

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



SHENANDOAH VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased 1 percent from 125,394 acres in 1992 to 126,844 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Unchanged from 151 acres in 1992 to 151 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 358 farms in 1992 to 372 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

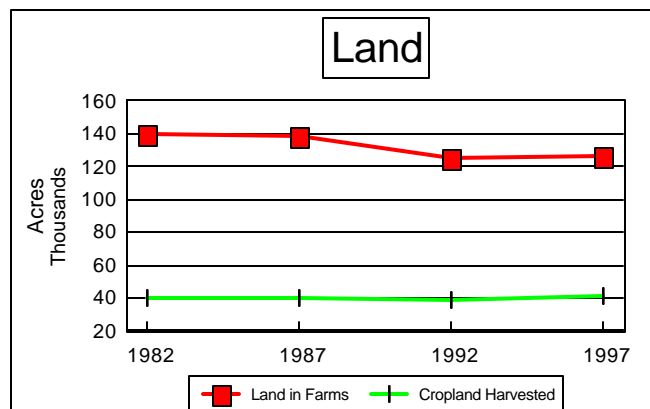
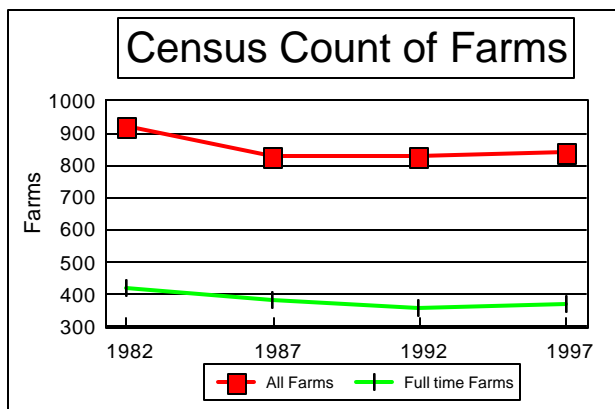
Increased 31 percent to \$73,044,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 29 percent from \$67,254 in 1992 to \$86,853 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	73,044	5	98	784	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	65,604	4	97	354	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	7,440	37	98	1,929	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	50,633	4	92	115	2,901
Cattle and calves	8,583	14	97	1,020	3,063
Dairy products	5,473	11	72	596	2,563
Fruits, nuts, berries	3,467	2	91	182	2,547
Corn for grain	1,137	25	94	1,295	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	17,566,149	4	44	113	1,882
Turkeys sold	1,856,462	4	37	48	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	246,678	8	68	294	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	19,184	15	97	1,034	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	3,963	4	89	284	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	2,686,813	4	63	122	2,620
All turkeys inventory	942,005	3	73	28	2,361
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	139,245	7	95	354	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	4	75	227	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	35,649	12	97	943	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	24,056	13	97	857	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	5,512	22	97	1,282	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	4,145	35	77	1,252	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	3,489	10	86	426	2,473
Land in orchards-acres	2,418	3	96	191	2,693

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	500	512	-2
\$10,000 or more	341	320	7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	64,137	49,621	29
Average per farmdollars..	76,082	59,569	28
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,127	5,327	-4
Average per farmdollars..	6,082	6,395	-5
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	724	720	1
Partnership or corporation	114	107	7
Other	3	5	-40
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	372	358	4
Other	469	474	-1
Operators by sex:			
Male	761	750	1
Female	80	82	-2
Operators by race:			
White	836	831	1
Black and other races	5	1	400
Average age of operator	56.6	56.1	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.