

50-Mile Meal

July 25, 2018

The Coach House at Hanover Tavern

**Agriculture in
Hanover County, Virginia!**



**Thank you for joining us,
Let's celebrate!**



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SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

We work with the people who work the land.

600 Farms

94,297 acres

Average size: 226 acres

**Typical age of farmer: 59.5
years old**

**Total value of agriculture
products sold:
\$55,272, 000**

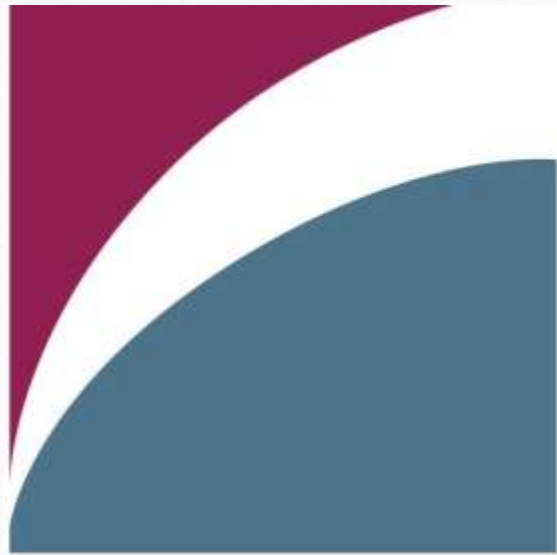
2012 Census of agriculture

Hanover County Virginia



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- Credible network of experts and educators who provide information, education, and tools the public can use every day to improve life



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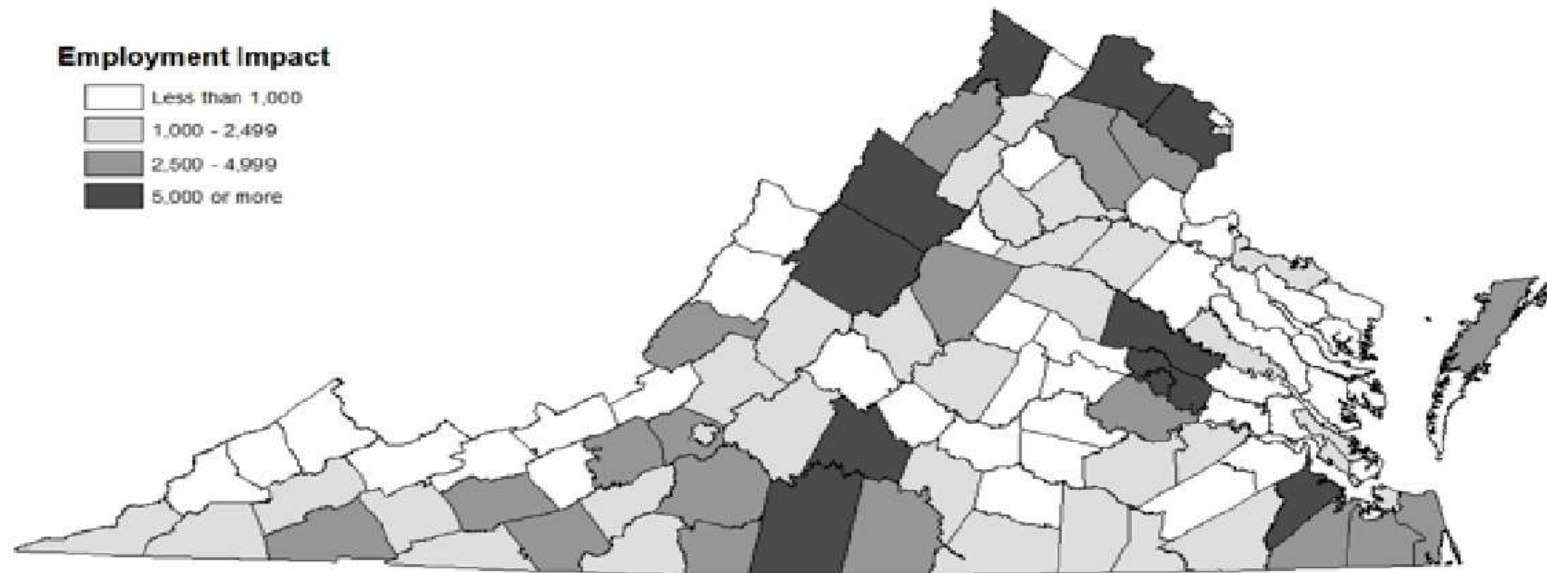
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Extension Program Areas

- Agricultural and Natural Resources (ANR)
- 4-H
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Community Viability

Agriculture and Forestry-Related Industry Employment Impact by Locality, 2015



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Engel Family Farm

soybeans, wheat and
barley

Engel Family Farms is based in Hanover County. It now includes 17 Virginia counties and has sales that extend to Japan, China and India, and ports in Morocco and Eastern Europe.



