# Agricultural Census Use-value Assessment Program

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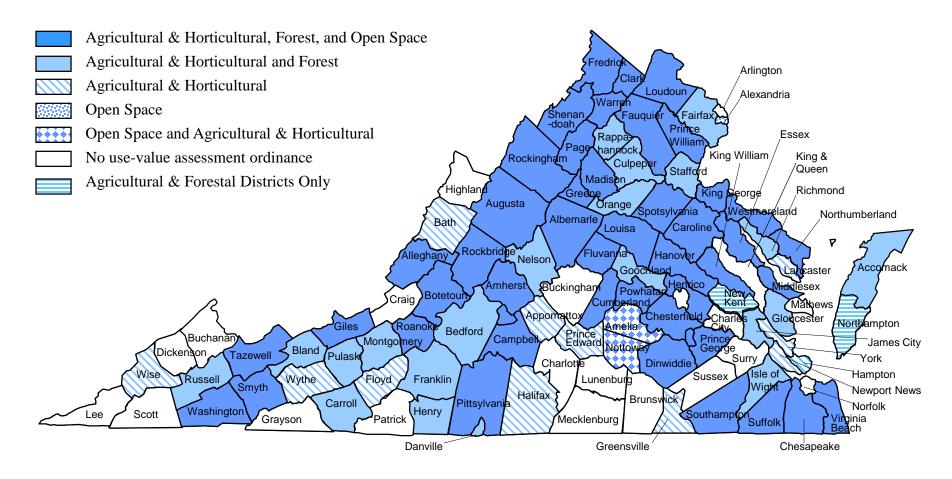
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#### **Outline**

- Updates: Model
- Agricultural Census
- Discussion

#### TY2020: Counties/Cities\* with usevalue assessment ordinances



<sup>\*</sup> Counties/Cities are identified from annual use-value reports and may differ from actual implementation. Contact government officials in each county/city for the current use-value implementation. Not all participating cities are identified on this map.

#### **Updates: Model**

- New composite farms/acreages for each county based on 2017 Ag Census
- Machinery Tax included as variable cost in net return calculations (10 counties)
- Four new primary crops added to model (grain sorghum, lima beans, cucumbers, cabbage)
- TY2019- Forward: Long term interest rate is 7 yr straight average (previously 10 yr straight average)

# **Essex County Composite Farm**

Essex	County				
	2012Census	2017Census	2012Census	2017Census	Change (-) Decrease
	Crop Acres	Crop Acres	CF Acres <sup>1</sup>	CF Acres <sup>1</sup>	
#Farms	98	88			-10
Alfalfa <sup>2</sup>		67		1	1
Barley	2231	1270	23	14	-9
Cabbage					
Corn <sup>3</sup>	15976	16994	163	193	30
Cotton					
Cucumbers		(D)			
Hay <sup>4</sup>	492	649	5	7	2
Lima Beans		(D)			
Pasture <sup>5</sup>	1390	1255	14	14	
Peanuts					
Potatoes	(D)				
Pumpkins		(D)			
Snap Beans	2	(D)			
Sorghum					
Soybeans	19254	20043	196	228	32
Sweet Corn	(D)	(D)			
Tobacco					
Tomatoes	2	(D)			
Watermelons	(D)	(D)			
Wheat	8702	7829	89	89	
Double-	10969	9099	112	103	-9
cropped <sup>6</sup> (-)					
Total	37,080	39,008	378	443	65

(D) = Data withheld to avoid disclosing data of individual farms.

(Z) = Less than half of the unit shown.

