

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



BATH VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased 24 percent from 47,010 acres in 1992 to 58,271 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 14 percent from 395 acres in 1992 to 452 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 46 percent from 46 farms in 1992 to 67 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

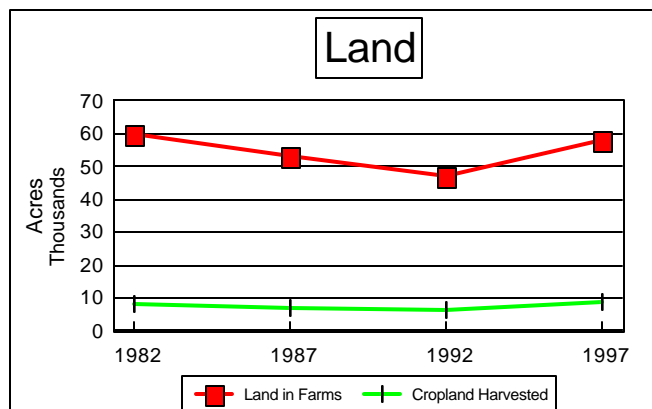
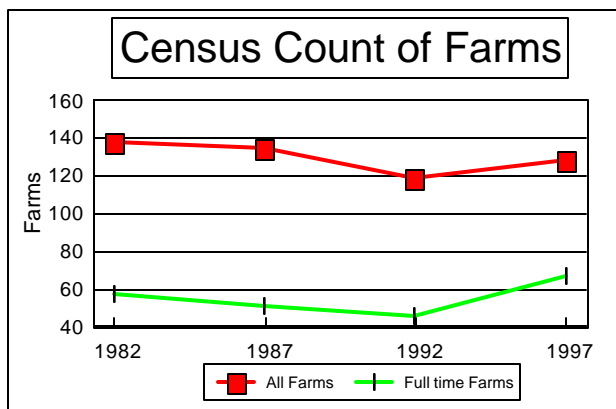
Increased 13 percent to \$2,011,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 14 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 86 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 4 percent from \$14,917 in 1992 to \$15,586 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	2,011	93	98	2,946	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,734	76	97	2,771	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	276	92	98	2,955	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	1,700	54	97	2,269	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	108	69	97	2,648	3,043
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	83	97	2,055	2,790
Corn for grain	(D)	75	94	2,199	2,582
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	(D)	70	96	1,850	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	3,838	57	97	2,344	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	3	62	572	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	153	46	89	1,843	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	89	93	2,843	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	13	70	96	2,647	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	5,812	61	97	2,496	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	980	10	91	705	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	233	60	97	2,465	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	217	46	93	1,824	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	93	83	95	2,662	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	8,732	54	97	1,834	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	292	60	86	1,678	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	213	82	97	2,236	2,691
Wheat-acres	(D)	77	87	2,464	2,612
Land used for vegetables-acres	(D)	69	96	1,952	2,741

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	83	76	9
\$10,000 or more	46	43	7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,254	1,918	18
Average per farmdollars..	17,204	16,115	7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(192)	(151)	-27
Average per farmdollars..	(1,466)	(1,268)	-16
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	110	102	8
Partnership or corporation	17	16	6
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	67	46	46
Other	62	73	-15
Operators by sex:			
Male	110	105	5
Female	19	14	36
Operators by race:			
White	127	118	8
Black and other races	2	1	100
Average age of operator	59.7	58.1	3

(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.