

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



SMYTH VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 119,973 acres in 1992 to 125,116 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 13 percent from 143 acres in 1992 to 162 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 346 farms in 1992 to 301 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

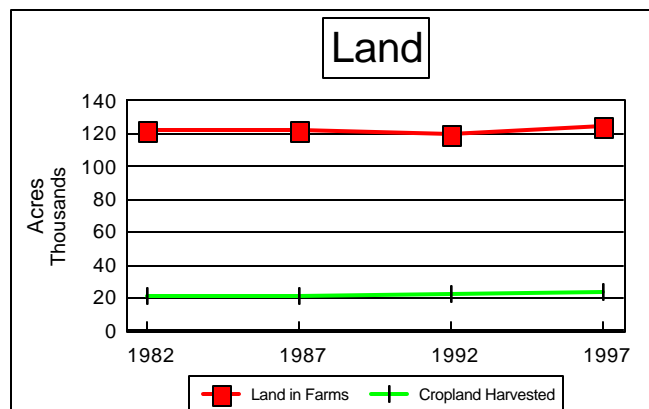
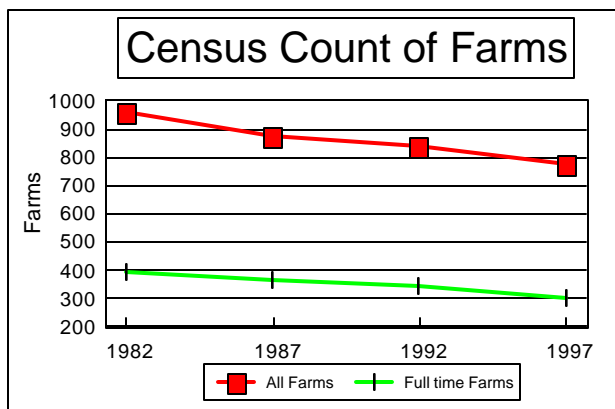
Decreased slightly

Crop sales accounted for 18 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 82 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 8 percent from \$23,504 in 1992 to \$25,295 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	19,579	31	98	2,123	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	16,032	18	97	1,444	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,547	57	98	2,286	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	10,559	9	97	850	3,063
Dairy products	5,353	13	72	612	2,563
Tobacco	2,640	16	47	223	580
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	415	28	97	1,776	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	259	63	97	1,642	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	22,060	11	97	890	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	297	33	89	1,523	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	280	51	93	2,291	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	40	68	1,570	2,203
All goats sold	59	41	90	1,306	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	37,161	10	97	897	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	703	20	97	1,156	3,066
All goat inventory	538	8	95	444	2,983
Sheep and lamb inventory	458	31	93	1,454	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	366	52	95	1,929	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	19,353	21	97	1,067	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	3,151	11	86	473	2,473
Tobacco-acres	846	16	47	219	583
Corn for grain-acres	662	64	97	1,978	2,691
All nursery-acres	124	38	93	1,115	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	468	547	-14
\$10,000 or more	306	292	5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	15,735	14,534	8
Average per farmdollars..	20,356	17,323	18
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,675	3,671	0
Average per farmdollars..	4,754	4,375	9
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	676	739	-9
Partnership or corporation	96	94	2
Other	2	6	-67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	301	346	-13
Other	473	493	-4
Operators by sex:			
Male	714	763	-6
Female	60	76	-21
Operators by race:			
White	773	839	-8
Black and other races	1	-	-
Average age of operator	55.1	55.5	-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.