



# Suffolk County Virginia

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

|   | 2017       | % change<br>since 2012 |
|---|------------|------------------------|
| Number of farms                                     | 270        | -12                    |
| Land in farms (acres)                               | 79,035     | +14                    |
| Average size of farm (acres)                        | 293        | +30                    |
| <hr/>   |            |                        |
| <b>Total</b>  | (\$)       |                        |
| Market value of products sold                       | 53,741,000 | -14                    |
| Government payments                                 | 3,185,000  | +29                    |
| Farm-related income                                 | 2,851,000  | -23                    |
| Total farm production expenses                      | 43,198,000 | -21                    |
| Net cash farm income                                | 16,579,000 | +17                    |
| <hr/>   |            |                        |
| <b>Per farm average</b>                             | (\$)       |                        |
| Market value of products sold                       | 199,040    | -2                     |
| Government payments<br>(average per farm receiving) | 20,952     | +24                    |
| Farm-related income                                 | 24,796     | -25                    |
| Total farm production expenses                      | 159,994    | -9                     |
| Net cash farm income                                | 61,402     | +33                    |

**1** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Crops                            | 84 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 16 |

### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| Cropland    | 73 |
| Pastureland | 2  |
| Woodland    | 17 |
| Other       | 7  |

**Acres irrigated: 585**

1% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| No till        | 25 |
| Reduced till   | 12 |
| Intensive till | 14 |
| Cover crop     | 14 |

## Farms by Value of Sales

|                      | Number | Percent of Total <sup>a</sup> |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$2,500    | 130    | 48                            |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999   | 10     | 4                             |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999   | 12     | 4                             |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 20     | 7                             |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 19     | 7                             |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 11     | 4                             |
| \$100,000 or more    | 68     | 25                            |

## Farms by Size

|                  | Number | Percent of Total <sup>a</sup> |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1 to 9 acres     | 37     | 14                            |
| 10 to 49 acres   | 118    | 44                            |
| 50 to 179 acres  | 39     | 14                            |
| 180 to 499 acres | 34     | 13                            |
| 500 to 999 acres | 12     | 4                             |
| 1,000 + acres    | 30     | 11                            |

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

|  | Sales (\$1,000) | Rank in State <sup>b</sup> | Counties Producing Item | Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup> | Counties Producing Item |
|--|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>53,741</b>   | <b>17</b>                  | <b>98</b>               | <b>1,698</b>              | <b>3,077</b>            |
| <b>Crops</b>   | <b>45,239</b>   | <b>6</b>                   | <b>97</b>               | <b>1,156</b>              | <b>3,073</b>            |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas                  | 14,956          | 9                          | 96                      | 1,247                     | 2,916                   |
| Tobacco  | -               | -                          | 25                      | -                         | 323                     |
| Cotton and cottonseed                                  | 8,975           | 3                          | 11                      | 200                       | 647                     |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes           | 207             | 52                         | 97                      | 1,268                     | 2,821                   |
| Fruits, tree nuts, berries                             | (D)             | (D)                        | 95                      | (D)                       | 2,748                   |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod                 | 14,933          | 7                          | 93                      | 175                       | 2,601                   |
| Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops | (D)             | 41                         | 58                      | (D)                       | 1,384                   |
| Other crops and hay                                    | 6,138           | 2                          | 97                      | 409                       | 3,040                   |
| <b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>                | <b>8,502</b>    | <b>49</b>                  | <b>98</b>               | <b>2,203</b>              | <b>3,073</b>            |
| Poultry and eggs                                       | 6,742           | 14                         | 97                      | 601                       | 3,007                   |
| Cattle and calves                                      | 180             | 80                         | 97                      | 2,649                     | 3,055                   |
| Milk from cows   | -               | -                          | 59                      | -                         | 1,892                   |
| Hogs and pigs  | 400             | 14                         | 89                      | 662                       | 2,856                   |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk                       | (D)             | (D)                        | 94                      | (D)                       | 2,984                   |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys                 | 250             | 21                         | 94                      | 825                       | 2,970                   |
| Aquaculture  | (D)             | 12                         | 49                      | (D)                       | 1,251                   |
| Other animals and animal products                      | 53              | 20                         | 93                      | 969                       | 2,878                   |

|                                     |            |   |  |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---|--|
| <b>Total Producers <sup>c</sup></b> | <b>462</b> | <b>Percent of farms that:</b>             | <b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup></b> |
| <b>Sex</b>                          |            | Have internet access                      | 83                                     |
| Male                                | 296        |   |  |
| Female                              | 166        |   |  |
| <b>Age</b>                          |            | Farm organically                          | -                                      |
| <35                                 | 31         |   |  |
| 35 – 64                             | 287        |   |  |
| 65 and older                        | 144        |   |  |
| <b>Race</b>                         |            | Sell directly to consumers                | 6                                      |
| American Indian/Alaska Native       | -          |   |  |
| Asian                               | 3          |   |  |
| Black or African American           | 25         |   |  |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander    | -          |   |  |
| White                               | 434        | Hire farm labor                           | 24                                     |
| More than one race                  | -          |   |  |
| <b>Other characteristics</b>        |            | Are family farms                          | 93                                     |
| Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin    | 5          |   |  |
| With military service               | 71         |   |  |
| New and beginning farmers           | 129        |   |  |
|                                     |            | <b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)</b> |  |
|                                     |            | Broilers and other meat-type chickens     | 364,350                                |
|                                     |            | Cattle and calves                         | 527                                    |
|                                     |            | Goats                                     | 465                                    |
|                                     |            | Hogs and pigs                             | 1,321                                  |
|                                     |            | Horses and ponies                         | 712                                    |
|                                     |            | Layers                                    | 1,373                                  |
|                                     |            | Pullets                                   | 538                                    |
|                                     |            | Sheep and lambs                           | 447                                    |
|                                     |            | Turkeys                                   | 148                                    |

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> 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.