

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



## RUSSELL VIRGINIA

### Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 160,973 acres in 1992 to 153,111 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 146 acres in 1992 to 149 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 495 farms in 1992 to 442 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

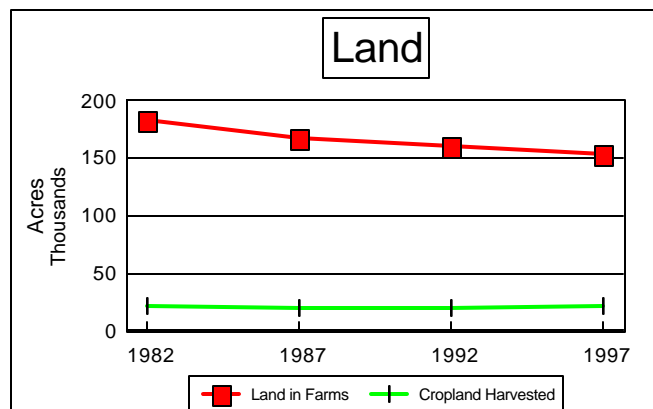
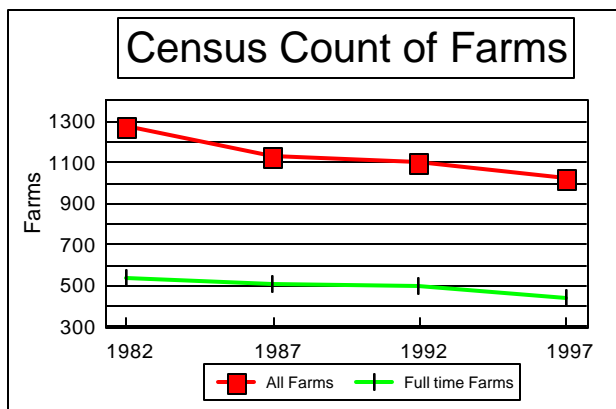
Decreased 5 percent to \$18,600,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 2 percent from \$17,707 in 1992 to \$18,128 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	18,600	34	98	2,164	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	12,834	29	97	1,655	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	5,765	43	98	2,060	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	11,128	7	97	817	3,063
Tobacco	5,255	11	47	154	580
Dairy products	1,437	43	72	1,222	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	330	38	97	2,004	3,043
Hogs and pigs	(D)	35	93	1,811	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	26,383	7	97	743	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,002	15	89	811	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	43	93	2,025	2,976
All goats sold	157	12	90	624	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	76	19	96	1,215	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	40,830	8	97	800	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,255	16	93	787	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	719	19	97	1,128	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	603	35	96	1,807	3,005
Colony of bees inventory	475	4	83	620	2,588
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	19,883	19	97	1,042	3,061
Tobacco-acres	1,678	11	47	149	583
Corn for silage-acres	442	52	86	1,486	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	117	88	97	2,342	2,691
Potatoes-acres	58	7	75	414	1,733

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 .....	606	656	-8
\$10,000 or more .....	420	447	-6
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	12,245	11,817	4
Average per farm .....dollars..	11,934	10,714	11
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	6,211	7,196	-14
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,053	6,524	-7
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	910	976	-7
Partnership or corporation .....	113	123	-8
Other .....	3	4	-25
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	442	495	-11
Other .....	584	608	-4
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	897	977	-8
Female .....	129	126	2
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,022	1,100	-7
Black and other races .....	4	3	33
Average age of operator .....	53.7	54.2	-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.