



# Bedford County Virginia

## Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

|                                  | 2022        | % change since 2017 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Number of farms                  | 1,183       | -17                 |
| Land in farms (acres)            | 183,200     | -13                 |
| Average size of farm (acres)     | 155         | +4                  |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>(\$)</b> |                     |
| Market value of products sold    | 29,262,000  | +11                 |
| Government payments              | 3,724,000   | +466                |
| Farm-related income              | 3,702,000   | +22                 |
| Total farm production expenses   | 34,174,000  | +9                  |
| Net cash farm income             | 2,514,000   | +315                |
| <b>Per farm average</b>          | <b>(\$)</b> |                     |
| Market value of products sold    | 24,735      | +33                 |
| Government payments <sup>a</sup> | 19,001      | +325                |
| Farm-related income <sup>a</sup> | 7,894       | +32                 |
| Total farm production expenses   | 28,887      | +31                 |
| Net cash farm income             | 2,125       | +358                |

**1** Percent of state agriculture sales

### Share of Sales by Type (%)

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Crops                            | 42 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 58 |

### Land in Farms by Use (acres)

|             |        |
|-------------|--------|
| Cropland    | 57,623 |
| Pastureland | 64,328 |
| Woodland    | 52,792 |
| Other       | 8,457  |

Acres irrigated: 81

(Z)% of land in farms

### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| No till        | 7 |
| Reduced till   | 4 |
| Intensive till | 3 |
| Cover crop     | 7 |

## Farms by Value of Sales

|                      | Number | Percent of Total <sup>b</sup> |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$2,500    | 397    | 34                            |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999   | 172    | 15                            |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999   | 185    | 16                            |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 190    | 16                            |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 125    | 11                            |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 65     | 5                             |
| \$100,000 or more    | 49     | 4                             |

## Farms by Size

|                  | Number | Percent of Total <sup>b</sup> |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1 to 9 acres     | 85     | 7                             |
| 10 to 49 acres   | 337    | 28                            |
| 50 to 179 acres  | 482    | 41                            |
| 180 to 499 acres | 213    | 18                            |
| 500 to 999 acres | 44     | 4                             |
| 1,000+ acres     | 22     | 2                             |

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

|   | Sales<br>(\$1,000) | Rank<br>in<br>State <sup>c</sup> | Counties<br>Producing<br>Item | Rank<br>in<br>U.S. <sup>c</sup> | Counties<br>Producing<br>Item |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>29,262</b>      | <b>48</b>                        | <b>98</b>                     | <b>2,292</b>                    | <b>3,078</b>                  |
| <b>Crops</b>  | <b>12,239</b>      | <b>44</b>                        | <b>97</b>                     | <b>2,095</b>                    | <b>3,074</b>                  |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas                     | 2,608              | 61                               | 97                            | 1,979                           | 2,917                         |
| Tobacco   | -                  | -                                | 25                            | -                               | 267                           |
| Cotton and cottonseed                                     | -                  | -                                | 12                            | -                               | 647                           |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes              | 122                | 72                               | 96                            | 1,667                           | 2,831                         |
| Fruits, tree nuts, berries                                | 1,206              | 21                               | 94                            | 538                             | 2,711                         |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod                    | 2,819              | 28                               | 95                            | 628                             | 2,660                         |
| Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation<br>woody crops | 38                 | 23                               | 54                            | 423                             | 1,274                         |
| Other crops and hay                                       | 5,446              | 7                                | 96                            | 632                             | 3,035                         |
| <b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>                   | <b>17,023</b>      | <b>37</b>                        | <b>98</b>                     | <b>1,854</b>                    | <b>3,076</b>                  |
| Poultry and eggs  | 220                | 36                               | 97                            | 1,079                           | 3,027                         |
| Cattle and calves   | 14,309             | 13                               | 96                            | 1,048                           | 3,047                         |
| Milk from cows  | (D)                | 27                               | 57                            | (D)                             | 1,770                         |
| Hogs and pigs   | (D)                | (D)                              | 91                            | (D)                             | 2,814                         |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk                          | 115                | 32                               | 93                            | 1,343                           | 2,967                         |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys                    | 847                | 8                                | 86                            | 334                             | 2,907                         |
| Aquaculture   | (D)                | 32                               | 38                            | (D)                             | 1,190                         |
| Other animals and animal products                         | 91                 | 27                               | 91                            | 998                             | 2,909                         |

|                                  |              |                               |   |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Producers <sup>d</sup></b>    | <b>2,007</b> | <b>Percent of farms that:</b> | <b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>e</sup></b>    |
| <b>Sex</b>                       |              | Have internet access          | Forage (hay/haylage), all                 |
| Male                             | 1,258        | <b>78</b>                     | 44,520                                    |
| Female                           | 749          |                               | Corn for grain                            |
| <b>Age</b>                       |              | Farm organically              | 1,475                                     |
| <35                              | 116          | <b>(Z)</b>                    | Wheat for grain, all                      |
| 35 – 64                          | 1,021        |                               | 1,153                                     |
| 65 and older                     | 870          |                               | Soybeans for beans                        |
| <b>Race</b>                      |              | Sell directly to consumers    | 942                                       |
| American Indian/Alaska Native    | 5            | <b>7</b>                      | Corn for silage/greenchop                 |
| Asian                            | 6            |                               | 549                                       |
| Black or African American        | 27           |                               | <b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)</b> |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 4            | Hire farm labor               | Broilers and other<br>meat-type chickens  |
| White                            | 1,933        | <b>17</b>                     | 536                                       |
| More than one race               | 32           |                               | Cattle and calves                         |
| <b>Other characteristics</b>     |              | Are family farms              | 38,626                                    |
| Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin | 22           | <b>96</b>                     | Goats                                     |
| With military service            | 258          |                               | 1,037                                     |
| New and beginning farmers        | 662          |                               | Hogs and pigs                             |
|                                  |              |                               | 267                                       |
|                                  |              |                               | Horses and ponies                         |
|                                  |              |                               | 1,542                                     |
|                                  |              |                               | Layers                                    |
|                                  |              |                               | 5,634                                     |
|                                  |              |                               | Pullets                                   |
|                                  |              |                               | 422                                       |
|                                  |              |                               | Sheep and lambs                           |
|                                  |              |                               | 507                                       |
|                                  |              |                               | Turkeys                                   |
|                                  |              |                               | 110                                       |

<sup>a</sup> Average per farm receiving. <sup>b</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>c</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>d</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. <sup>e</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>f</sup> Position below the line does not indicate rank. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.