

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 22 percent from 13,247 acres in 1992 to 16,159 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 109 acres in 1992 to 118 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 35 percent from 37 farms in 1992 to 50 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

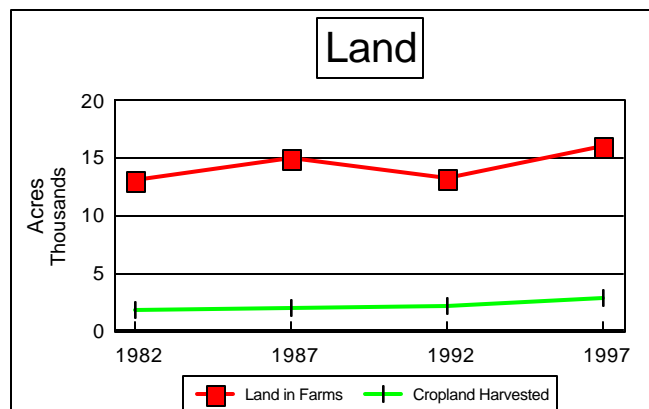
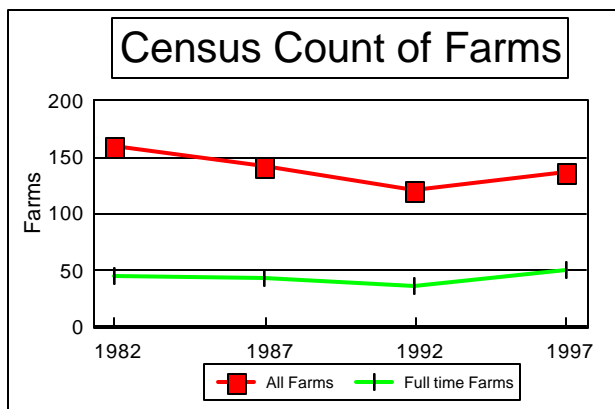
Increased 35 percent to \$1,264,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 21 percent from \$7,652 in 1992 to \$9,228 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	1,264	95	98	2,988	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	879	81	97	2,899	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	385	91	98	2,919	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	606	70	97	2,719	3,063
Dairy products	(D)	62	72	2,015	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	82	97	2,026	2,790
Tobacco	79	34	47	436	580
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	71	75	97	2,761	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	1,482	68	97	2,729	3,063
All goats sold	84	25	90	1,015	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	13	70	96	2,647	3,015
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	15	17	393	611
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	53	62	2,073	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	3,000	69	97	2,744	3,064
All goat inventory	299	20	95	820	2,983
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	119	47	91	1,889	2,884
Horse and pony inventory	93	85	97	2,879	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	86	84	95	2,683	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	2,750	67	97	2,604	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	166	70	86	1,879	2,473
Tobacco-acres	36	32	47	425	583
Land in orchards-acres	33	42	96	1,654	2,693
Corn for grain-acres	24	93	97	2,536	2,691

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	106	110	-4
\$10,000 or more	31	12	158
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	1,113	858	30
Average per farmdollars..	8,122	7,036	15
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	(23)	65	-135
Average per farmdollars..	(171)	537	-132
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	122	114	7
Partnership or corporation	14	7	100
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	50	37	35
Other	87	85	2
Operators by sex:			
Male	130	119	9
Female	7	3	133
Operators by race:			
White	137	122	12
Black and other races			
Average age of operator	55.1	53.9	2

(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.