



Nelson County Virginia

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	409	-10
Land in farms (acres)	67,841	-15
Average size of farm (acres)	166	-6
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Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	26,719,000	+69
Government payments	118,000	+2
Farm-related income	3,757,000	+100
Total farm production expenses	26,013,000	+47
Net cash farm income	4,580,000	+3159
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Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	65,327	+88
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	3,185	+32
Farm-related income	25,047	+109
Total farm production expenses	63,602	+64
Net cash farm income	11,199	+3526

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	83
Livestock, poultry, and products	17

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	30
Pastureland	23
Woodland	38
Other	9

Acres irrigated: 1,016

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	11
Reduced till	1
Intensive till	3
Cover crop	10

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	147	36
\$2,500 to \$4,999	67	16
\$5,000 to \$9,999	58	14
\$10,000 to \$24,999	48	12
\$25,000 to \$49,999	42	10
\$50,000 to \$99,999	25	6
\$100,000 or more	22	5

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	30	7
10 to 49 acres	111	27
50 to 179 acres	165	40
180 to 499 acres	71	17
500 to 999 acres	27	7
1,000 + acres	5	1

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	26,719	37	98	2,212	3,077
Crops	22,185	18	97	1,586	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	72	96	(D)	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	25	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	11	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	1,126	17	97	722	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	7,199	3	95	173	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	9	93	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	28	31	58	449	1,384
Other crops and hay	835	60	97	2,038	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	4,534	63	98	2,480	3,073
Poultry and eggs	221	36	97	881	3,007
Cattle and calves	3,953	41	97	1,819	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	59	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	3	63	89	1,752	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	25	49	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	688	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d	
Sex		Have internet access	73	
Male	426			
Female	262	Farm organically	1	
Age		Sell directly to consumers	17	
<35	47	Hire farm labor	35	
35 – 64	363	Are family farms	97	
65 and older	278			
Race			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	50
Asian	4		Cattle and calves	11,551
Black or African American	14		Goats	536
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	3		Hogs and pigs	102
White	657		Horses and ponies	294
More than one race	10		Layers	2,023
Other characteristics			Pullets	(D)
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	19		Sheep and lambs	993
With military service	81		Turkeys	81
New and beginning farmers	215			

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.