Highland County
Virginia

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	275	+5
Land in farms (acres)	92,950	(Z)
Average size of farm (acres)	338	-5
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	26,120,000	-13
Government payments	279,000	+11
Farm-related income	1,181,000	-2
Total farm production expenses	18,706,000	-27
Net cash farm income	8,874,000	+53
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	94,981	-18
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	9,014	+25
Farm-related income	8,493	-5
Total farm production expenses	68,020	-31
Net cash farm income	32,270	+45

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	7
Livestock, poultry, and products	93

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	17
Pastureland	42
Woodland	38
Other	3

Acres irrigated: (D)

(D)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	10
Reduced till	1
Intensive till	(Z)
Cover crop	3

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	70	25
$2,500 to $4,999	23	8
$5,000 to $9,999	19	7
$10,000 to $24,999	47	17
$25,000 to $49,999	44	16
$50,000 to $99,999	25	9
$100,000 or more	47	17

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	5	2
10 to 49 acres	41	15
50 to 179 acres	85	31
180 to 499 acres	87	32
500 to 999 acres	40	15
1,000 + acres	17	6

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

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	**26,120**	**39**	**98**	**2,224**	**3,077**
Crops	**1,721**	**87**	**97**	**2,713**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	204	84	96	2,385	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	25	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	11	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	61	97	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	273	34	95	882	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	81	93	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	58	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,100	51	97	1,784	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**24,399**	**23**	**98**	**1,487**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	12,416	12	97	517	3,007
Cattle and calves	11,090	20	97	1,173	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	59	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	89	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	6	94	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	78	94	(D)	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	21	49	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	12	49	93	1,462	2,878

Total Producers [c]   419

Sex
Male   286
Female   133

Age
<35   18
35 – 64   191
65 and older   210

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native   -
Asian   -
Black or African American   -
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander   -
White   416
More than one race   3

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin   -
With military service   61
New and beginning farmers   73

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access   **68**

Farm organically   **(Z)**

Sell directly to consumers   **9**

Hire farm labor   **25**

Are family farms   **97**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Forage (hay/haylage), all	10,203
Corn for silage or greenchop	168
Corn for grain	(D)
Soybeans for beans	(D)
Barley for grain	(D)

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	14,584
Goats	290
Hogs and pigs	-
Horses and ponies	214
Layers	287
Pullets	(D)
Sheep and lambs	2,608
Turkeys	241,399

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.