

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 8 percent from 83,047 acres in 1992 to 76,222 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 13 percent from 310 acres in 1992 to 350 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 158 farms in 1992 to 140 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

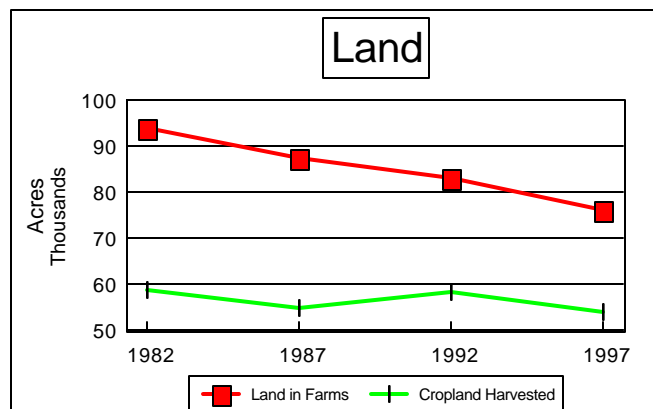
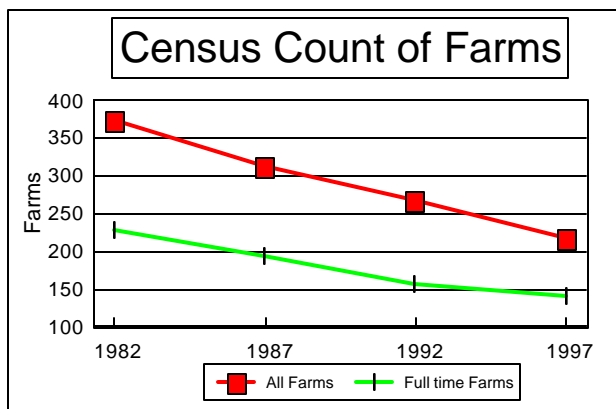
Increased 4 percent to \$38,672,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 28 percent from \$138,258 in 1992 to \$177,392 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	38,672	15	98	1,473	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	32,542	7	98	877	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,130	50	97	2,235	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	14,530	2	97	146	2,790
Other crops: potatoes, etc	6,624	3	83	185	2,237
Cotton, cottonseed	5,432	3	21	234	709
Poultry & poultry products	2,814	19	92	720	2,901
Soybeans	2,321	11	77	945	2,136
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,562,893	13	44	412	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	21,383	9	93	795	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	1,031	74	97	2,815	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	69	63	89	2,146	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	36	62	1,651	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	283,210	14	63	404	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	6,962	13	96	927	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	2,171	73	97	2,817	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	329	50	97	2,113	3,066
All goat inventory	158	47	95	1,370	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	15,739	12	77	865	2,144
Cotton-acres	13,095	2	23	226	713
Peanuts-acres	10,867	3	18	49	466
Corn for grain-acres	10,718	10	97	1,058	2,691
Wheat-acres	7,241	15	87	897	2,612

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 .....	70	69	1
\$10,000 or more .....	148	199	-26
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	35,731	31,318	14
Average per farm .....dollars..	164,658	116,422	41
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,418	6,570	-48
Average per farm .....dollars..	15,751	24,425	-36
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	171	222	-23
Partnership or corporation .....	46	45	2
Other .....	1	1	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	140	158	-11
Other .....	78	110	-29
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	191	245	-22
Female .....	27	23	17
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	202	240	-16
Black and other races .....	16	28	-43
Average age of operator .....	54.0	52.9	2

(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.