

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



VIRGINIA BEACH VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Decreased 31 percent from 43,332 acres in 1992 to 29,958 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 27 percent from 278 acres in 1992 to 204 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 83 farms in 1992 to 71 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

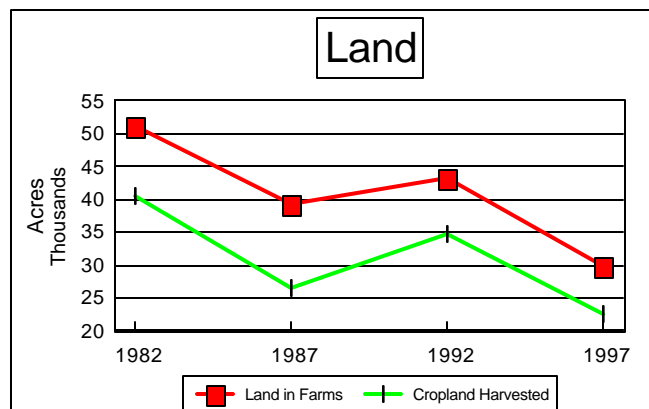
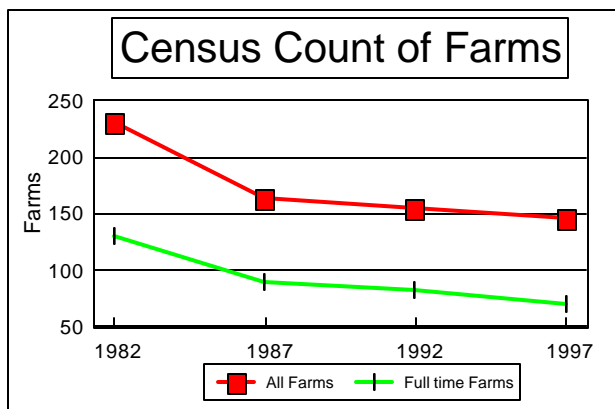
Decreased 20 percent to \$13,638,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 77 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 23 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 15 percent from \$108,984 in 1992 to \$92,778 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	13,638	47	98	2,352	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	10,473	23	98	1,725	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	3,165	69	97	2,573	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	2,981	6	93	692	2,976
Soybeans	2,684	8	77	911	2,136
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	(D)	10	83	379	2,237
Corn for grain	1,626	18	94	1,177	2,582
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,589	26	97	784	2,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	43,964	6	93	565	2,976
Turkeys sold	(D)	12	37	482	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	166	94	97	2,998	3,063
All goats sold	98	20	90	919	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	62	67	89	2,195	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	14,113	6	96	696	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	667	22	97	1,202	3,066
Cattle and calves inventory	420	94	97	2,995	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	242	66	95	2,213	3,002
All goat inventory	143	51	95	1,451	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	11,656	17	77	949	2,144
Wheat-acres	7,928	11	87	858	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	5,809	20	97	1,263	2,691
Potatoes-acres	(D)	3	75	182	1,733
Land used for vegetables-acres	782	5	96	518	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	78	86	-9
\$10,000 or more	69	70	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	9,399	14,106	-33
Average per farmdollars..	64,377	89,846	-28
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	4,032	3,220	25
Average per farmdollars..	27,619	20,507	35
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	115	124	-7
Partnership or corporation	30	31	-3
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	71	83	-14
Other	76	73	4
Operators by sex:			
Male	121	132	-8
Female	26	24	8
Operators by race:			
White	135	144	-6
Black and other races	12	12	
Average age of operator	54.1	54.9	-1

(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.