

RANKINGS OF PRINCIPAL CROPS AND LIVESTOCK, 1996

CROP ACREAGE HARVESTED		
COMMODITY	Acres	Rank
Hay	1,280,000	1
Soybeans	480,000	2
Corn, Grain	310,000	3
Wheat, Winter	275,000	4
Cotton, Lint & Seed	102,000	5
Peanuts	76,000	6
Barley	75,000	7
Tobacco, All	48,370	8
Apples	17,000	9
Rye	10,000	10
Potatoes, Summer	7,500	11
Cucumbers, Fresh Market	5,200	12
Snap Beans, Fresh Market	5,100	13
Tomatoes, Fresh Market	3,600	14
Peaches, Freestone	2,100	15
Corn, Sweet	2,000	16
Bell Peppers, Fresh Market	1,400	17
Cabbage, Fresh Market	1,300	18
Sweet Potatoes	500	19

CROP VALUE OF PRODUCTION		
COMMODITY	Thous. Dols.	Rank
Hay	250,312	1
Tobacco, All	194,432	2
Corn, Grain	126,945	3
Soybeans	111,792	4
Cotton, Lint & Seed	60,707	5
Wheat, Winter	60,486	6
Peanuts	58,981	7
Apples	30,160	8
Tomatoes, Fresh Market	24,898	9
Potatoes, Summer	20,931	10
Barley	14,790	11
Cucumbers, Fresh Market	7,800	12
Peaches, Freestone	4,420	13
Snap Beans, Fresh Market	4,182	14
Cabbage, Fresh Market	3,393	15
Bell Peppers, Fresh Market	1,764	16
Corn, Sweet	1,411	17
Rye	957	18
Sweet Potatoes	763	19

CASH RECEIPTS		
COMMODITY	Thous. Dols.	Rank
Broilers 1/	466,388	1
Milk	289,980	2
Cattle & Calves	211,294	3
Turkeys 2/	204,250	4
Tobacco, All	187,793	5
Greenhouse & Nursery	155,342	6
Corn, Grain	96,338	7
Soybeans	95,600	8
Hogs	81,410	9
Eggs 1/	75,366	10
Wheat, Winter	69,253	11
Peanuts	58,981	12
Cotton, Lint & Seed	57,787	13
Apples	38,257	14
Hay	30,284	15
Tomatoes, Fresh Market	24,898	16
Potatoes, Summer	20,187	17
Barley	12,344	18
Cucumbers, Fresh Market	7,800	19
Sheep & Lambs	5,177	20
Peaches, Freestone	4,420	21
Snap Beans, Fresh Market	4,182	22
Cabbage, Fresh Market	3,393	23
Bell Peppers, Fresh Market	1,764	24
Chickens, Farm 1/	1,716	25
Corn, Sweet	1,411	26
Sweet Potatoes	747	27
Rye	439	28
Wool	166	29



1/ Year begins December 1, 1995 and ends November 30, 1996.

2/ Year begins September 1, 1995 and ends August 31, 1996.

NUMBER OF FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND FARMLAND VALUES, SELECTED YEARS 1/

Year	Number of Farms	Farm Land	Average Size	Avg. Acre Value of Farmland
		-Thous. Acres-	-Acres-	-Dollars-
1965*	85,000	12,300	145	190
1970*	76,000	11,400	150	286
1975	62,000	10,100	163	558
1980	58,000	9,800	169	1,028
1985	54,000	9,500	176	1,112
1986	51,000	9,300	182	1,179
1987	49,000	9,100	186	1,154
1988	48,000	9,100	190	1,198
1989	47,000	9,000	191	1,397
1990	46,000	8,900	193	1,665
1991	45,000	8,800	196	1,490
1992	45,000	8,700	193	1,643
1993	45,000	8,600	191	1,636
1994	46,000	8,600	187	1,690
1995	47,000	8,600	183	1,771
1996	48,000	8,600	179	1,925
1997	47,000	8,500	181	2/

1/ Places that sell or normally would sell \$1,000 of agricultural products. 2/ Data not available at time of publication. * Places of 10 or more acres that had annual sales of agricultural products of \$50 or more and places of less than 10 acres that had annual sales of \$250 or more.

FARM INCOME

GROSS FARM INCOME, SELECTED YEARS 1/

Year	Gross Farm Income (Excluding Inventory)			
	Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings	Government Payments 2/	Other Farm Income	Total
-Million Dollars-				
1970	593.2	20.0	72.7	685.9
1980	1,418.3	13.3	229.9	1,661.5
1990	2,138.1	32.4	313.6	2,484.1
1995	2,226.5	25.4	326.8	2,578.7
1996*	2,369.9	30.4	357.9	2,758.2

1/ Details may not add to totals due to rounding. 2/ Includes value for payment-in-kind (PIK) crops transferred to program participants.
*Preliminary.

GROSS AND NET FARM INCOME, SELECTED YEARS 1/

Year	Gross Average per Farm	Farm Production Expenses	Net Farm Income 2/	Net Average per Farm
-Million Dollars-				
1970	9,025	542.6	143.3	1,886
1980	28,647	1,729.6	-68.1	-1,174
1990	54,002	1,854.5	629.6	13,687
1995	54,866	2,079.8	498.9	10,615
1996*	57,463	2,235.6	522.6	10,887

1/ Details may not add to totals due to rounding. 2/ Of farm operators.
*Preliminary.

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1996 VIRGINIA CASH RECEIPTS (All Commodities)

FARM ECONOMICS

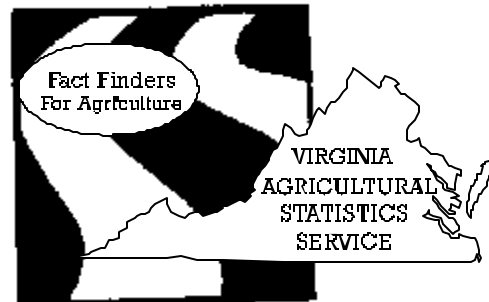
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FARM BALANCE SHEET: DECEMBER 31, SELECTED YEARS 1/

Year	Total Farm Assets	Total Farm Debt	Equity	Ratios		
				Equity/Assets	Debt/Equity	Debt/Assets
-Million Dollars-						
1970	4,233	522	3,711	87.7	14.1	12.3
1980	12,302	1,810	10,492	85.3	17.3	14.7
1990	14,689	1,914	12,775	87.0	15.0	13.0
1995	17,302	1,836	15,466	89.4	11.9	10.6

1/ Excludes farm households.



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