

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



## SURRY VIRGINIA

### Land in farms

Decreased 15 percent from 52,770 acres in 1992 to 44,901 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 19 percent from 480 acres in 1992 to 390 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 70 farms in 1992 to 73 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

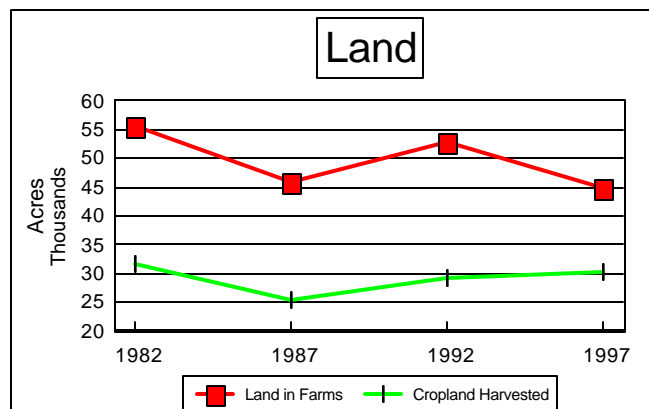
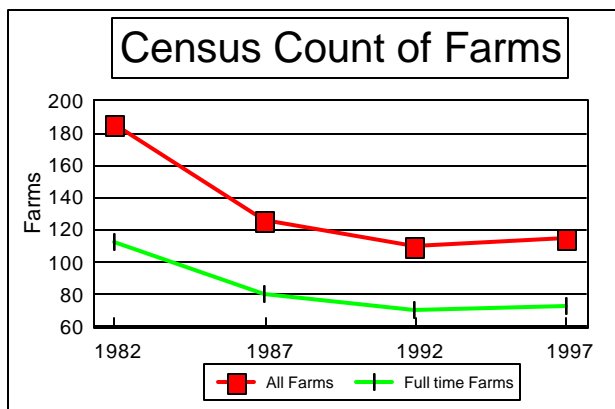
Increased 4 percent to \$19,536,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 44 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 56 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased slightly from \$171,496 in 1992 to \$169,878 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	19,536	32	98	2,128	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	10,849	36	97	1,802	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	8,687	31	98	1,847	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	(D)	3	93	325	2,976
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	3,788	7	83	266	2,237
Soybeans	1,276	24	77	1,113	2,136
Wheat	1,261	16	83	821	2,578
Cotton, cottonseed	1,036	8	21	387	709
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	85,787	3	93	367	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	671	82	97	2,896	3,063
All goats sold	88	23	90	991	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	78	89	2,454	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	6	85	96	2,838	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	3	96	285	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	1,627	79	97	2,877	3,064
All goat inventory	203	36	95	1,159	2,983
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	74	93	2,293	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	48	92	97	2,979	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	10,743	18	77	976	2,144
Wheat-acres	7,112	16	87	905	2,612
Peanuts-acres	6,002	6	18	69	466
Corn for grain-acres	5,310	23	97	1,297	2,691
Cotton-acres	2,926	7	23	380	713

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 .....	50	33	52
\$10,000 or more .....	65	77	-16
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	18,611	17,128	9
Average per farm .....dollars..	163,256	155,712	5
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	879	1,857	-53
Average per farm .....dollars..	7,710	16,885	-54
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	96	87	10
Partnership or corporation .....	19	23	-17
Other .....			
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	73	70	4
Other .....	42	40	5
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	108	108	
Female .....	7	2	250
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	83	83	
Black and other races .....	32	27	19
Average age of operator .....	53.9	51.3	5

(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.