

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

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VIRGINIA

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	115,209	3	98	402	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	112,904	3	97	149	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	2,305	67	98	2,462	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	104,695	2	92	41	2,901
Cattle and calves	6,439	22	97	1,260	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,201	32	97	902	2,790
Dairy products	885	50	72	1,475	2,563
Hogs and pigs	485	18	93	1,229	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	44,498,867	2	44	34	1,882
Turkeys sold	2,227,692	3	37	42	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	777,759	2	68	116	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	14,751	24	97	1,258	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	4,722	20	93	1,245	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	7,209,771	2	63	35	2,620
All turkeys inventory	595,000	4	73	57	2,361
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	357,814	4	95	202	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	165,037	2	50	96	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	119,159	2	75	125	2,549
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	15,944	33	97	1,255	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	3,411	31	97	1,473	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	2,046	22	86	671	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	480	56	77	1,728	2,144
Barley-acres	431	27	72	536	1,411

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	233	252	-8
\$10,000 or more	308	269	14
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	100,799	58,359	73
Average per farmdollars..	185,634	111,799	66
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	12,077	10,837	11
Average per farmdollars..	22,242	20,761	7
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	475	460	3
Partnership or corporation	65	58	12
Other	1	3	-67
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	292	289	1
Other	249	232	7
Operators by sex:			
Male	495	478	4
Female	46	43	7
Operators by race:			
White	537	519	3
Black and other races	4	2	100
Average age of operator	56.2	54.3	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.