

U.S. *Agriculture* Facts

(Virginia and West Virginia Too!)

1 There are *2.1 million farms* in the U.S., and more than **98%** of them are operated by families. In West Virginia, **95%** farms are family-owned, and in Virginia, it is **90%**.

2 Cattle and calves, corn and dairy products are the top 3 U.S. farm products. In Virginia, it is broilers, cattle and calves and turkeys and in West Virginia it is broilers, cattle and calves, and hay.

3 Across all commodities, farmers and ranchers receive about *15 cents* of every dollar spent on food at home and away from home. In 1980, they received *31 cents*.

4 Across the U.S. more than **20%** of all farmers are *beginning farmers* (in business less than 10 years) and **30%** of farm operators are *women*. In Virginia, **17%** of primary farm operators are *female*.

5 About **8%** of U.S. farms market foods *locally*, through direct to consumer or intermediated sales.

6 West Virginia ranks **10th** for *apple* production, **12th** for *trout* production and **14th** for *turkey* production in the U.S. Virginia ranks **3rd** for *leaf tobacco*, and **8th** for *apples, grapes and peanuts*.