



Essex County Virginia

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	99	+13
Land in farms (acres)	59,380	+1
Average size of farm (acres)	600	-10
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	41,757,000	+98
Government payments	757,000	-44
Farm-related income	(D)	(D)
Total farm production expenses	35,232,000	+56
Net cash farm income	7,919,000	+487
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	421,788	+76
Government payments ^a	34,428	+16
Farm-related income ^a	(D)	(D)
Total farm production expenses	355,876	+39
Net cash farm income	79,993	+422

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	96
Livestock, poultry, and products	4

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	45,576
Pastureland	1,461
Woodland	9,431
Other	2,912

Acres irrigated: (D)

(D)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	52
Reduced till	7
Intensive till	13
Cover crop	30

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	14	14
\$2,500 to \$4,999	16	16
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5	5
\$10,000 to \$24,999	16	16
\$25,000 to \$49,999	9	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4	4
\$100,000 or more	35	35

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	15	15
10 to 49 acres	18	18
50 to 179 acres	23	23
180 to 499 acres	13	13
500 to 999 acres	9	9
1,000+ acres	21	21

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^c	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^c	Counties Producing Item
Total	41,757	32	98	2,070	3,078
Crops	39,982	13	97	1,433	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	39,576	1	97	1,035	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	25	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	12	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	178	64	96	1,514	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	67	74	94	1,640	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	141	65	95	1,414	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	54	-	1,274
Other crops and hay	21	89	96	2,736	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	1,775	76	98	2,741	3,076
Poultry and eggs	19	76	97	1,963	3,027
Cattle and calves	473	70	96	2,543	3,047
Milk from cows	-	-	57	-	1,770
Hogs and pigs	26	45	91	1,278	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	80	39	93	1,573	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	59	86	(D)	2,907
Aquaculture	(D)	12	38	(D)	1,190
Other animals and animal products	73	29	91	1,093	2,909

Producers ^d	172	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e	
Sex		Have internet access 81	Soybeans for beans 25,648	
Male 119			Corn for grain 16,851	
Female 53		Farm organically -	Wheat for grain, all 7,507	
Age			Barley for grain (D)	
<35 10		Sell directly to consumers 19	Forage (hay/haylage), all 638	
35 – 64 107			Hire farm labor 52	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)
65 and older 55				Broilers and other meat-type chickens -
Race		Are family farms 89	Cattle and calves 1,129	
American Indian/Alaska Native -			Goats 190	
Asian 8			Hogs and pigs 95	
Black or African American 2			Horses and ponies 21	
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 1			Layers 323	
White 161			Pullets 41	
More than one race -			Sheep and lambs (D)	
Other characteristics			Turkeys 8	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin -				
With military service 22				
New and beginning farmers 53				

^a Average per farm receiving. ^b May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^c Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^d Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. ^e Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^f 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.