

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



## WASHINGTON VIRGINIA

### Land in farms

Decreased 6 percent from 190,062 acres in 1992 to 178,496 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 96 acres in 1992 to 102 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 18 percent from 781 farms in 1992 to 639 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

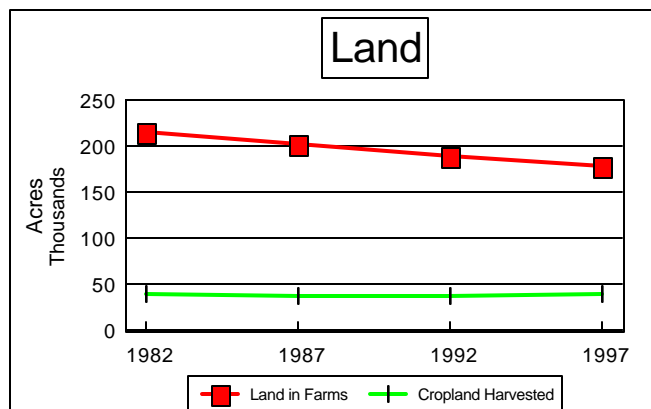
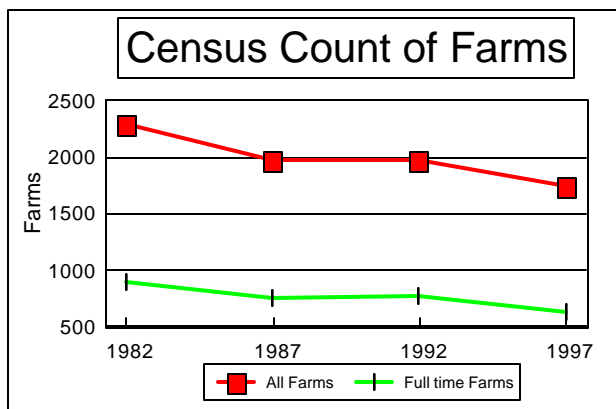
Increased 7 percent to \$50,809,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 25 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 75 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 22 percent from \$23,922 in 1992 to \$29,134 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	50,809	9	98	1,184	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	37,865	7	97	710	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	12,943	17	98	1,592	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Cattle and calves	16,443	3	97	529	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	9	92	414	2,901
Dairy products	9,513	5	72	388	2,563
Tobacco	9,432	5	47	97	580
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,666	25	97	763	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	7	68	290	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	37,012	3	97	471	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	951	17	89	833	2,765
All goats sold	373	3	90	265	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	274	52	93	2,297	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	2	95	134	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	59,090	3	97	470	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,436	6	97	416	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	1,348	15	93	757	2,864
All goat inventory	891	1	95	225	2,983
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	32,298	7	97	617	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	3,566	9	86	417	2,473
Tobacco-acres	2,932	4	47	92	583
Corn for grain-acres	1,157	52	97	1,814	2,691
Rye for grain-acres	(D)	6	47	462	1,207

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 .....	1,137	1,327	-14
\$10,000 or more .....	607	659	-8
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	36,438	32,830	11
Average per farm .....dollars..	20,906	16,539	26
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	12,136	12,616	-4
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,963	6,356	10
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,517	1,724	-12
Partnership or corporation .....	220	252	-13
Other .....	7	10	-30
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	639	781	-18
Other .....	1,105	1,205	-8
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,536	1,772	-13
Female .....	208	214	-3
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,738	1,981	-12
Black and other races .....	6	5	20
Average age of operator .....	56.2	56.0	0

(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.