

# 2002 Census of Agriculture Congressional District Profile

## District 4, Virginia

**Number of farms:** 3,062

**Land in farms:** 878,218 acres

**Average size of farm:** 287 acres

**Irrigated Land:** 10,666 acres

**Total Number of Farm Operators:** 4,346

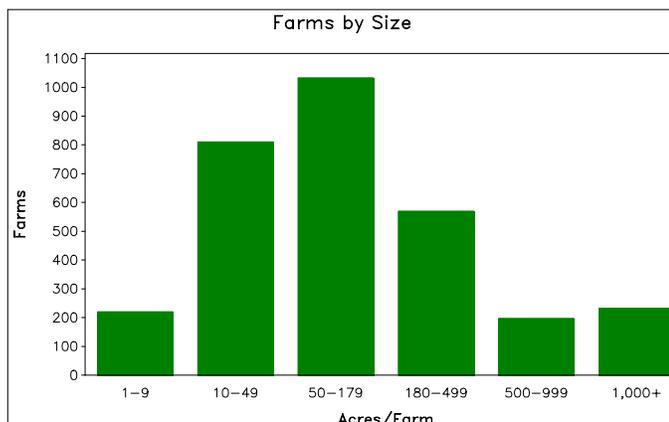
**Market Value of Production:** \$290,385,000

**Market Value of Production, average per farm:** \$94,835

**Government Payments:** \$12,061,000

**Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments:** \$11,065

**Gross Income from Farm Related Sources:** \$12,476,000



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**Ranked items among the 11 congressional districts in the state, and among the 435 congressional districts in the U.S., 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	290,385	4	11	167	418
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) <sup>2</sup></b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	36,996	2	11	112	371
Tobacco	12,077	3	6	32	106
Cotton and cottonseed	17,714	1	5	35	111
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,038	6	11	242	398
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	440	8	11	308	403
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	46,124	2	11	87	415
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	53	8	10	266	349
Poultry and eggs	72,107	3	11	74	382
Cattle and calves	18,329	7	10	191	389
Milk and other dairy products from cows	15,624	5	10	167	339
Hogs and pigs	40,041	1	11	51	372
Sheep, goats, and their products	203	7	10	204	380
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	1,559	7	11	170	398
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	9	(D)	321
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	5,421,008	4	10	56	354
Layers 20 weeks old and older	732,188	3	11	108	387
Hogs and pigs	245,914	1	11	46	371
Cattle and calves	65,634	6	10	204	394
All Goats	5,156	4	11	106	387
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans	130,093	2	11	77	269
All Cotton	80,487	1	6	30	113
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	60,483	6	11	172	391
Corn for grain	57,334	2	11	107	327
Peanuts	50,302	1	5	8	84

**Other Congressional District Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	813
\$1,000 to \$2,499	351
\$2,500 to \$4,999	320
\$5,000 to \$9,999	413
\$10,000 to \$19,999	289
\$20,000 to \$24,999	74
\$25,000 to \$39,999	147
\$40,000 to \$49,999	53
\$50,000 to \$99,999	139
\$100,000 to \$249,999	196
\$250,000 to \$499,999	153
\$500,000 or more	114
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	242,390
Average per farm (\$)	154,981
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	44,022
Average per farm (\$)	14,453

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	1,821
Other	1,241
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	2,602
Female	460
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.5
All operators <sup>3</sup> by race:	
White	3,911
Black or African American	321
American Indian or Alaska Native	20
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	9
More than one race	9
All operators <sup>3</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	18

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of congressional districts in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Categories are not comprehensive and will not sum to total.

<sup>3</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.