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Virginia Agriculture and Resources: By the Numbers

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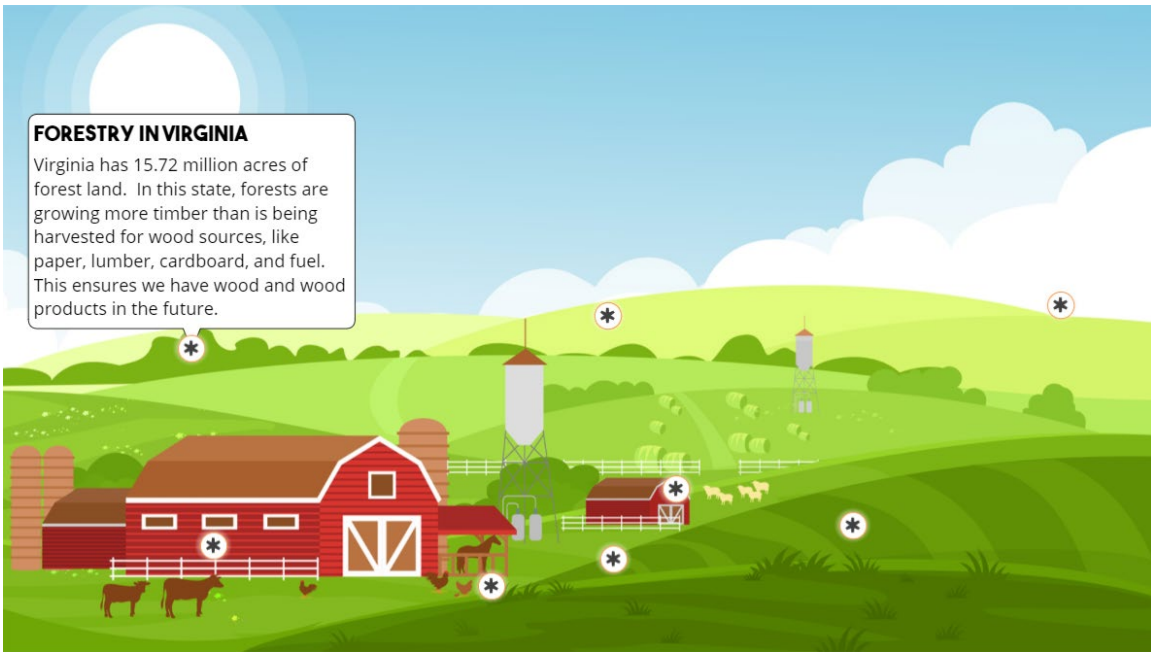
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Forestry in Virginia

