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Since the last Census of Agriculture in 2007 in the U.S. Virgin Islands, both the number of farms and land in farms increased by a large amount.

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.

565 farms



9,324 acres



16.5 acres average farm size



Farms and Land

In 2018, the U.S. Virgin Islands had 565 farms, up 158% from 219 farms in 2007. These farms accounted for 9,324 acres of farmland. This was an increase of 3,443 acres (59%) from the 2007 level.

During the same time, the average farm size decreased 39%, from 26.9 acres in 2007 to 16.5 acres in 2018.

Farms and Farmland, 2007 and 2018

	2007	2018	% change
Number of farms	219	565	158
Land in farms (acres)	5,881	9,324	59
Average farm size (acres)	26.9	16.5	-39

Farm counts increased significantly across most farm size groups. Farms with less than 3 acres experienced the largest change, increasing by 182 farms (212%).

Farm Counts by Size

	2007	2018
> 3 acres	86	268
3-9 acres	63	139
10-19 acres	35	77
20-49 acres	15	44
50-99 acres	12	23
100+ acres	8	14

Commodity Group by Value of Sales (dollars)

	2007	2018
Vegetables	366,195	1,130,809
Nursery crops	946,636	725,125
Fruits and nuts	216,877	544,305
Other livestock	190,190	465,247
Field and forage crops	49,104	128,692
Poultry	4,620	109,662
Cattle and calves	165,150	100,349
Hogs and pigs	107,200	83,590
Chicken eggs	(D)	35,503
Fish	(D)	(D)
Total	2,071,022	3,334,652

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Vegetables account for 34% of total sales. Cucumbers, tomatoes, and squash are the largest vegetable crops by pounds produced. Bananas is the largest fruit commodity by pounds produced.

Top Commodities by Number of Farms, 2018

	No. of Farms
Bananas	264
Mangoes	227
Coconuts	214
Avocados	201
Papayas	169

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U.S. Virgin Islands Farmers, 2018

(percent)

Age

<45	12
45 - 64	47
65+	41

Lived on farm

59

Years on Farm

<10	35
10+	65

Days worked off farm

None	36
1 - 199	33
200+	31

Primary occupation

Farming	63
Other	37

41%

The percentage of farms with internet access. Mobile broadband was the most common mode (56%).

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