- = Represents or not reported

Note: Publication w/ all jurisdictions on Use-

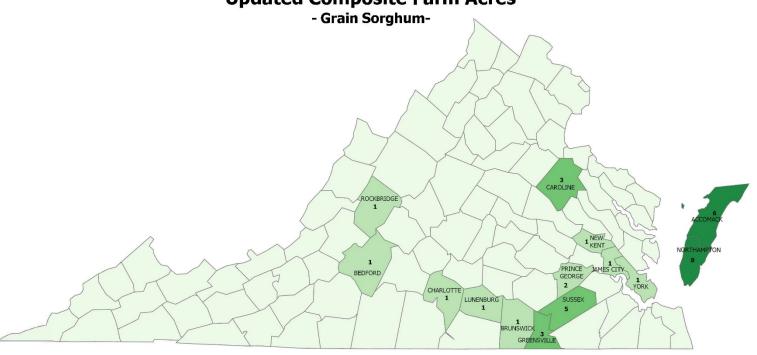
Value website...Big losses in Barley,

Wheat... Counties with big changes: Fluvanna,

Richmond, Greene, Caroline

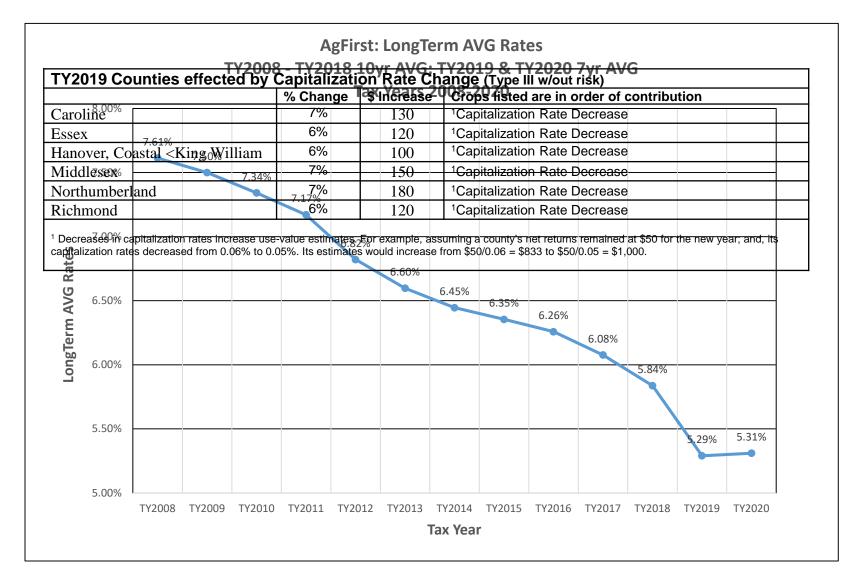
### **New Primary Crops**

#### **2017 Agricultural Census Updated Composite Farm Acres**



No. of Counties:

#### **Federal Land Bank Rates**



#### **Agricultural Census**

- Released April 11, 2019. Originally scheduled for February 2019, but postponed due to the lapse in federal funding early in the year
- For 2017 Census, NASS changed demographic questions to better represent the roles of all the people involved in farm's decision making
- Census shows new data that can be compared to previous censuses for insights into trends and changes down to the county level
- Quick Stats or
- Census Data Query Tool (CDQT)

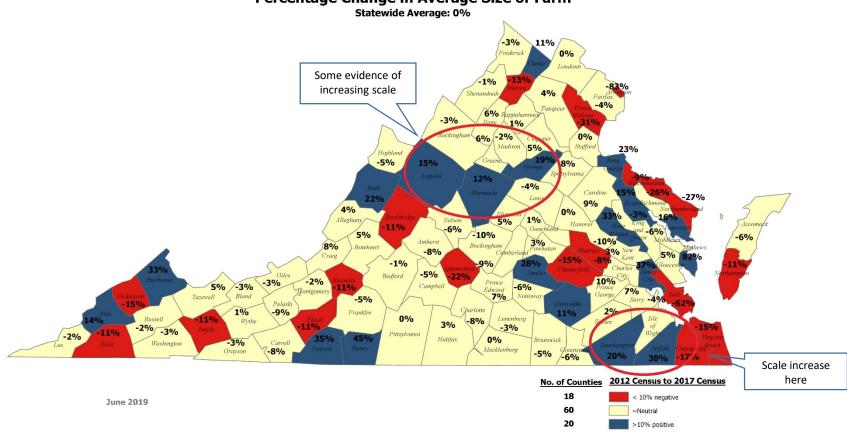
# Agricultural Census (VA)

Year	<b>Number of Farms</b>	<b>Acres of Farm Land</b>
2017	43,225	7,797,979
2012	46,030	8,302,444
2007	47,383	8,103,925
2002	47,606	8,624,829
1997	49,366	8,753,625

