

Virginia's Top 20 Agricultural Commodities

Crop/Livestock	Cash Receipts
1. Broilers	\$602,000,000
2. Cattle/Calves	\$452,000,000
3. Dairy Products	\$395,000,000
4. Turkeys	\$313,000,000
5. Nursery/Greenhouse/Sod/Turfgrass	\$267,000,000
6. Corn, Grain	\$175,000,000
7. Soybeans	\$169,000,000
8. Wheat (Winter)	\$114,000,000
9. Hay	\$108,000,000
10. Eggs	\$89,000,000
11. Tobacco (Unprocessed Leaf)	\$81,000,000
12. Cotton (Lint and Seed)	\$71,000,000
13. Hogs	\$60,000,000
14. Aquaculture	\$58,000,000
15. Tomatoes (Fresh Market)	\$48,000,000
16. Apples	\$35,000,000
17. Peanuts	\$19,000,000
18. Barley	\$18,000,000
19. Potatoes (Summer)	\$16,000,000
20. Grapes	\$9,000,000

Source: 2011 National Agricultural Statistics Service data; figures rounded to the nearest million dollars.

Current statistics do not exist on cash receipts for Virginia horses, but a study prepared by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, University of Virginia, in 2010 found that the horse industry in Virginia has an annual economic impact of \$1.2 billion. The industry generated more than 16,000 jobs that year and nearly 1,200 horse events generated \$25 million in revenue.



Virginia Farm Facts

Virginia has more than 46,000 farms.

The typical Virginia farmer is 58.2 years old. Nearly 30 percent of farmers are 65 years of age or older.

The average farm size is 171 acres and has assets worth more than \$1 million.

Farms cover 7.9 million acres, or 32 percent of Virginia's total land area.

Approximately 14 percent of Virginia's primary farm operators are female.

The average market value of an acre of Virginia farmland is \$5,900.

About 90 percent of Virginia farms are owned and operated by individuals or families.

About 25 percent of Virginia farms share the farm income with multiple households.

The U.S. farmer of today produces enough food and fiber for approximately 155 people.

Less than 16¢ of every consumer dollar spent on food actually goes to the farmer.

Source: USDA census and survey data



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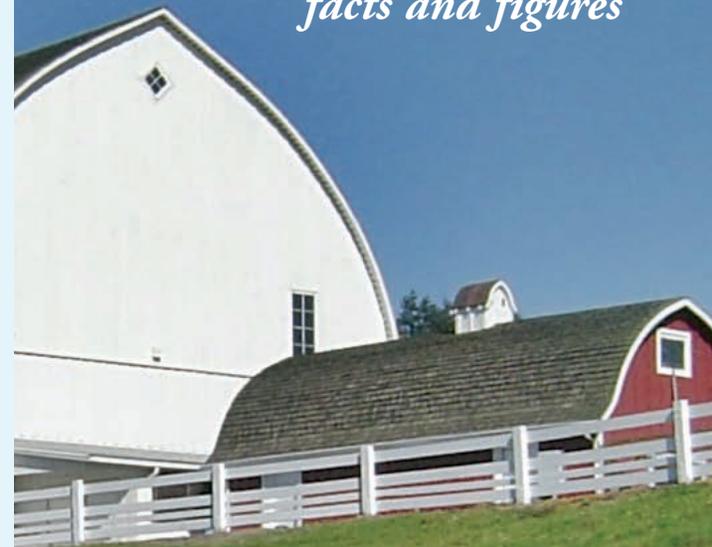
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Economic Impact of Agriculture in Virginia

Agriculture is Virginia's largest industry by far, with nothing else coming a close second. **The industry has an economic impact of \$55 billion annually and provides more than 357,000 jobs in the Commonwealth.**

The industries of agriculture and forestry together have a total economic impact of \$79 billion and provide more than 500,000 jobs in the Commonwealth. Every job in agriculture and forestry supports 1.5 jobs elsewhere in Virginia's economy.



Production agriculture employs nearly 60,000 farmers and workers in Virginia and generates approximately \$2.9 billion in total output. Value-added industries, those



that depend on farm commodities, employ an additional 76,000 workers and generate \$26 billion in total industrial output. Agriculture-related industries contribute an additional 221,000 jobs and nearly \$26 billion in total output.

In addition to its tangible benefits such as cash receipts and jobs, agriculture provides many intangible benefits. These include recreation, tourism, wildlife habitat, biodiversity, flood mitigation, improved water quality and soil stabilization.

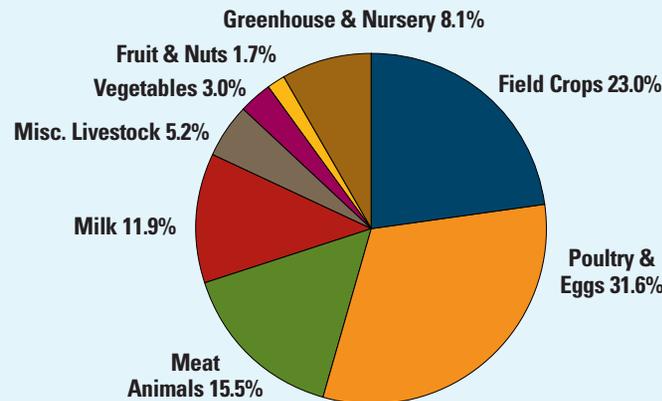
Source: The Economic Impact of Agriculture and Forestry on the Commonwealth of Virginia, Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, University of Virginia, 2008



Diversity of Virginia Agriculture

Virginia's agricultural production is one of the most diverse in the nation. **Many Virginia commodities and products rank in the top 10 among all U.S. states.** These include leaf tobacco, 4th; fresh market tomatoes, summer potatoes, number of wineries and acreage for wine grapes 5th; apples 6th; grapes 7th; peanuts, 8th and fresh market cucumbers, 10th. Livestock rankings based on number of head include turkeys, 5th in the nation, and broilers, 10th.

The exceptional diversity of Virginia agriculture is reflected in this chart showing the distribution of cash receipts for the state's many and varied commodities.



Source: 2012 National Agricultural Statistics Service data except number of wineries, US Bureau of Tax and Tobacco

Virginia Agriculture in the Global Marketplace

In 2012 Virginia set another record for agriculture and forestry exports with a total value of \$2.6 billion. This represents a nearly twelve percent increase over the record set in 2011.

Virginia's top three export markets in 2012 were the same as 2011 but in different order. China is now number one, followed by Canada and Morocco. Exports to China totaled more than \$638 million in 2012, up from \$304 million in 2011. Agricultural exports to China have increased by almost 230 percent since 2010. Canada holds the second spot with exports of more than \$205 million in 2012. Morocco is now third with approximately \$139 million in goods purchased; it was first last year.



The foreign markets purchasing Virginia's agricultural exports represent a diverse portfolio of established and emerging economies.

Source: Global Trade Information Services, Inc.