



# Virginia 4th District

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017

	2017
Number of farms	1,879
Land in farms (acres)	581,527
Average size of farm (acres)	309
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<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>
Market value of products sold	278,687,000
Government payments	18,864,000
Farm-related income	14,187,000
Total farm production expenses	240,292,000
Net cash farm income	71,446,000
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<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>
Market value of products sold	148,317
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	24,123
Farm-related income	17,602
Total farm production expenses	127,883
Net cash farm income	38,023

**7** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	78
Livestock, poultry, and products	22

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	64
Pastureland	5
Woodland	27
Other	5

**Acres irrigated: 7,745**

1% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	24
Reduced till	14
Intensive till	12
Cover crop	17

## Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	850	45
\$2,500 to \$4,999	165	9
\$5,000 to \$9,999	168	9
\$10,000 to \$24,999	164	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	128	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	74	4
\$100,000 or more	330	18

## Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	235	13
10 to 49 acres	585	31
50 to 179 acres	499	27
180 to 499 acres	236	13
500 to 999 acres	137	7
1,000 + acres	187	10

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	CDs Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	CDs Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>278,687</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>431</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>216,842</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>431</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	98,881	2	10	109	381
Tobacco	14,829	2	4	18	68
Cotton and cottonseed	49,926	1	5	26	108
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	2,702	7	11	259	418
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	630	8	11	303	416
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	24,220	8	11	170	425
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	29	8	9	195	326
Other crops and hay	25,624	4	11	124	395
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>61,845</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>422</b>
Poultry and eggs	9,276	6	10	158	404
Cattle and calves	6,290	7	11	247	396
Milk from cows	(D)	7	8	241	312
Hogs and pigs	43,864	1	10	63	367
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	312	7	10	223	393
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	6	10	(D)	393
Aquaculture	(D)	6	9	(D)	328
Other animals and animal products	125	7	11	266	413

Total Producers <sup>c</sup>

3,122

Sex

Male 1,991  
Female 1,131

Age

<35 199  
35 – 64 1,818  
65 and older 1,105

Race

American Indian/Alaska Native 8  
Asian 14  
Black or African American 273  
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander -  
White 2,818  
More than one race 9

Other characteristics

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin 21  
With military service 530  
New and beginning farmers 787

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **76**

Farm organically **(Z)**

Sell directly to consumers **8**

Hire farm labor **30**

Are family farms **95**

Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>

Soybeans for beans 150,240  
Cotton, all 68,508  
Corn for grain 67,570  
Wheat for grain, all 29,492  
Peanuts for nuts 22,522

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens 568,554  
Cattle and calves 15,083  
Goats 3,039  
Hogs and pigs 141,663  
Horses and ponies 3,259  
Layers 9,260  
Pullets (D)  
Sheep and lambs 2,459  
Turkeys (D)

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

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among CDs 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](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> Position below the line does not indicate rank.

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