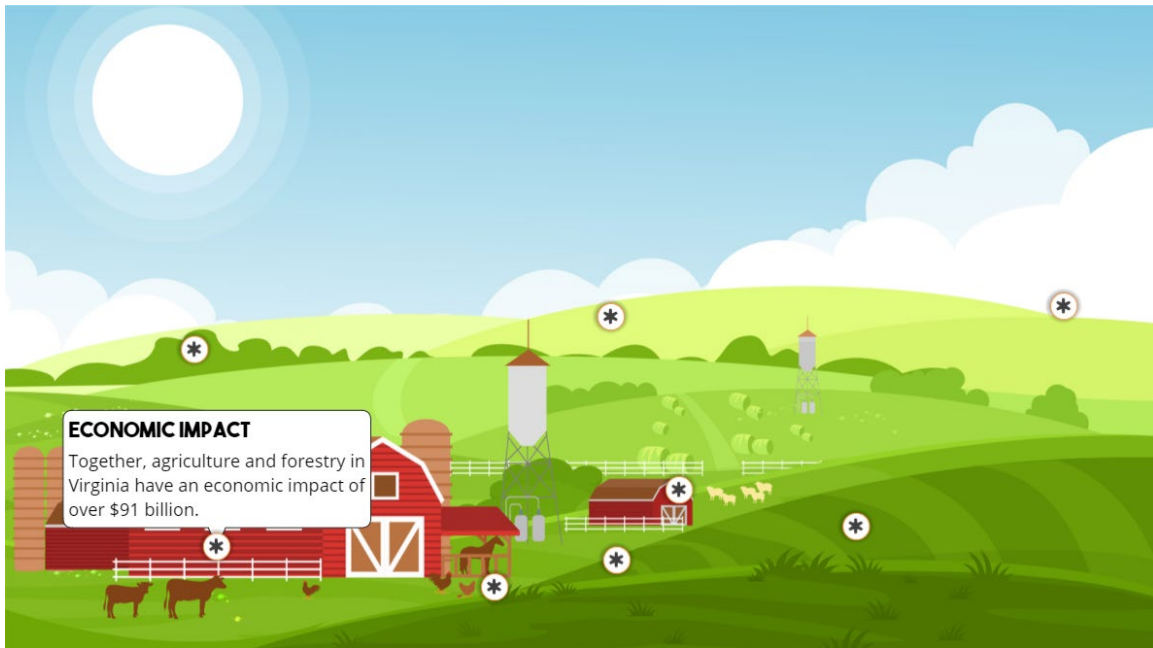


Virginia has 15.72 million acres of forest land. In this state, forests are growing more timber than is being harvested for wood sources, like paper, lumber, cardboard, and fuel. This ensures Virginia has wood and wood products in the future.

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Economic Impact



Together, agriculture and forestry in Virginia have an economic impact of over \$91 billion.

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National Rankings

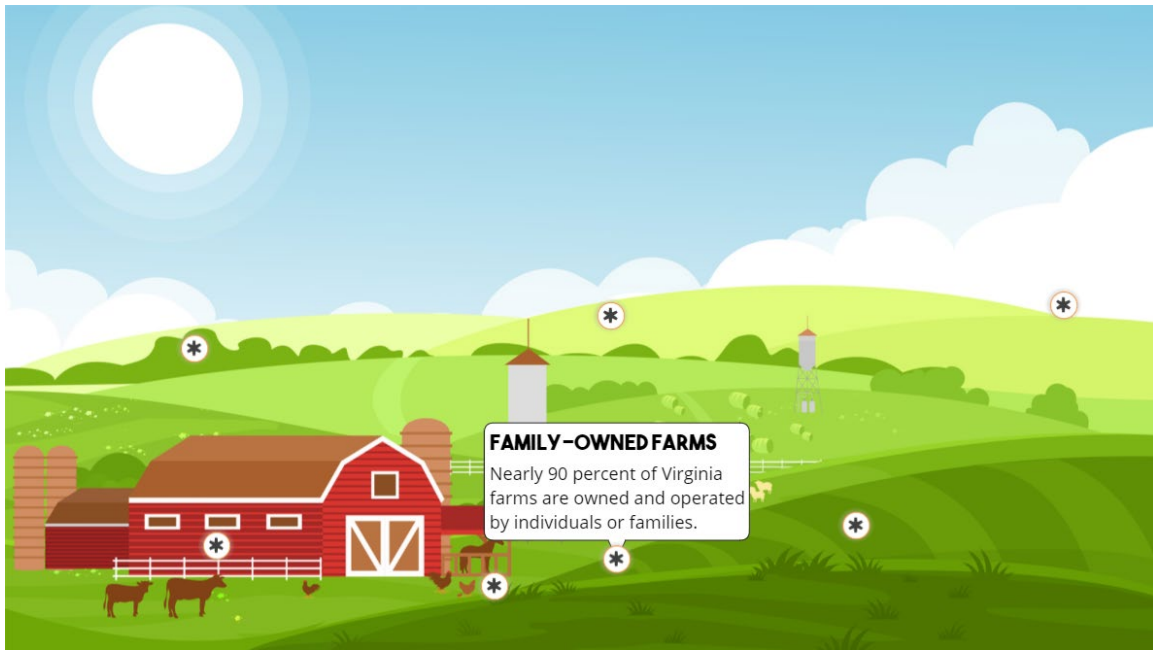


Virginia ranks 6th in the country for turkey production and 8th in the country for apple, grape, and peanut production.

