

Profile of Virginia Agricultural Commodity Boards

BOARD	Method and Year of Creation	# of Members	Appointed by	Nominated by	Length of Term	Levy and Unit Assessed ¹	Responsibility for Collections	2004-05 Collections
Apple	1946 Legislation	9	Commissioner of Agriculture	Voters in each district	3 years	Abolished assessment by grower vote February 23, 2003	N/A	\$ -0-
Cattle Industry	1984 Referendum	15	Governor	Producer organizations	4 years	\$1/ head	Board through first handlers	202,309
Corn	1980 Referendum	11	Governor	Producer organizations	3 years	\$.01/bushel	VA Dept. of Taxation through first handlers	324,517
Cotton	1997 Referendum	8	Governor	VA Cotton Growers Assoc. & VFBF	3 years	\$.85/bale	VA Dept. of Taxation through first handlers	121,552
Egg	1980 Legislation	7	Governor	VA Egg Council	Concurrent with Governor	\$.05/30 dz. case; \$.11/100 liquid equivalent	VA Dept. of Taxation from all handlers of eggs and egg products	181,762
Horse Industry	1994 Referendum	12	Governor plus 4 presidents of horse organizations	Industry organizations	3 years	\$1.50/equine infectious anemia test	State Veterinarian and the Virginia Racing Commission	135,370
Irish Potato	1994 Referendum	7	Governor	Grower organizations	4 years	\$.02/100 lbs.	VDACS through first handlers	13,574
Marine Products	1980 Legislation	11	Governor	VA Seafood Council & VA watermen's organizations	3 years	License fees	VA Marine Resources Commission	343,323
Peanut	1948 Legislation	9	Governor	Producer organizations	4 years	\$.15/100 pounds	VA Dept. Taxation through first handlers	167,698
Pork Industry	1967 Referendum	12	Governor	Producer organizations	4 years	\$.45/\$100 value of porcine animals	Until 1987, VA Dept. of Taxation through first handlers. Since, collected by Nat'l Pork Board	199,615
Sheep Industry	1995 Referendum	12	Governor	VA Sheep Producers Assoc.	3 years	\$.50/head	VA Dept. of Taxation through first handlers	12,189
Soybean	1970 Referendum	11	Governor	Producer organizations	3 years	1/2 of 1% net market value	VA Dept. of Taxation through first handlers	436,738
Sweet Potato	1964 Referendum. Abolished effective July 1, 2004.	7	Governor	Virginia Sweet Potato Association	4 years	\$.20/100 lbs.	Board through first handlers	-0-

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Small Grains	1981 Referendum	11	Governor	Producer organizations	3 years	One-half of 1% of selling price	VA Dept. of Taxation through first handlers	146,458
Tobacco, Bright Flue-Cured	1948 Legislation	7	Governor	Producer organizations	4 years	\$.20/100 lbs.	Board through warehouses	99,029
Tobacco, Dark-Fired	1964 Legislation	5	Governor	Producer organizations	4 years	\$.20/100 lbs.	Board through warehouses	2,808
Winegrowers Advisory	1985 Legislation. Abolished effective July 1, 2004.	16	Governor	Industry	3 years	GF Appropriation	VA Dept. of Alcoholic Beverage Control	- 0 -
Wine	2004 Legislation	10	Governor	Wine and wine grape producer organizations VFBF, Agribusiness Council	3 years	GF Appropriation	VA Dept. of Alcoholic Beverage Control	490,679
							FY05 TOTAL ALL BOARDS:	\$ 2,877,615.

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