La Bella Vita Bakery

They are a family owned and operated business located in Ashland, Virginia. Many of the recipes and formulas they work with have been passed down over generations.



Graf Family Imagine Farm

Rebecca
and Eddie
Graf



Hanover Peaches: Brian Campbell





Whispering Springs Farm

They are a farmstead raising dairy goats and pasture raised, non GMO, hormone and antibiotic-free jersey beef. Our goat's milk soap and sugar scrubs are made with all natural essential oils.

Quail Hill Orchard: Charles Mayes



C & B Bros: Brandon and Connor Watson



Nancy's Garden

Four and a half acre conservation and garden area just outside Ashland. After five years of restoring soil health through organic amendments, cover crops, and developing relationships with people in the nearby subdivision to incorporate their leaves, the soil is becoming richer, earthworms are returning, and healthy plants are becoming strong enough to resist disease



A 3rd generation family farm located in western Hanover County, VA.

Established in 1951 – we specialize in Grass-Fed Beef, Pasture Raised Pork, Free Range Poultry, Eggs, and specialty Non-GMO grains.



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Hanover Farm

the Rice Family



AgriBerry: Anne Geyer



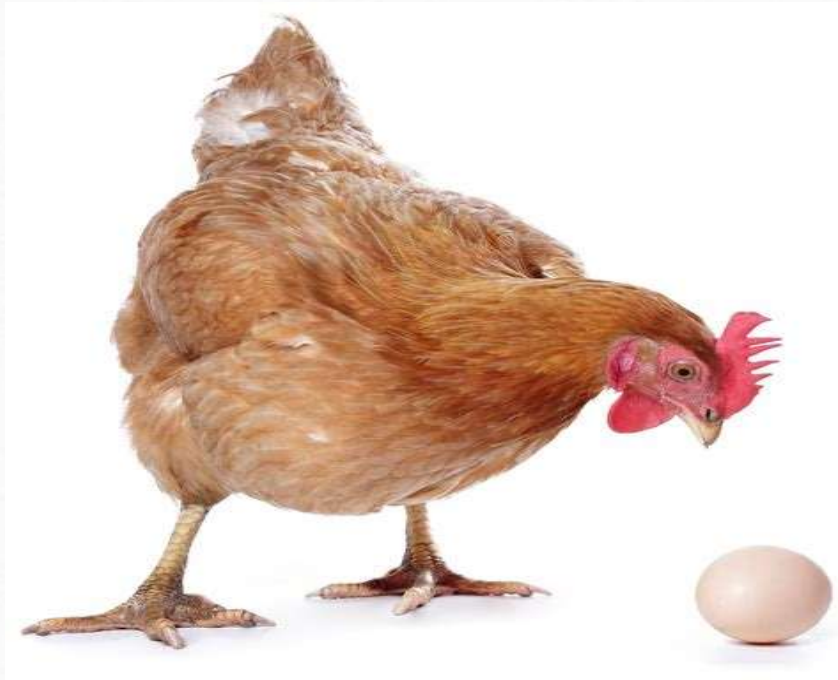


Kirby Farms

- Established in 1907 -

- A FOURTH GENERATION FARMER, Kevin Kirby's love of the land is so deeply ingrained that it was likely inherited. From a young age, he always knew he wanted to work outdoors. He grew up on the 108 year old farm in Hanover County where he learned the family trade from his father, also a Mechanicsville native.

Shelly's Hen House: Shelly Underwood





- Eastview Farm is a recipient of the Virginia's Finest Award for the high quality of milk it produces. The operation uses practices such as no-till cropping and a nutrient management plan to conserve resources and protect the environment.

Spring was beautiful!!





A photograph of a heavy rain shower. The rain is falling in thick, vertical streaks, creating a dense curtain of water. The background is a deep, dark blue, and the raindrops are catching the light, appearing as bright, shimmering streaks. The overall scene is somewhat blurry, emphasizing the intensity and volume of the rain. The text is centered over the image in a bold, yellow, serif font.

**And then it rained and rained
and rained and rained...**



Chuck McGhee
couldn't have
predicted the 15 inches
of rain that fell on his
farmland in eastern
Hanover County...
His farm lost about 55
acres of corn ...Now
it's too late to replant.
Times-Dispatch 6-13-18



Early summer brings more
overcast days and rain –
complicating harvest.



Thank you Producers for
supplying our food today and
everyday...



- The typical Virginia farmer is 59.5 years old.
- Thirty-six percent of farmers are 65 years of age or older.
- The average farm size is 181 acres.

- Farms cover 8.1 million acres, or 32 percent of Virginia's total land area of 25.3 million acres.

