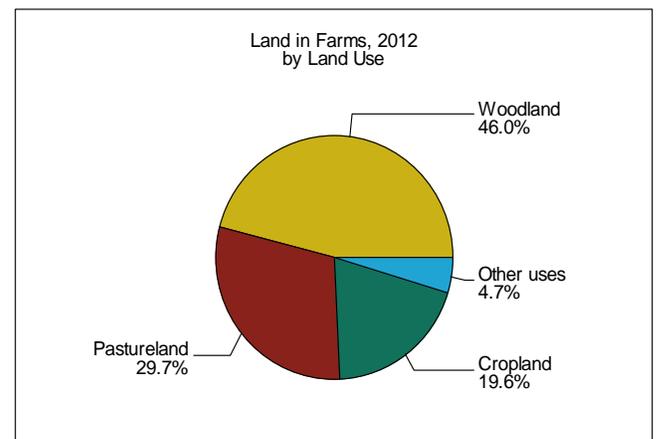
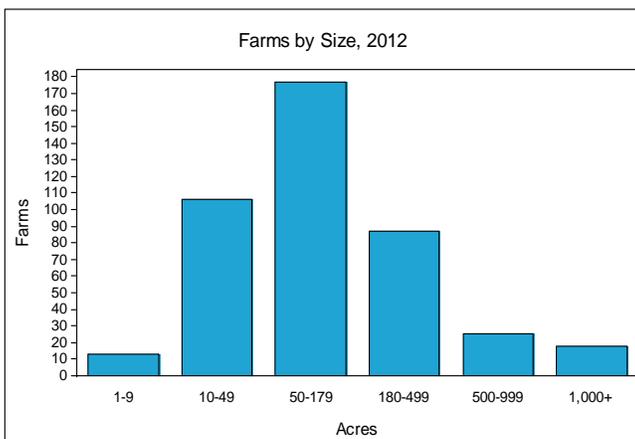


## Amherst County Virginia

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	426	424	0
<b>Land in Farms</b>	98,966 acres	88,430 acres	+ 12
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	232 acres	209 acres	+ 11
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$9,269,000	\$7,645,000	+ 21
Crop Sales \$3,259,000 (35 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$6,009,000 (65 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$21,757	\$18,030	+ 21
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$175,000	\$89,000	+ 97
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,889	\$1,414	+ 175



# 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## COUNTY PROFILE

### Amherst County – Virginia

#### Ranked items among the 98 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	9,269	78	98	2,705	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,259	73	98	2,566	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,009	59	98	2,395	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	75	96	(D)	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	28	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	12	94	97	2,552	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,474	10	96	395	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	68	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	1,023	52	97	1,925	3,049
Poultry and eggs	13	67	97	2,251	3,013
Cattle and calves	5,769	35	97	1,715	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	66	68	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	(D)	84	86	2,806	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	129	39	95	1,624	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	5	72	96	2,442	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	15,014	38	97	1,249	3,057
Apples	(D)	6	84	(D)	2,167
Corn for silage	(D)	(D)	80	(D)	2,237
Corn for grain	(D)	(D)	94	(D)	2,638
Grapes	81	11	81	201	2,144
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	18,760	31	97	1,403	3,063
Layers	1,086	60	97	1,799	3,040
Goats, all	566	34	96	1,105	2,996
Horses and ponies	486	54	97	2,078	3,072
Guineas	206	6	80	182	2,347

#### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	112	Farming	166
\$1,000 to \$2,499	39	Other	260
\$2,500 to \$4,999	51		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	73	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	57	Male	354
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23	Female	72
\$25,000 to \$39,999	28		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	19		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$500,000 or more	3	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	9,874	Black or African American	20
Average per farm (\$)	23,178	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	610
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-80	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	-187	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	4

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

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<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.