



Bedford County Virginia

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,418	+4
Land in farms (acres)	211,087	+2
Average size of farm (acres)	149	-1
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	26,470,000	-6
Government payments	658,000	-27
Farm-related income	3,030,000	+10
Total farm production expenses	31,326,000	-5
Net cash farm income	-1,168,000	-13
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	18,667	-10
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	4,475	-19
Farm-related income	5,965	+4
Total farm production expenses	22,092	-8
Net cash farm income	-824	-9

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	32
Livestock, poultry, and products	68

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	31
Pastureland	35
Woodland	29
Other	4

Acres irrigated: 51

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	6
Reduced till	1
Intensive till	3
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	593	42
\$2,500 to \$4,999	161	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	213	15
\$10,000 to \$24,999	232	16
\$25,000 to \$49,999	138	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35	2
\$100,000 or more	46	3

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	134	9
10 to 49 acres	415	29
50 to 179 acres	566	40
180 to 499 acres	213	15
500 to 999 acres	59	4
1,000 + acres	31	2

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	Counties Producing Item
Total	26,470	38	98	2,219	3,077
Crops	8,439	48	97	2,129	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	2,345	51	96	1,891	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	25	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	11	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	173	57	97	1,334	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	704	17	95	564	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,330	33	93	767	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	25	33	58	460	1,384
Other crops and hay	3,862	9	97	664	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	18,031	30	98	1,733	3,073
Poultry and eggs	146	38	97	954	3,007
Cattle and calves	14,536	14	97	999	3,055
Milk from cows	2,663	25	59	751	1,892
Hogs and pigs	91	24	89	939	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	140	24	94	1,035	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	403	14	94	534	2,970
Aquaculture	4	37	49	300	1,251
Other animals and animal products	48	23	93	1,000	2,878

Total Producers ^c	2,259	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	76
Male	1,480		
Female	779		
Age		Farm organically	-
<35	205		
35 – 64	1,245		
65 and older	809		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	8
American Indian/Alaska Native	5		
Asian	4		
Black or African American	24		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2		
White	2,193	Hire farm labor	19
More than one race	31		
Other characteristics		Are family farms	98
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	15		
With military service	330		
New and beginning farmers	630		
		Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)	
		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,930
		Cattle and calves	48,235
		Goats	1,479
		Hogs and pigs	427
		Horses and ponies	1,933
		Layers	7,652
		Pullets	1,473
		Sheep and lambs	675
		Turkeys	389

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

^a May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^b Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^c Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e 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.