

Total Production of Selected Crops

Crops reported in Tables 13 and 14 were ranked corn (3), wheat (5), tobacco (1), soybeans (4), and hay (2) in 1997 production. Although the variability of weather makes comparisons with 1992 production difficult, it should be noted that Virginia corn production was more than 11 million bushels (-27 percent) below 1992 production.

Table 13. Production of Selected Crops by Extension District					
Extension District	Corn (Bushels)	Wheat (Bushels)	Tobacco (Pounds)	Soybeans (Bushels)	Hay (Tons)
Central	1,158,101	1,286,093	87,885,092	646,546	524,040
Northeast	10,359,360	5,840,025	553,016	3,750,758	88,379
Northern	5,401,436	1,311,342	57,401	1,877,871	521,103
Northwest	4,023,179	496,193	0	526,580	523,036
Southeast	7,660,549	6,485,320	6,090,304	4,555,539	29,636
Southwest	851,449	69,695	20,879,952	7,482	605,478
Virginia	29,480,704	15,504,394	115,735,107	11,406,611	2,291,672

Planning District	Corn (Bushels)	Wheat (Bushels)	Tobacco (Pounds)	Soybeans (Bushels)	Hay (Tons)
Central Virginia	170,309 -70.3	140,005 -10.7	3,151,132 +11.0	53,880 -44.4	157,151 -8.0
West Piedmont	432,823 -47.0	460,814 -3.7	31,220,433 +3.3	80,399 -40.8	149,692 +13.3
Southside	246,558 -41.5	464,241 -11.0	41,012,711 +17.6	362,117 -16.1	82,697 +19.0
Piedmont	409,724 -44.3	228,043 -27.7	14,436,455 +4.7	157,632 -32.2	157,064 +7.2
Richmond Regional	2,157,181 -27.0	1,546,653 +32.3	553,016 (1)	1,036,540 -27.8	69,180 +4.1
Northern Neck	3,670,439 +10.8	1,973,175 +35.1	0 0	1,226,629 -27.1	6,686 -12.9
Middle Peninsula	4,396,279 -18.9	2,275,547 +59.8	0 0	1,452,873 -40.0	10,746 -16.1
Peninsula	135,461 -32.3	44,650 +58.7	0 0	34,716 -33.0	1,767 +73.1
Northern Virginia	829,386 -32.5	277,749 -41.0	0 0	350,232 +12.3	91,659 +4.9
Rappahanock-Rapidan	2,370,647 -29.2	224,311 -40.0	0 0	611,455 +90.9	241,889 -5.0
Thomas Jefferson	502,958 -17.7	101,254 -15.5	57,401 +12.4	65,859 +5.3	148,089 +3.1
Radco	1,698,445 +15.3	708,028 +31.0	(1) (1)	850,325 -2.5	39,466 +3.0
Fifth	95,493 -36.7	11,396 (1)	(1) (1)	0 (1)	60,308 +11.6
Central Shenandoah	2,652,624 -12.5	309,876 +34.8	(1) (1)	271,927 +196.3	308,497 +83.4

(1) Not disclosed.

Table 14. Production of Selected Crops and Percent Change 1992-97 by Planning District (continued)					
Planning District	Corn (Bushels)	Wheat (Bushels)	Tobacco (Pounds)	Soybeans (Bushels)	Hay (Tons)
Lord Fairfax	1,275,062 -11.1	174,921 -24.9	0 (1)	254,653 +97.2	154,231 -4.4
Crater	1,567,482 -44.5	1,268,922 +11.2	6,090,304 +17.3	1,075,447 -35.3	17,306 +16.8
Southeastern Virginia	4,354,079 -56.6	2,221,210 +13.5	0 (1)	2,139,690 -37.7	11,299 +38.5
Accomack-Northampton	1,738,988 +65.1	2,995,188 +56.8	0 0	1,340,402 -41.5	1,031 +59.8
Lenowisco	84,341 -43.2	(1) (1)	7,843,557 -26.4	(1) (1)	77,251 +23.4
Cumberland Plateau	30,154 -44.6	427 -16.9	3,370,851 -25.2	0 0	77,280 +6.3
Mount Rogers	340,594 -33.5	18,380 (1)	7,707,055 -24.3	0 (1)	288,907 +22.0
New River Valley	295,047 +5.9	43,878 (1)	22,850 -75.4	(1) (1)	139,476 +7.9
Virginia	29,480,704 -27.5	15,504,394 +23.1	115,735,107 +2.2	11,406,611 -27.5	2,291,672 +5.1

(1) Not disclosed.

Central District is particularly important in terms of Virginia tobacco production (76 percent) and hay production (23 percent). In the principal tobacco-producing planning districts, tobacco production increased by slightly more than 0.78 million pounds in West Piedmont, increased by 6.1 million pounds in Southside, and increased by 0.65 million pounds in Piedmont. Hay production was lower in Central Virginia and West Piedmont, but rose substantially in Southside and Piedmont Planning Districts.

Northeast District produced 35 percent of Virginia corn, 38 percent of wheat, and 33 percent of soybeans in 1997. In general, production by planning district is lower than in 1992 for corn and soybeans, and higher for wheat. Among principal wheat-producing counties, Essex County produced 77 percent more wheat in 1997 than in 1992. Among principal corn producing counties, New Kent produced 54 percent fewer corn bushels than in 1992.

Northern District produced 18 percent of Virginia corn and 23 percent of hay in 1997. Rappahanock-Rapidan, the principal corn producing planning district, produced 27 percent fewer bushels than 1992. Loudon (-39 percent), Culpeper (-37 percent), and Fauquier (-41 percent) Counties produced much less corn in 1997 compared to 1992. On the other hand, Caroline County produced 33 percent more corn than in 1992.

Northwest District produced 14 percent of Virginia corn for grain and 23 percent of hay in 1997. Corn production for grain in Central Shenandoah Planning District was 13 percent less in 1997 than in 1992, while hay production was 83 percent higher. Soybean production, although small in this extension district, increased by 106 percent in Central Shenandoah Planning District and 97 percent in Lord Fairfax Planning District. Corn production in Fifth Planning District was 37 percent below 1992.

Southeast District produced 26 percent of Virginia corn, 42 percent of wheat, and 40 percent of soybeans in 1997. However, in the Southeast Virginia Planning District, corn production was 57 percent lower than in 1992, and soybean production was 38 percent less. In Crater Planning District, corn production was 44 percent less and soybean production was 35 percent less than in 1992. The Eastern Shore Planning District did not follow this same pattern. The planning district registered 65 percent higher corn production, 57 percent higher wheat production, and 41 percent lower soybean production than in 1992.

Southwest District produced 18 percent of Virginia tobacco and 26 percent of Virginia hay in 1997. Compared with 1992, the district produced 6.3 million pounds less of tobacco (-23 percent), while increasing hay production by 16 percent.