

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



SPOTSYLVANIA VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 52,904 acres in 1992 to 47,947 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 8 percent from 207 acres in 1992 to 190 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 128 farms in 1992 to 107 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

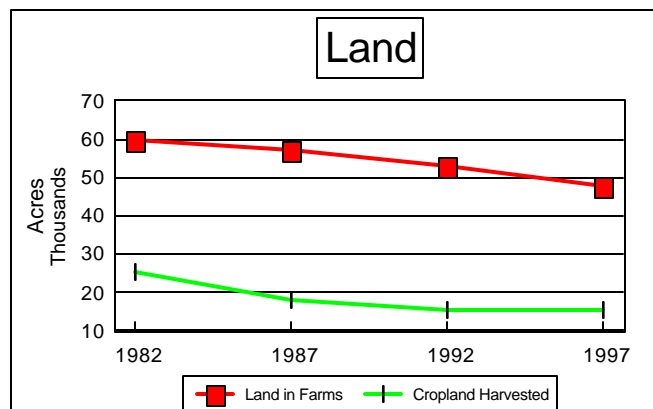
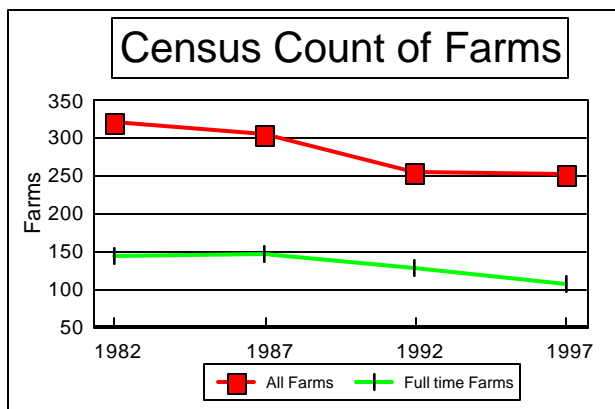
Increased 3 percent to \$6,069,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 37 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 63 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 4 percent from \$23,126 in 1992 to \$23,988 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	6,069	74	98	2,709	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	3,840	62	97	2,480	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,229	69	98	2,475	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	2,214	31	72	1,004	2,563
Cattle and calves	1,530	58	97	2,328	3,063
Soybeans	665	35	77	1,269	2,136
Corn for grain	531	36	94	1,548	2,582
Nursery and greenhouse crops	445	49	97	1,384	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	3,949	56	97	2,324	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	49	93	2,235	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	22	62	1,290	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	75	62	89	2,108	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	43	68	1,597	2,203
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	10,084	49	97	2,137	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	1,126	8	91	644	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	594	33	95	1,546	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	461	36	97	1,703	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	129	58	93	2,052	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	9,079	51	97	1,800	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,895	39	77	1,317	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	1,913	46	97	1,662	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	1,119	36	86	993	2,473
Wheat-acres	877	44	87	1,707	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	159	177	-10
\$10,000 or more	94	79	19
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	5,275	5,482	-4
Average per farmdollars..	20,849	21,416	-3
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	183	373	-51
Average per farmdollars..	724	1,457	-50
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	222	228	-3
Partnership or corporation	29	27	7
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	107	128	-16
Other	146	128	14
Operators by sex:			
Male	217	220	-1
Female	36	36	
Operators by race:			
White	244	245	-0
Black and other races	9	11	-18
Average age of operator	57.2	58.0	-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.