

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT AGRICULTURE IN VIRGINIA

March 15 – 21, 2015 is Virginia Agriculture Week and Virginia Agriculture Literacy Week. See how much you know about Virginia agriculture.

1. How many farms are there in Virginia:
 - More than 46,000
 - About 12,000
 - A million

2. How many dairy cows live on Virginia dairy farms:
 - 72,000
 - 95,000
 - 115,000

3. Which line below contains a product **not** grown or produced in Virginia:
 - Beef, cotton, peanuts
 - Dairy products, Christmas trees, lambs
 - Cotton, oranges, apples
 - Pork, apples, potatoes

4. What is Virginia's number one agricultural product:
 - Ham
 - Apples
 - Chickens
 - Corn

5. How much of Virginia's land is covered by farms:
 - About 10 percent
 - Nearly a third
 - Half of it
 - Everything except Richmond, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Charlottesville, Roanoke and the cities in northern Virginia

6. What is Virginia's state soil:
 - Pamunkey soil
 - Virginia Beach soil
 - Pocahontas soil
 - Clay soil

7. Which of the following are Virginia agricultural products:
 - Eggs
 - Christmas trees
 - Pumpkins
 - Striped bass

8. What do plants need to grow:
- Water, air, food and sunlight
 - Food, air, plant stakes and bug killer
 - Soil, heat or air conditioning and water
 - Sunlight, the ground, water and mulch

Answers to quiz:

1. There are 46,000 farms in Virginia.
2. We have 95,000 dairy cows in the state.
3. Cotton, oranges, apples – oranges are not grown commercially in Virginia.
4. Chickens are our #1 agricultural product.
5. Nearly a third – 32 percent – of Virginia is covered with farms.
6. The state soil is Pamunkey soil. For a lot of information on Pamunkey soil, see https://soilseries.sc.egov.usda.gov/OSD_Docs/P/PAMUNKEY.html.
7. All four listed products are Virginia agricultural products. Striped bass are part of the aquaculture sub-industry within agriculture.
8. Plants must have water, air, food and sunlight to grow. Most times their food comes from soil, but not always. Hydroponic operations grow plants in water.