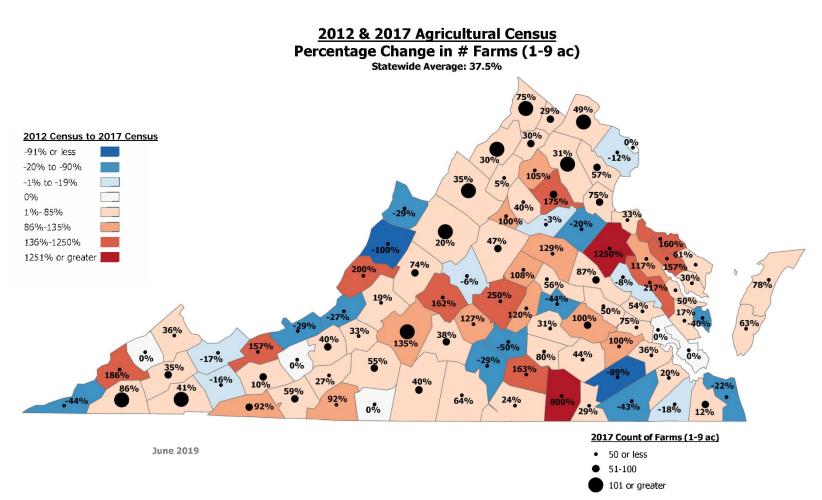
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#### 2012 & 2017 Agricultural Census





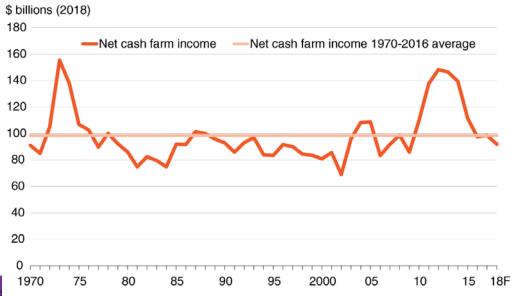
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National average in small farms (1-9 acres) is +22%, VA is +37% Potential increase in eligible landowners for land use taxation in N and NW

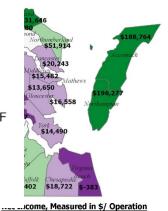
#### **Profits?**

#### Net cash farm income forecast to fall below 1970-2016 average level



Note: F= Forecast. The GDP chain-type price index is used to allow purchasing power comparisons over time, converting the nominal (current-dollar) statistics to real (inflation-adjusted) amounts (2018=100).

Source: USDA, Economic Research Service, Farm Income and Wealth Statistics. Data as of July 17, 2018.



Less than \$0

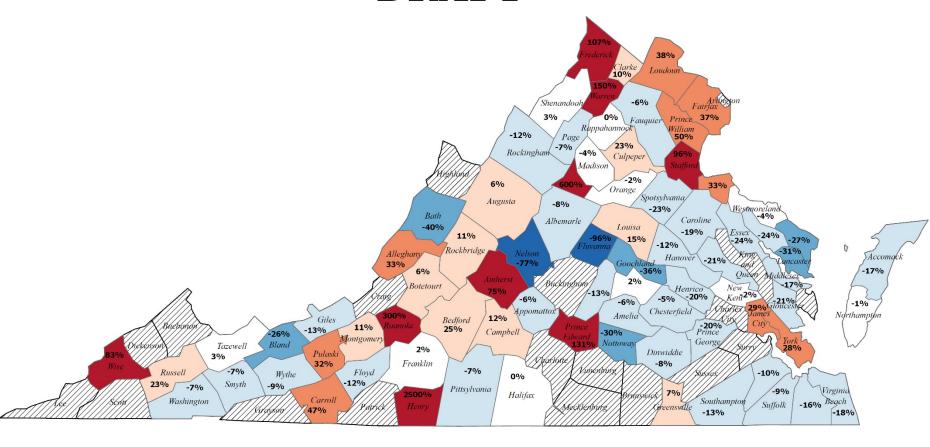
\$0-25K \$25-50K \$50K 100K

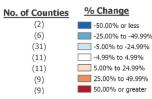
June 2019

Wise \$1,078

\$762

# Comparison of TY2020 Values to TY2019 Values Class III Land w/out Risk -DRAFT-





# Thanks! & Discussion & Questions?

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