U.S. Virgin Islands Agriculture

Results from the 2023 Census of Agriculture

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Since the last Census of Agriculture in 2018 in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the number of farms increased while land in farms decreased.

What is a "farm"? The U.S. Virgin Islands Census of Agriculture defines a farm as any place from which $500 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year.

619 farms

8,092 acres

13.1 acres average farm size

Farms and Land

In 2023, the U.S. Virgin Islands had 619 farms, up 10% from 565 farms in 2018. These farms accounted for 8,092 acres of farmland. This was a decrease of 1,232 acres (-13%) from the 2018 level.

During the same time, the average farm size decreased 21%, from 16.5 acres in 2018 to 13.1 acres in 2023.

Farms and Farmland, 2018 and 2023

	2018	2023	% change
Number of farms	565	619	10
Land in farms (acres)	9,324	8,092	-13
Average farm size (acres)	16.5	13.1	-21

The smallest farm category (less than 3 acres) experienced the largest change in number of farms by size, increasing 21%.

Farm Counts by Size

	2018	2023
Less than 3 acres	268	325
3 - 9.9 acres	139	146
10 - 19.9 acres	77	72
20 - 49.9 acres	44	42
50 - 99.9 acres	23	20
100 acres or more	14	14

For more information about the Census of Agriculture, visit www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus.

Commodity Group by Value of Sales (dollars)

	2018	2023
Vegetables	1,130,809	2,166,470
Fruits and nuts	544,305	798,249
Other livestock	465,247	379,632
Cattle and calves	100,439	207,516
Honey	(NA)	141,987
Hogs and pigs	83,590	107,310
Chicken eggs	35,503	79,234
Poultry	109,662	48,974
Field and forage crops	128,692	(D)
Nursery crops and hemp	(NA)	(D)
Total	**3,334,652**	**4,201,172**

(NA) Commodity group was not counted in 2018.
(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Vegetables accounted for 52% of total sales. Cucumbers, watermelons, and pumpkins are the largest vegetable groups by pounds produced. Bananas, mangoes, and coconuts are the largest fruit commodity groups by pounds produced.

Top Commodities by Number of Farms, 2023

	No. of Farms
Coconuts	301
Mangoes	293
Bananas	292
Avocados	253
Papayas	193

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U.S. Virgin Islands Farmers, 2023

(percent)

Sex	
Male	68
Female	32
Age	
<35	1
35 - 44	8
45 - 54	12
55 - 64	34
65+	45
Lived on farm	59
Years on Farm	
<10	28
10+	72
Days worked off farm	
None	34
1 - 199	37
200+	29
Primary occupation	
Farming	62
Other	38
Hispanic	12
Race*	
Black	83
White	15
Other	5

**Respondents could report more than one race.*

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