

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 1 percent from 20,107 acres in 1992 to 19,896 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 121 acres in 1992 to 126 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 11 percent from 65 farms in 1992 to 72 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

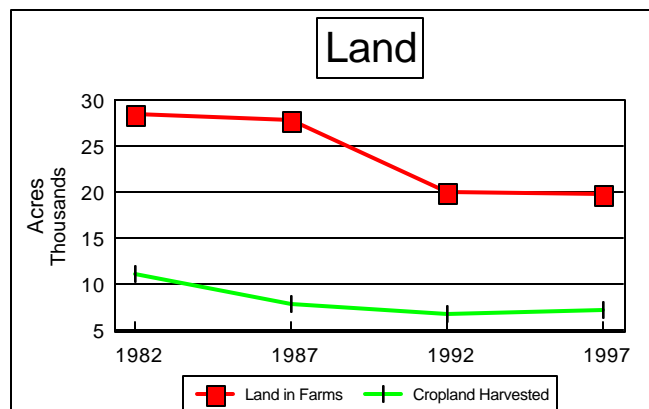
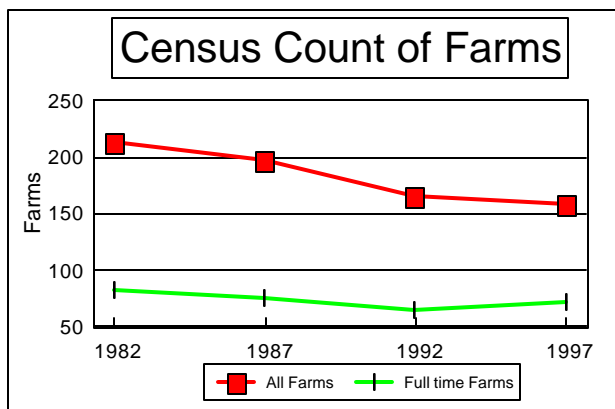
Increased 9 percent to \$2,043,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 60 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 40 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 15 percent from \$11,255 in 1992 to \$12,928 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	2,043	92	98	2,943	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	1,227	82	98	2,663	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	816	82	97	2,910	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	767	67	97	2,651	3,063
Soybeans	339	45	77	1,417	2,136
Corn for grain	304	44	94	1,712	2,582
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	269	47	97	2,155	3,043
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	184	30	96	1,096	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	1,835	67	97	2,674	3,063
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	41	68	1,581	2,203
Sheep and lambs sold	43	73	89	2,323	2,765
All goats sold	34	55	90	1,678	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	25	55	96	2,299	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	3,080	67	97	2,737	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	389	50	95	1,882	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	276	57	97	2,286	3,066
All goat inventory	81	71	95	1,916	2,983
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	73	93	2,289	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	4,676	63	97	2,324	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,548	50	77	1,478	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	1,262	51	97	1,784	2,691
Wheat-acres	220	67	87	2,119	2,612
Barley-acres	169	42	72	740	1,411

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 .....	124	134	-7
\$10,000 or more .....	34	32	6
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	2,348	1,904	23
Average per farm .....dollars..	14,864	11,469	30
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	61	(294)	121
Average per farm .....dollars..	386	(1,773)	122
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	145	148	-2
Partnership or corporation .....	10	17	-41
Other .....	3	1	200
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	72	65	11
Other .....	86	101	-15
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	142	143	-1
Female .....	16	23	-30
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	153	163	-6
Black and other races .....	5	3	67
Average age of operator .....	58.0	57.8	0

(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.