

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 138,531 acres in 1992 to 133,601 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 280 acres in 1992 to 274 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 201 farms in 1992 to 189 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

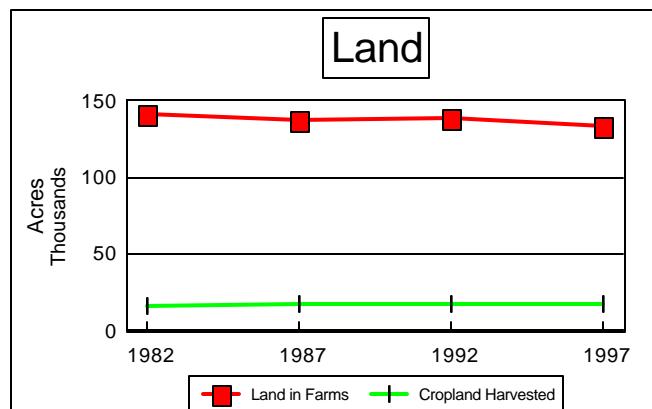
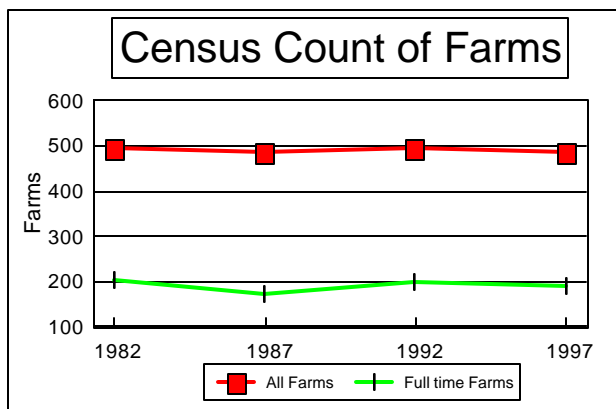
Decreased 4 percent to \$13,037,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 6 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 94 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 3 percent from \$27,431 in 1992 to \$26,715 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	13,037	52	98	2,380	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	12,247	31	97	1,687	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	790	85	98	2,782	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	9,731	11	97	908	3,063
Dairy products	2,152	32	72	1,014	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	303	40	97	2,065	3,043
Tobacco	217	27	47	392	580
Nursery and greenhouse crops	198	70	97	1,770	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	22,327	10	97	880	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	2,126	6	89	452	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	811	38	93	1,884	2,976
All goats sold	272	4	90	359	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	80	18	96	1,162	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	29,610	20	97	1,147	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,927	6	93	391	2,864
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,054	27	96	1,582	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	766	15	97	1,055	3,066
All goat inventory	595	6	95	375	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	15,544	35	97	1,277	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	1,425	28	86	861	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	280	81	97	2,199	2,691
Tobacco-acres	71	27	47	388	583
Oats-acres	(D)	32	74	1,903	2,332

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 .....	299	290	3
\$10,000 or more .....	189	204	-7
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	9,193	10,572	-13
Average per farm .....dollars..	18,838	21,401	-12
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,099	2,789	-61
Average per farm .....dollars..	2,253	5,646	-60
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	434	420	3
Partnership or corporation .....	49	69	-29
Other .....	5	5	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	189	201	-6
Other .....	299	293	2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	437	443	-1
Female .....	51	51	
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	484	492	-2
Black and other races .....	4	2	100
Average age of operator .....	55.6	54.0	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.