



Amherst County Virginia

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	369	-13
Land in farms (acres)	78,812	-20
Average size of farm (acres)	214	-8
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	8,143,000	-12
Government payments	24,000	-86
Farm-related income	1,211,000	+245
Total farm production expenses	8,532,000	-14
Net cash farm income	846,000	+1164
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	22,067	+1
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	1,274	-67
Farm-related income	11,534	+364
Total farm production expenses	23,123	(Z)
Net cash farm income	2,292	+1328

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	43
Livestock, poultry, and products	57

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	22
Pastureland	28
Woodland	42
Other	8

Acres irrigated: 175

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	2
Reduced till	1
Intensive till	2
Cover crop	5

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	138	37
\$2,500 to \$4,999	39	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	85	23
\$10,000 to \$24,999	64	17
\$25,000 to \$49,999	23	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8	2
\$100,000 or more	12	3

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	34	9
10 to 49 acres	86	23
50 to 179 acres	151	41
180 to 499 acres	61	17
500 to 999 acres	23	6
1,000 + acres	14	4

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	8,143	78	98	2,732	3,077
Crops	3,517	73	97	2,512	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	25	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	11	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	26	78	97	1,911	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	8	95	(D)	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	-	-	93	-	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	58	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,084	53	97	1,800	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	4,626	62	98	2,473	3,073
Poultry and eggs	34	56	97	1,395	3,007
Cattle and calves	4,503	38	97	1,750	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	59	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	3	67	89	1,770	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	42	53	94	1,838	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	16	67	94	2,213	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	49	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	27	32	93	1,217	2,878

Total Producers ^c	594	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	72
Male	353		
Female	241		
Age		Farm organically	-
<35	48		
35 – 64	275		
65 and older	271		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	7
American Indian/Alaska Native	1		
Asian	-		
Black or African American	19		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		
White	573	Hire farm labor	22
More than one race	1		
Other characteristics		Are family farms	97
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	7		
With military service	73		
New and beginning farmers	173		
		Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)	
		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
		Cattle and calves	14,149
		Goats	580
		Hogs and pigs	132
		Horses and ponies	264
		Layers	2,312
		Pullets	44
		Sheep and lambs	207
		Turkeys	46

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.