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Family-Owned Farms



Nearly 90 percent of Virginia farms are owned and operated by individuals or families.

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Number of Farms

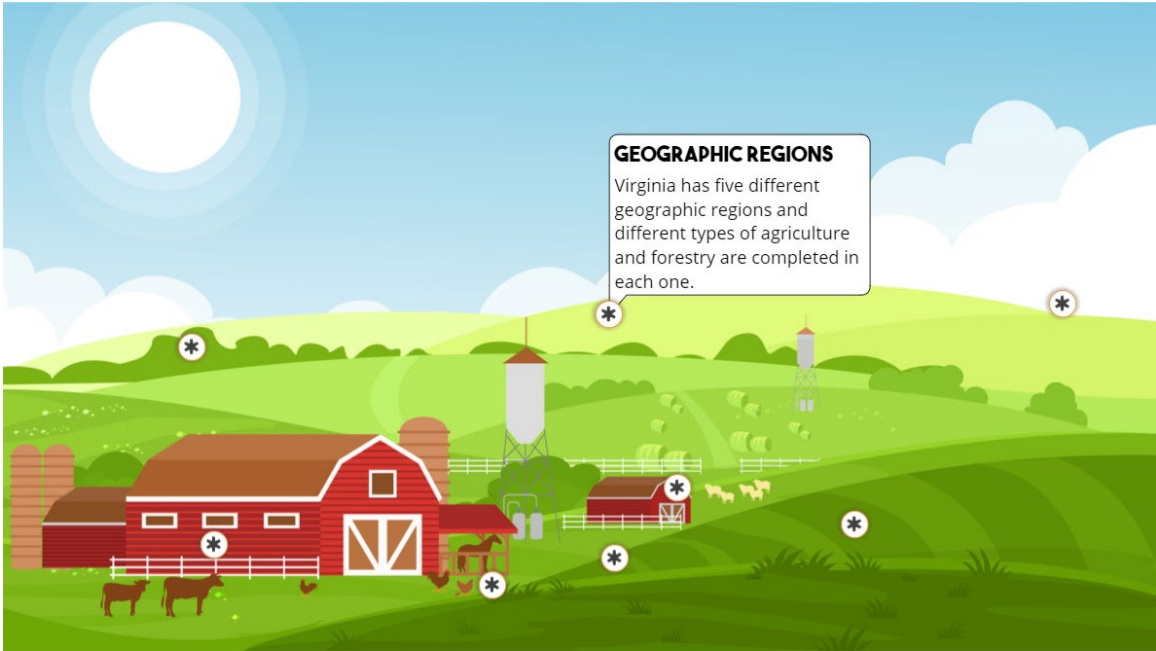


There are roughly 44,800 farms in Virginia.

