Nelson County
Virginia

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	399	-2
Land in farms (acres)	68,566	+1
Average size of farm (acres)	172	+4
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	34,486,000	+29
Government payments	869,000	+637
Farm-related income	3,923,000	+4
Total farm production expenses	37,548,000	+44
Net cash farm income	1,730,000	-62
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	86,431	+32
Government payments [a]	37,768	+1086
Farm-related income [a]	32,425	+29
Total farm production expenses	94,105	+48
Net cash farm income	4,336	-61

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	87
Livestock, poultry, and products	13

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	21,847
Pastureland	16,489
Woodland	22,517
Other	7,713

Acres irrigated: 818

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	10
Reduced till	6
Intensive till	6
Cover crop	5

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [b]
Less than $2,500	118	30
$2,500 to $4,999	43	11
$5,000 to $9,999	78	20
$10,000 to $24,999	74	19
$25,000 to $49,999	36	9
$50,000 to $99,999	19	5
$100,000 or more	31	8

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [b]
1 to 9 acres	38	10
10 to 49 acres	100	25
50 to 179 acres	149	37
180 to 499 acres	84	21
500 to 999 acres	23	6
1,000+ acres	5	1

2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales ($1,000)	Rank in State [c]	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. [c]	Counties Producing Item
Total	**34,486**	**40**	**98**	**2,177**	**3,078**
Crops	**29,944**	**24**	**97**	**1,591**	**3,074**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	1,434	68	97	2,104	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	25	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	12	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	9,943	4	94	171	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	5	95	(D)	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	77	15	54	341	1,274
Other crops and hay	1,606	44	96	1,652	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	**4,541**	**64**	**98**	**2,477**	**3,076**
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	3,027
Cattle and calves	3,775	44	96	1,843	3,047
Milk from cows	-	-	57	-	1,770
Hogs and pigs	41	35	91	1,149	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	55	48	93	1,790	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	62	40	86	1,768	2,907
Aquaculture	(D)	16	38	(D)	1,190
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,909

Producers [d]   714

Sex
Male   445
Female   269

Age
<35   41
35 – 64   332
65 and older   341

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native   1
Asian   10
Black or African American   8
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander   3
White   691
More than one race   1

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin   10
With military service   92
New and beginning farmers   206

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **80**

Farm organically **-**

Sell directly to consumers **16**

Hire farm labor **36**

Are family farms **95**

Top Crops in Acres [e]

Forage (hay/haylage), all	14,906
Corn for grain	1,247
Apples	633
Grapes	454
Soybeans for beans	440

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	10,825
Goats	317
Hogs and pigs	14
Horses and ponies	248
Layers	1,461
Pullets	71
Sheep and lambs	605
Turkeys	38

[a] Average per farm receiving. [b] May not add to 100% due to rounding. [c] Among counties whose rank can be displayed. [d] Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. [e] Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. [f] 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.