- Approximately 17 percent of Virginia's primary farm operators are female.

- The market value of Virginia agricultural products sold in 2016 was \$3.32 billion.
- Nearly 90 percent of Virginia farms are owned and operated by individuals or families.
- In the 1960s, one farmer supplied food for 25.8 people in the U.S. and abroad. Today, **one farmer** supplies food for **165 people** in the U.S. and abroad.

- Less than 16 cents of every consumer dollar spent on food actually goes to the farmer

*Source: 2012 USDA Census of Agriculture,
2016 survey data from NASS and the
Economic Research Service (ERS)*

Hanover County has 34 Century Farms

As established in the [Code of Virginia](#), the Virginia Century Farm Program recognizes and honors those farms that have been in operation for at least 100 consecutive years.



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Jamestown 4 H Educational Center



Jamestown 4 H Camp



4 H Clubs

Old Ridge Run



Montpelier Horseketeers



4- H Clubs

- **South Anna**



- **Old Ridge Run**



Silver Stirrups Club



4- H Clubs

Three Rivers Club Volunteers



Three Rivers Members



4- H State Horse Show Lexington



VCE Hanover Volunteer hours exceeded 29,000 including: 4- H adult volunteers, 4- H member volunteers, Master Gardeners, Food Demonstration volunteers, Tree Stewards, Landcare Stewards and Water Stewards, Agriculture Producers, and One-time Occasional Volunteers. The Volunteers combined effort equated to \$ 798,313

Master Gardener Plant Clinics

Tomato Festival



Ashland's Farmer Market



Master Gardener Help Desk



Thank you to the many
businesses that help us
each year.



Thanks to the many locations that loan us
their space for programs





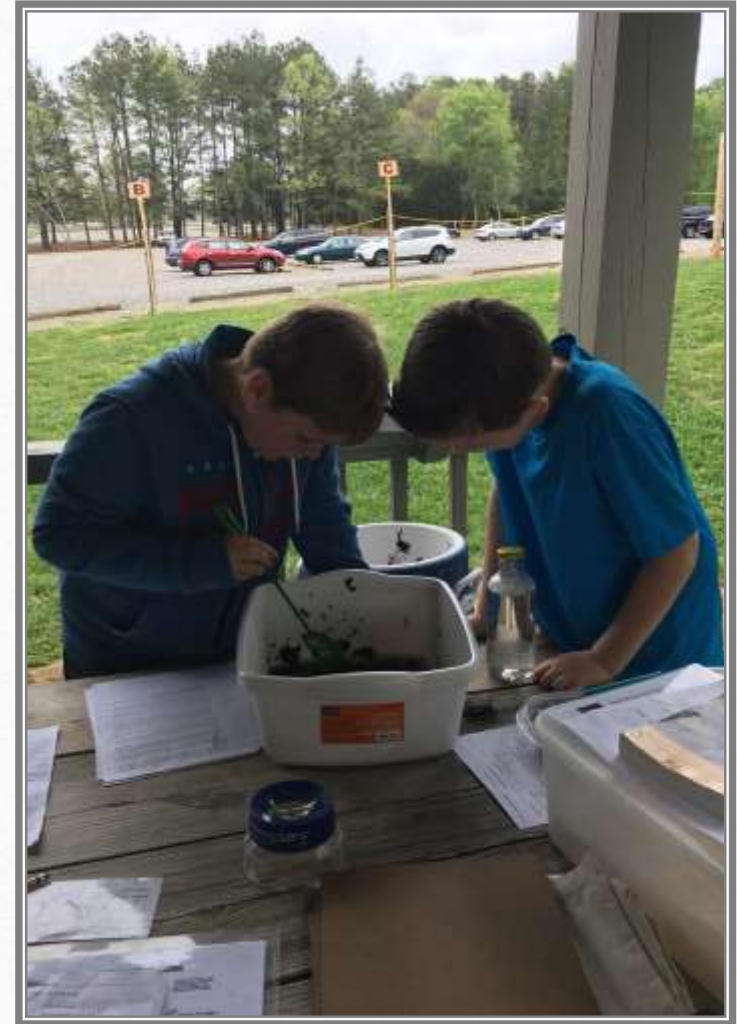
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Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District

Provides citizens technical and
educational information to encourage
the implementation of soil and water
conservation practices.

Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience - MWEE

All Hanover and Caroline
Elementary School sixth
graders attend



Soil and Water and Extension work together with Working Cattle Team of 4- H



Soil and Water Urban Conservation partnership with Covenant Woods



Crop Covers – Warm Season





Cattle fencing/grazing system



**Chickens on
environmental
patrol!**



**VIRGINIA
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Thank you invited guests

Thank you producers
– you touch our lives
everyday!

Thank you County
Administration for valuing
the Agriculture producers of
Hanover and surrounding
counties!



See you next year