



Amherst County Virginia

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	385	+4
Land in farms (acres)	74,554	-5
Average size of farm (acres)	194	-9
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	10,726,000	+32
Government payments	98,000	+303
Farm-related income	1,066,000	-12
Total farm production expenses	14,016,000	+64
Net cash farm income	-2,126,000	-351
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	27,860	+26
Government payments ^a	8,128	+538
Farm-related income ^a	10,157	-12
Total farm production expenses	36,406	+57
Net cash farm income	-5,523	-341

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	52
Livestock, poultry, and products	48

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	16,966
Pastureland	19,753
Woodland	30,551
Other	7,284

Acres irrigated: 207

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	8
Reduced till	2
Intensive till	4
Cover crop	5

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	124	32
\$2,500 to \$4,999	58	15
\$5,000 to \$9,999	67	17
\$10,000 to \$24,999	72	19
\$25,000 to \$49,999	34	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	17	4
\$100,000 or more	13	3

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	25	6
10 to 49 acres	113	29
50 to 179 acres	154	40
180 to 499 acres	64	17
500 to 999 acres	12	3
1,000+ acres	17	4

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	10,726	77	98	2,693	3,078
Crops	5,630	69	97	2,418	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	100	89	97	2,451	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	25	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	12	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	85	80	96	1,768	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	3,645	9	94	286	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	230	60	95	1,321	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	54	-	1,274
Other crops and hay	1,569	46	96	1,668	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	5,096	62	98	2,429	3,076
Poultry and eggs	61	59	97	1,558	3,027
Cattle and calves	4,853	39	96	1,710	3,047
Milk from cows	-	-	57	-	1,770
Hogs and pigs	(D)	43	91	1,248	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	36	59	93	1,999	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	77	37	86	1,650	2,907
Aquaculture	(D)	36	38	(D)	1,190
Other animals and animal products	41	47	91	1,325	2,909

Producers ^d	651	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e
Sex		Have internet access	73
Male	381		
Female	270		
Age		Farm organically	-
<35	59		
35 – 64	304		
65 and older	288		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	8
American Indian/Alaska Native	-		
Asian	2		
Black or African American	20		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	Hire farm labor	16
White	620		
More than one race	8		
Other characteristics		Are family farms	98
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	4		
With military service	88		
New and beginning farmers	200		
			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D)
			Cattle and calves 11,953
			Goats 365
			Hogs and pigs 211
			Horses and ponies 525
			Layers 1,347
			Pullets 171
			Sheep and lambs 219
			Turkeys 68

^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.