

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Virginia Agricultural Statistics Service



WYTHE VIRGINIA

Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 131,366 acres in 1992 to 139,554 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 181 acres in 1992 to 190 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 327 farms in 1992 to 314 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

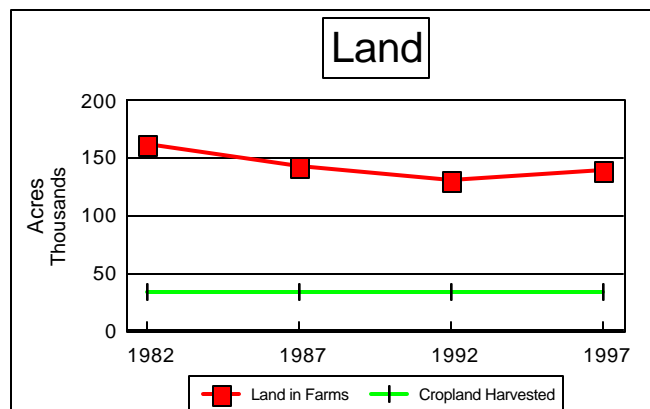
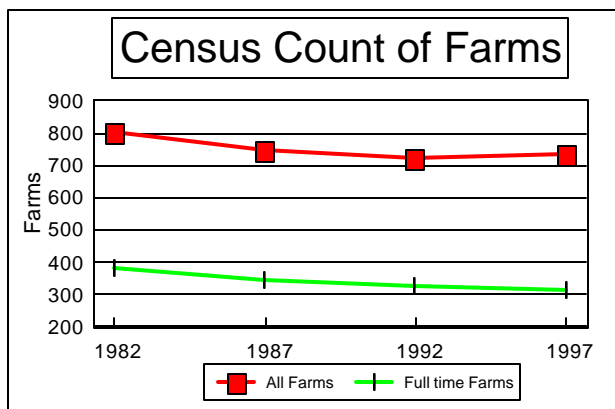
Decreased 5 percent to \$24,415,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 6 percent from \$35,376 in 1992 to \$33,263 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	24,415	24	98	1,941	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	22,688	11	97	1,124	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,726	77	98	2,563	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	12,673	6	97	717	3,063
Dairy products	9,387	6	72	392	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	713	11	97	1,270	3,043
Aquaculture	(D)	5	50	223	1,505
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	312	23	96	914	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	27,951	6	97	691	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	1,797	8	89	517	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	637	39	93	1,972	2,976
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	3	17	116	611
All goats sold	183	10	90	522	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	46,924	6	97	661	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,596	7	93	426	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	609	28	97	1,314	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	504	38	95	1,677	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	484	39	96	1,892	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	27,330	10	97	737	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	5,150	5	86	303	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	1,552	48	97	1,718	2,691
Wheat-acres	259	66	87	2,083	2,612
Oats-acres	226	6	74	1,338	2,332

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	439	408	8
\$10,000 or more	295	317	-7
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	19,592	20,854	-6
Average per farmdollars..	26,729	28,764	-7
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,820	4,353	-35
Average per farmdollars..	3,847	6,004	-36
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	641	651	-2
Partnership or corporation	91	74	23
Other	2	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	314	327	-4
Other	420	398	6
Operators by sex:			
Male	654	657	-0
Female	80	68	18
Operators by race:			
White	729	721	1
Black and other races	5	4	25
Average age of operator	55.5	56.3	-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.