

# United States Baitfish and Sportfish



U.S. producers spend an estimated **\$12.1 million** per year on regulatory compliance.

This breaks down to an average cost of \$150,000/farm, or \$3,000/acre.

On average U.S. producers are faced with 17 permit and license renewals per year. Some report in excess of 200 annual renewals.

Regulations account for about **25%** of farm costs



**\$5,631**  
Small farms  
<50 acres



**Medium farms**  
51-499 acres

**\$719**

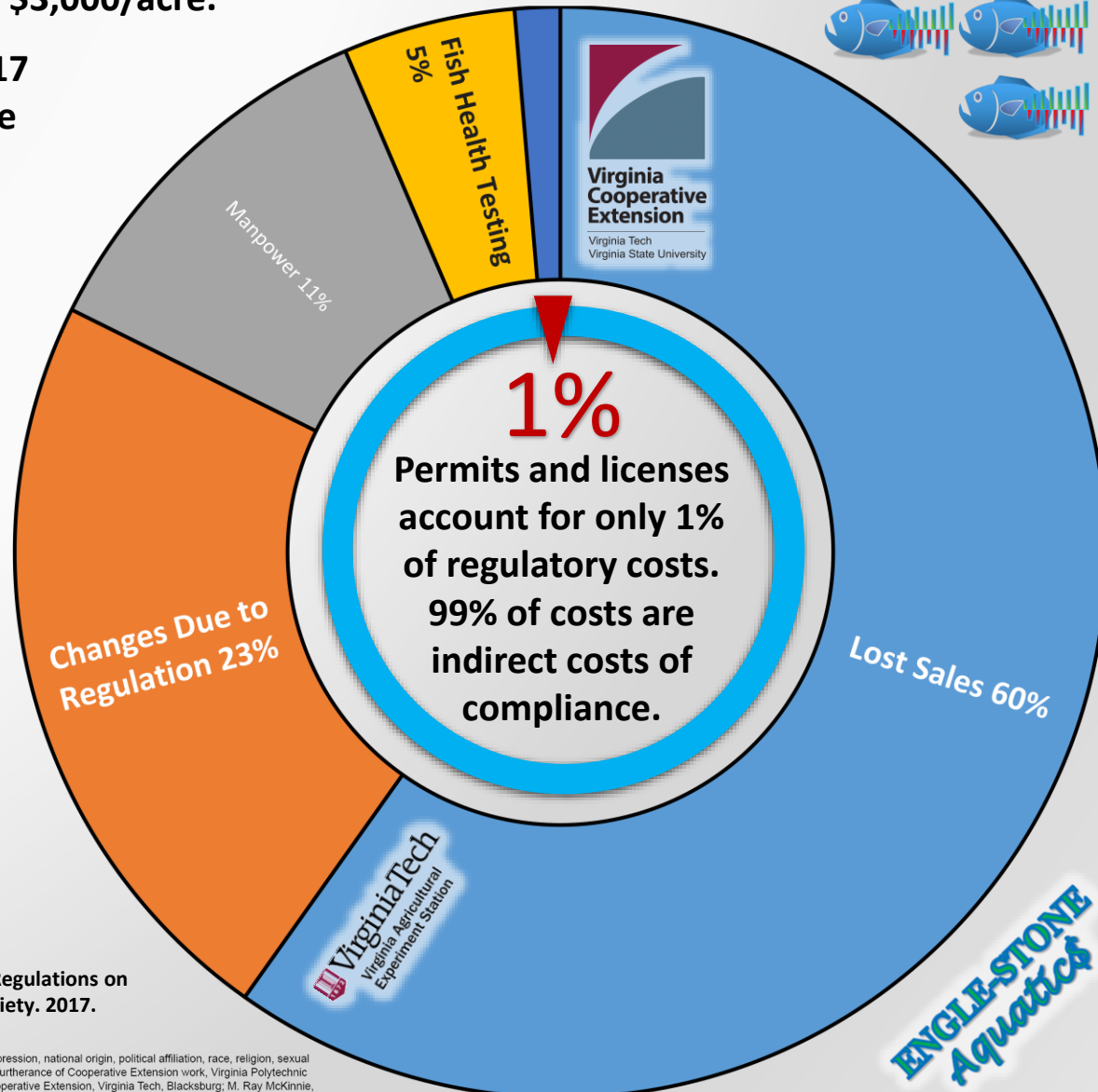
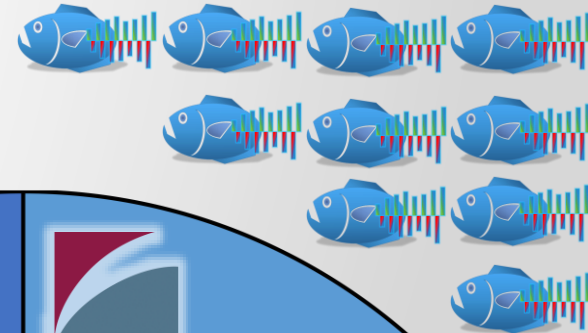


**Large farms**  
>500 acres

**\$321**

Average Regulatory Cost per Acre

U.S. producers ship live fish to 10 other states on average. Some producers ship to all 50 states.



For more information see: van Senten, J. and Carole R. Engle. The Costs of Regulations on U.S. Baitfish and Sportfish Producers. Journal of the World Aquaculture Society. 2017.

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