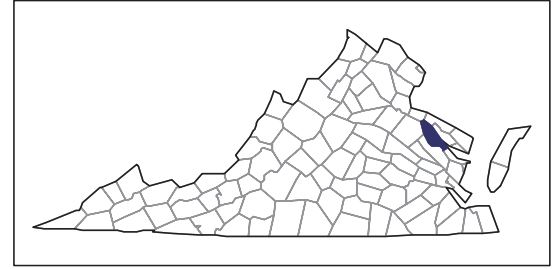


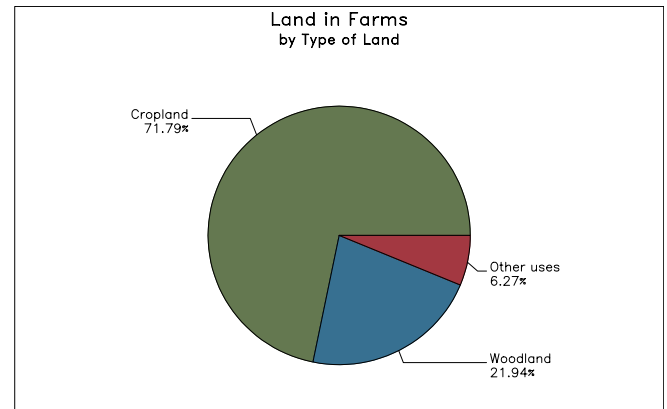
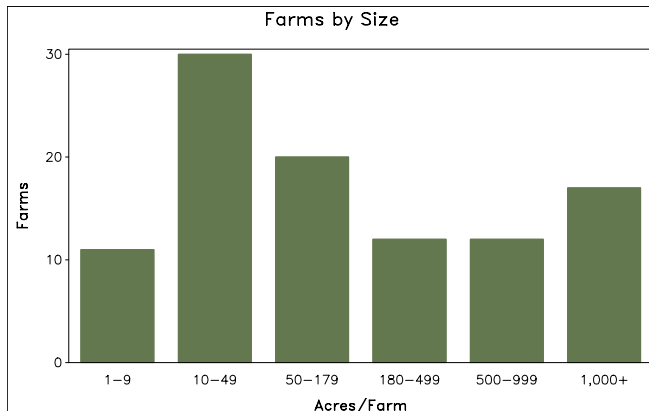
# 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## County Profile



## Essex County Virginia

	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	102	127	- 20
<b>Land in Farms</b>	53,346 acres	58,266 acres	- 8
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	523 acres	459 acres	+ 14
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$9,865,000	\$8,097,000	+ 22
Crop Sales \$9,233,000 (94 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$633,000 (6 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$96,717	\$63,759	+ 52
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$808,000	\$1,025,000	- 21
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$14,687	\$16,278	- 10



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### Essex County – Virginia

#### Ranked items among the 98 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	9,865	64	98	2,603	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,233	27	98	1,911	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	633	86	98	2,950	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	8,857	9	97	1,283	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	34	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	-	-	95	-	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	64	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	1	95	96	2,971	3,020
Cattle and calves	601	70	96	2,743	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	78	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	5	64	86	2,503	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	6	82	95	2,756	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	14	86	94	2,768	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	93	94	2,857	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans for beans	17,414	10	77	880	2,039
Corn for grain	16,338	5	94	1,003	2,634
Wheat for grain, all	9,645	4	81	723	2,481
Barley for grain	2,395	1	64	179	1,154
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,391	78	98	2,827	3,060
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	1,190	80	97	2,887	3,060
Hogs and pigs	259	38	89	1,693	2,958
Goats, all	241	67	97	2,104	3,023
Horses and ponies	128	91	97	2,947	3,066
Layers	107	93	97	2,832	3,024

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	37	Farming	52
\$1,000 to \$2,499	9	Other	50
\$2,500 to \$4,999	8		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	7	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	6	Male	79
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1	Female	23
\$25,000 to \$39,999	2		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	13	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	3	Asian	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	12,937	Black or African American	13
Average per farm (\$)	126,832	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	128
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	29	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	280	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	5

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. <sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.