

Virginia Agriculture Facts

Top 10 Commodities by Cash Receipts

Rank	Commodity	2014 Cash Receipts in Millions of Dollars
1	Broilers	918
2	Cattle/Calves	714
3	Milk	478
4	Turkeys	326
5	Greenhouse/Nursery	298
6	Soybeans	259
7	Corn, Grain	219
8	All Other Animals*	216
9	Hay	119
10	Tobacco (Leaf)	117

*includes horses, aquaculture and all other livestock

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Commodity		Rank in US
Tobacco, Dark Fire	575,000 lbs	3
Christmas Trees**	-	3
Apples	195,200,000 lbs	5
Summer potatoes	1,034,000 cwt	5
Turkeys	17,000,000 head	6
Hay, Other	2,420,000 tons	8
Peanuts	69,350,000 lbs	8
Grapes	9,000 tons	8
Goats, meat and other	47,000 head	8
Snap beans, fresh	65,000 cwt	9
Tomatoes, fresh	620,000 cwt	10
Broilers	262,800,000 head	10

**Christmas tree figures from 2012 Census of Ag. These numbers are only collected in the Census of Ag. every 5 years

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Virginia has 44,700 farms on 8.1 million acres of land, which is 32% of Virginia's total land area.

The typical Virginia farmer is 59.5 years old with 36% being 65 years or older.

The average farm size is 181 acres.

Approximately 17% of Virginia's primary farm operators are women.

Nearly 90% of Virginia farms are owned and operated by individuals or families.

In the 1960s, one farmer supplied food for 25.8 people in the U.S. and abroad. Today, one farmer supplies food for 155 people in the U.S. and abroad.

Less than \$0.16 of every consumer dollar spent on food actually goes to the farmer.