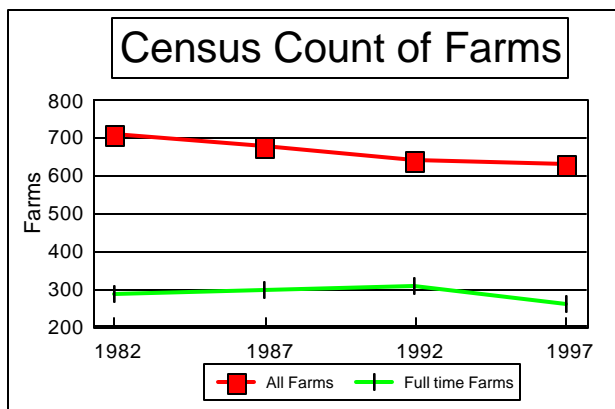
Increased 7 percent to \$15,446,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 10 percent from \$22,353 in 1992 to \$24,478 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	15,446	42	98	2,284	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	13,774	27	97	1,597	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,672	78	98	2,570	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	7,874	16	97	1,101	3,063
Dairy products	3,931	18	72	740	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	1,563	23	92	859	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	880	34	97	1,032	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	439	25	97	1,726	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Turkeys sold	288,020	7	37	165	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	19,736	14	97	1,002	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	750	20	89	989	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	209	57	93	2,387	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	111	13	96	822	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
All turkeys inventory	63,553	8	73	198	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	37,562	9	97	888	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,185	18	93	831	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	866	12	97	895	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	437	45	95	1,789	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	26,200	12	97	783	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,230	20	86	636	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	1,011	57	97	1,861	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	256	60	77	1,831	2,144
Land in orchards-acres	139	21	96	894	2,693

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	397	422	-6
\$10,000 or more .....	234	221	6
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	14,019	13,722	2
Average per farm .....dollars..	22,147	21,341	4
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,302	1,724	-24
Average per farm .....dollars..	2,057	2,681	-23
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	558	581	-4
Partnership or corporation .....	71	61	16
Other .....	2	1	100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	263	307	-14
Other .....	368	336	10
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	568	592	-4
Female .....	63	51	24
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	624	641	-3
Black and other races .....	7	2	250
Average age of operator .....	57.6	57.2	1

(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.