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Geographic Regions

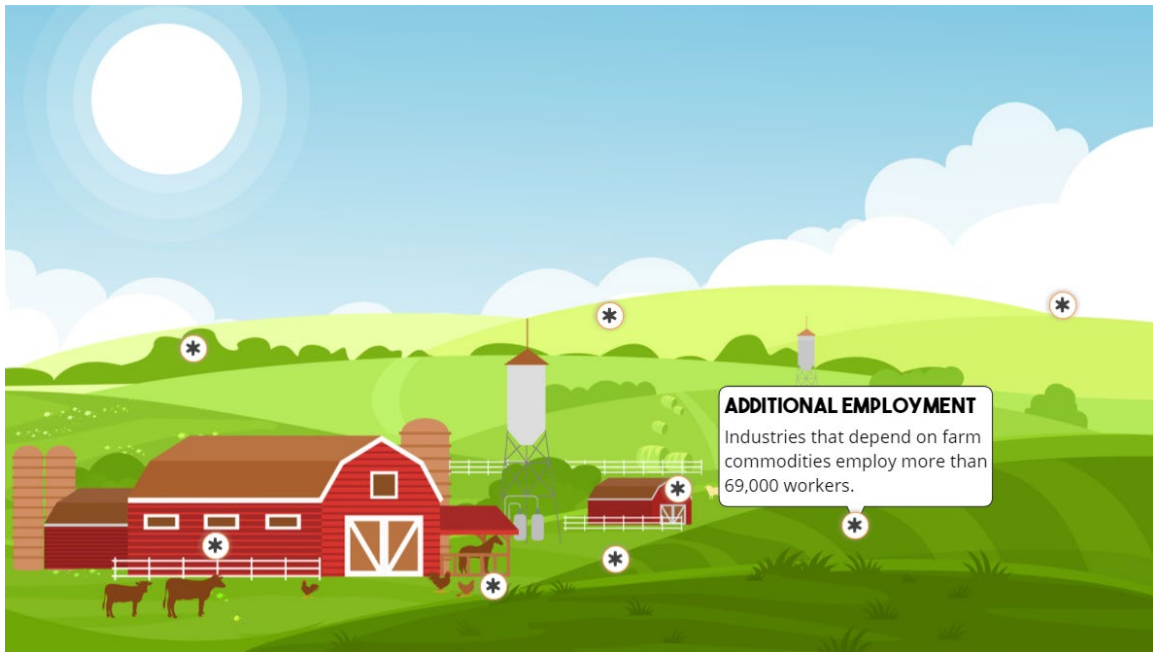


Virginia has five different geographic regions and different types of agriculture and forestry are completed in each one.

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Additional Employment

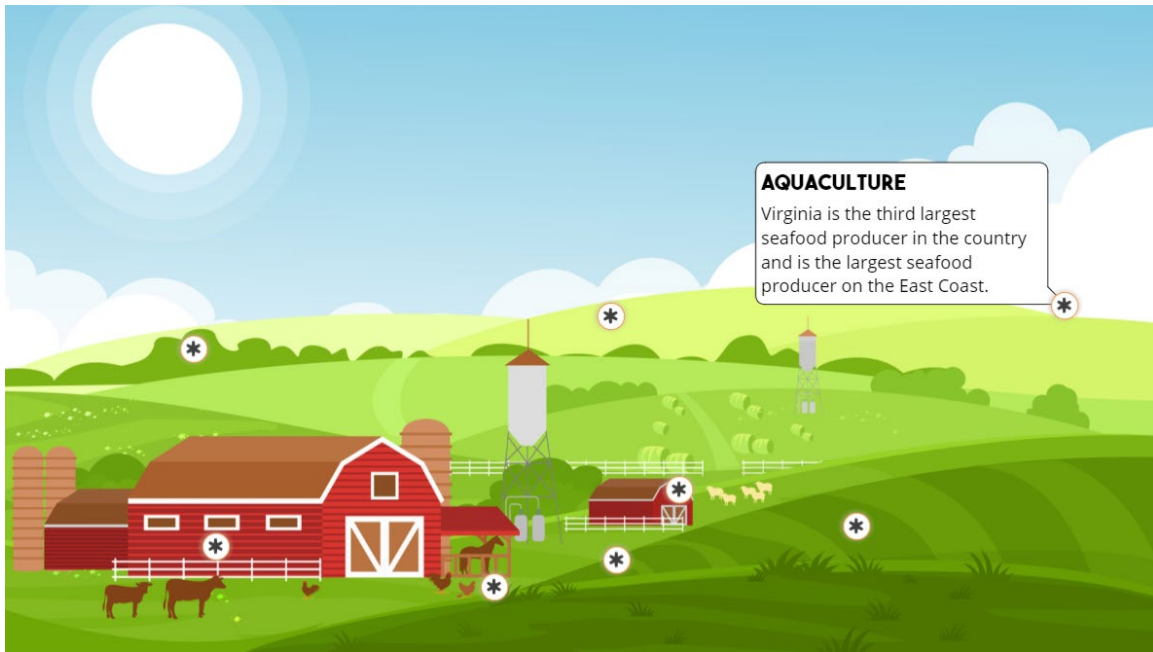


Industries that depend on farm commodities employ more than 69,000 workers.

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Aquaculture



Virginia is the third largest seafood producer in the country and is the largest seafood producer on the East Coast.