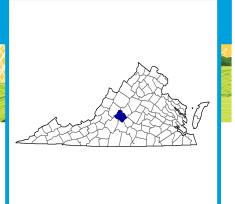


# **Amherst County Virginia**



### Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	369	-13
Land in farms (acres)	78,812	-20
Average size of farm (acres)	214	-8
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	8,143,000	-12
Government payments	24,000	-86
Farm-related income	1,211,000	+245
Total farm production expenses	8,532,000	-14
Net cash farm income	846,000	+1164
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	22,067	+1
Government payments		
(average per farm receiving)	1,274	-67
Farm-related income	11,534	+364
Total farm production expenses	23,123	(Z)
Net cash farm income	2,292	+1328

## (**Z**) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales	by Type (%)	
Crops		43
Livestock, poultry	, and products	57
Land in Farms	by Use (%) a	
Cropland		22
Pastureland		28
Woodland		42
Other		8
Acres irrigated:	175	
	(Z)% of land in fa	arms
Land Use Prac	etices (% of farms)	
No till		2
Reduced till		1
Intensive till		2
Cover crop		5

Farms by Value of Sale	es		Farms by Size		
	Number	Percent of Total a		Number	Percent of Total a
Less than \$2,500	138	37	1 to 9 acres	34	9
\$2,500 to \$4,999	39	11	10 to 49 acres	86	23
\$5,000 to \$9,999	85	23	50 to 179 acres	151	41
\$10,000 to \$24,999	64	17	180 to 499 acres	61	17
\$25,000 to \$49,999	23	6	500 to 999 acres	23	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8	2	1,000 + acres	14	4
\$100,000 or more	12	3			

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#### **Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

-	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
Total	8,143	78	98	2,732	3,077
Crops	3,517	73	97	2,512	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	25	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	11	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	26	78	97	1,911	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	8	95	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	-	-	93	-	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	58	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,084	53	97	1,800	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	4,626	62	98	2,473	3,073
Poultry and eggs	34	56	97	1,395	3,007
Cattle and calves	4,503	38	97	1,750	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	59	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	3	67	89	1,770	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	42	53	94	1,838	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	16	67	94	2,213	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	49	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	27	32	93	1,217	2,878

Total Producers <sup>c</sup>	594	Percent of farms	that:	Top Crops in Acres d	
Sex Male Female	353 241	Have internet access	72	Forage (hay/haylage), all Apples Corn for silage or greenchop Corn for grain	12,291 (D) (D) (D)
<b>Age</b> <35 35 – 64 65 and older	48 275 271	Farm organically	-	Rye for grain	(D)
Race American Indian/Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander White More than one race	1 - 19 - 573 1	Sell directly to consumers Hire farm labor	7 22	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)  Broilers and other meat-type chickens Cattle and calves Goats Hogs and pigs Horses and ponies	(D) 14,149 580 132 264
Other characteristics Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin With military service New and beginning farmers	7 73 173	Are family farms	97	Layers Pullets Sheep and lambs Turkeys	2,312 44 207 46

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. <sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. <sup>e</sup> Position below the line does not indicate rank.

<sup>(</sup>D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.