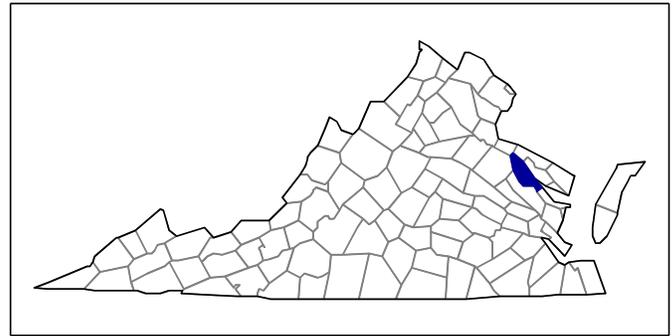




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile



## Essex, Virginia

### Number of farms

127 farms in 2002, 130 farms in 1997, down 2 percent.

### Land in farms

58,266 acres in 2002, 61,708 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

### Average size of farm

459 acres in 2002, 475 acres in 1997, down 3 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$8,097,000 in 2002, \$10,211,000 in 1997, down 21 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$7,712,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$386,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

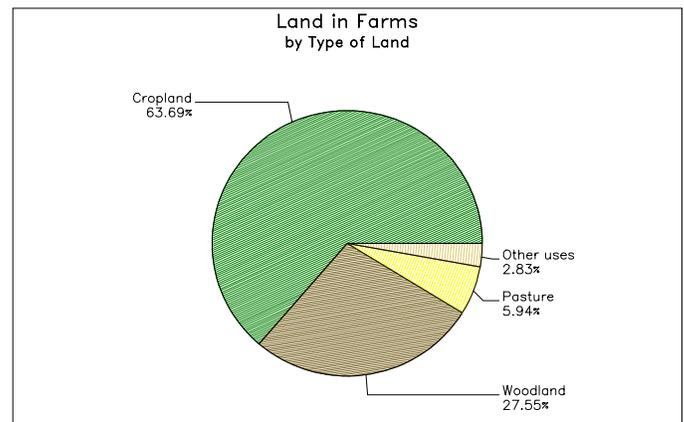
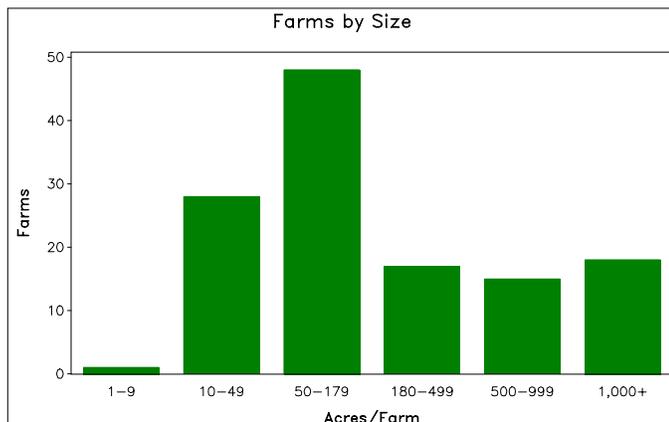
\$63,759 in 2002, \$78,546 in 1997, down 19 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,025,000 in 2002, \$443,000 in 1997, up 131 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$16,278 in 2002, \$6,242 in 1997, up 161 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

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	8,097	62	98	2,590	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	7,712	28	97	1,831	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	386	90	98	2,971	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	6,705	5	95	1,128	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	52	73	95	2,029	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	311	21	93	713	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	609	48	95	1,333	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	76	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	35	92	97	2,943	3,046
Poultry and eggs	-	-	94	-	2,918
Cattle and calves	366	77	97	2,808	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	83	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	2	69	90	2,677	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	6	77	93	2,551	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	12	86	94	2,885	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	87	-	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	1,228	81	97	2,904	3,059
All Goats	233	59	95	1,695	2,971
Layers 20 weeks old and older	93	85	96	2,737	2,983
Horses and ponies	87	91	97	2,977	3,065
Hogs and pigs	74	54	87	2,455	2,926
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Soybeans	17,882	8	79	880	2,076
Corn for grain	14,342	2	96	913	2,592
All Wheat for grain	7,487	5	87	750	2,517
Barley	3,894	2	73	165	1,246
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	749	89	97	2,921	3,059

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	47	Farming	70
\$1,000 to \$2,499	7	Other	57
\$2,500 to \$4,999	5		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	12	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	9	Male	112
\$20,000 to \$24,999	2	Female	15
\$25,000 to \$39,999	8		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2	Average age of principal operator (years)	53.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	19	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7	White	144
\$500,000 or more	2	Black or African American	23
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	8,223	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	64,744	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,410	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	11,106	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	3

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<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.