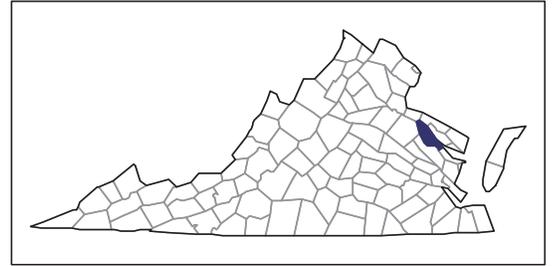


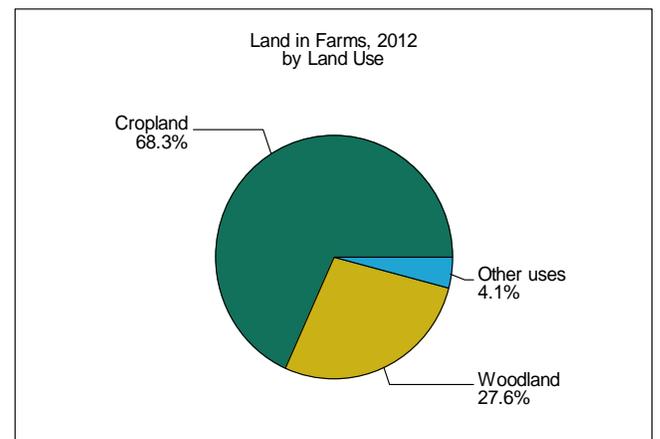
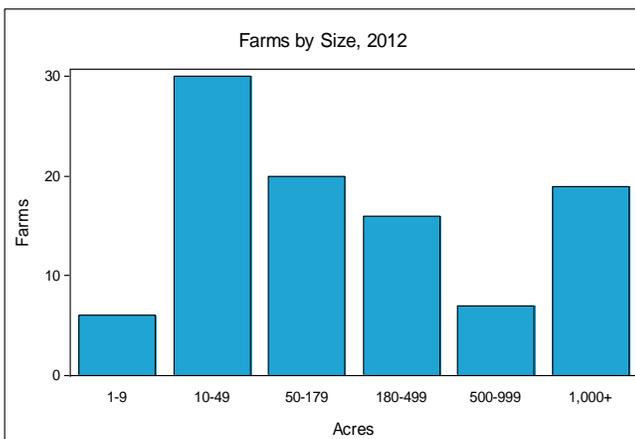
2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

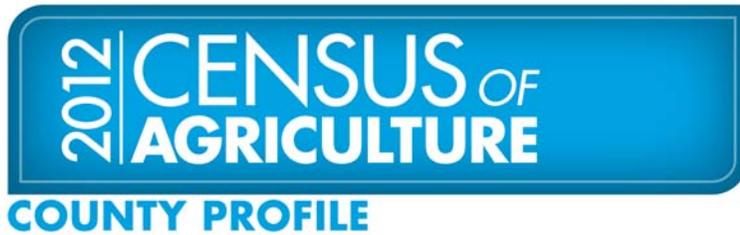
COUNTY PROFILE



Essex County Virginia

	2012	2007	% change
Number of Farms	98	102	- 4
Land in Farms	56,705 acres	53,346 acres	+ 6
Average Size of Farm	579 acres	523 acres	+ 11
Market Value of Products Sold	\$22,777,000	\$9,865,000	+ 131
Crop Sales \$22,434,000 (98 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$343,000 (2 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$232,421	\$96,717	+ 140
Government Payments	\$873,000	\$808,000	+ 8
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$18,570	\$14,687	+ 26





2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

COUNTY PROFILE

Essex County – Virginia

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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	22,777	48	98	2,301	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	22,434	19	98	1,645	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	343	90	98	2,988	3,076
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	22,202	6	96	1,189	2,926
Tobacco	-	-	28	-	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	119	71	95	1,970	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	68	-	1,530
Other crops and hay	59	89	97	2,957	3,049
Poultry and eggs	1	96	97	2,952	3,013
Cattle and calves	300	78	97	2,871	3,056
Milk from cows	-	-	68	-	2,038
Hogs and pigs	1	82	86	2,759	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	95	95	(D)	3,011
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,924
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	19,254	8	80	932	2,162
Corn for grain	15,976	3	94	1,041	2,638
Wheat for grain, all	8,702	6	84	730	2,537
Winter wheat for grain	8,702	6	84	643	2,480
Barley for grain	2,231	3	64	196	1,158
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	924	77	97	2,887	3,063
Horses and ponies	102	90	97	2,953	3,072
Hogs and pigs	84	52	89	2,096	2,889
Goats, all	77	83	96	2,640	2,996
Alpacas	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	1,691

Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	34	Farming	43
\$1,000 to \$2,499	7	Other	55
\$2,500 to \$4,999	2	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	11	Male	76
\$10,000 to \$19,999	5	Female	22
\$20,000 to \$24,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	5	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	-	American Indian or Alaska Native	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2	Asian	2
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11	Black or African American	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	15	White	125
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	21,713	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	221,561	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	3
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,513		
Average per farm (\$)	56,256		

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.

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