



Essex County Virginia

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	88	-10
Land in farms (acres)	58,702	+4
Average size of farm (acres)	667	+15
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	21,046,000	-8
Government payments	1,341,000	+54
Farm-related income	1,530,000	-57
Total farm production expenses	22,567,000	+4
Net cash farm income	1,350,000	-76
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	239,164	+3
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	29,796	+60
Farm-related income	26,839	-56
Total farm production expenses	256,447	+16
Net cash farm income	15,337	-73

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	94
Livestock, poultry, and products	6

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	72
Pastureland	2
Woodland	22
Other	5

Acres irrigated: (D)

(D)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	41
Reduced till	5
Intensive till	3
Cover crop	38

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	26	30
\$2,500 to \$4,999	7	8
\$5,000 to \$9,999	10	11
\$10,000 to \$24,999	8	9
\$25,000 to \$49,999	5	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1	1
\$100,000 or more	31	35

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	13	15
10 to 49 acres	15	17
50 to 179 acres	18	20
180 to 499 acres	13	15
500 to 999 acres	10	11
1,000 + acres	19	22

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	21,046	50	98	2,352	3,077
Crops	19,840	23	97	1,653	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	19,507	5	96	1,155	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	25	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	11	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	62	97	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	130	45	95	1,187	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1	90	93	1,619	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	58	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	(D)	88	97	2,692	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	1,206	82	98	2,806	3,073
Poultry and eggs	8	79	97	1,819	3,007
Cattle and calves	550	70	97	2,521	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	59	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	89	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	12	74	94	2,330	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	-	-	94	-	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	17	49	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	2	63	93	1,711	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Sex	
Male	97
Female	46
Age	
<35	8
35 – 64	78
65 and older	57
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	1
Asian	2
Black or African American	2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	136
More than one race	2
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	4
With military service	28
New and beginning farmers	49

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	78
Farm organically	-
Sell directly to consumers	16
Hire farm labor	33
Are family farms	92

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Soybeans for beans	20,043
Corn for grain	16,994
Wheat for grain, all	7,829
Barley for grain	1,270
Forage (hay/haylage), all	886

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	36
Cattle and calves	1,171
Goats	141
Hogs and pigs	92
Horses and ponies	54
Layers	575
Pullets	(D)
Sheep and lambs	74
Turkeys	60

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.