

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



ROCKINGHAM VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 236,074 acres in 1992 to 230,409 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 127 acres in 1992 to 126 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 1,043 farms in 1992 to 1,024 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

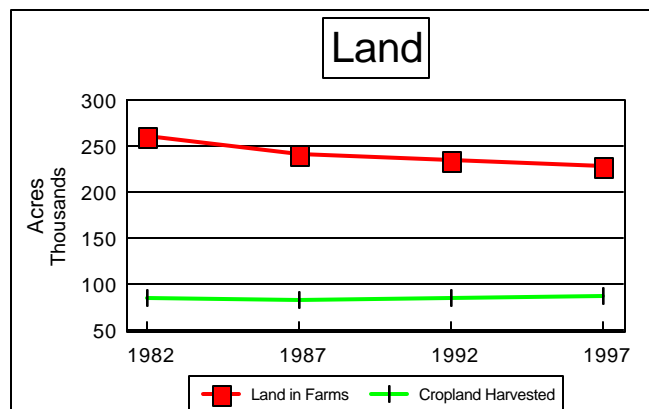
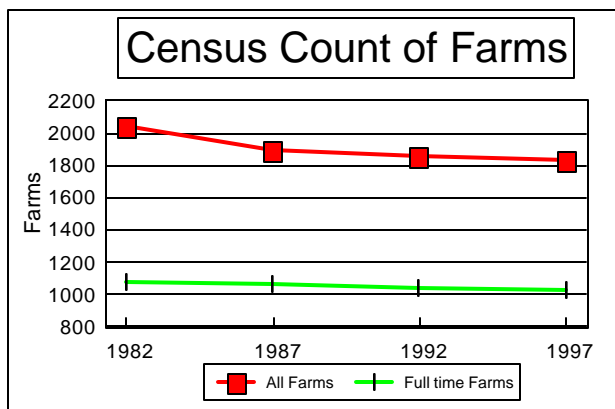
Increased 18 percent to \$438,103,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 3 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 97 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 20 percent from \$199,033 in 1992 to \$238,879 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	438,103	1	98	37	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	426,283	1	97	16	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	11,821	20	98	1,648	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	335,681	1	92	2	2,901
Dairy products	57,926	1	72	53	2,563
Cattle and calves	30,547	1	97	239	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,067	17	97	555	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	2,412	4	91	209	2,547
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	117,987,208	1	44	3	1,882
Turkeys sold	13,756,667	1	37	1	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	2,300,765	1	68	19	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	67,170	1	97	190	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	25,658	1	62	163	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	17,491,765	1	63	4	2,620
All turkeys inventory	3,870,344	1	73	1	2,361
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,406,258	1	95	54	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	523,570	1	75	20	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	313,620	1	50	47	1,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	51,722	2	97	241	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	21,166	1	86	29	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	12,555	4	97	992	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	4,442	33	77	1,234	2,144
Wheat-acres	2,269	32	87	1,383	2,612

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	716	752	-5
\$10,000 or more	1,118	1,112	1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	369,864	309,299	20
Average per farmdollars..	201,451	166,022	21
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	60,257	58,515	3
Average per farmdollars..	32,820	31,409	4
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,498	1,534	-2
Partnership or corporation	328	324	1
Other	8	6	33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	1,024	1,043	-2
Other	810	821	-1
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,684	1,712	-2
Female	150	152	-1
Operators by race:			
White	1,829	1,858	-2
Black and other races	5	6	-17
Average age of operator	53.2	52.9	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.