

# Great Lakes Baitfish and Sportfish

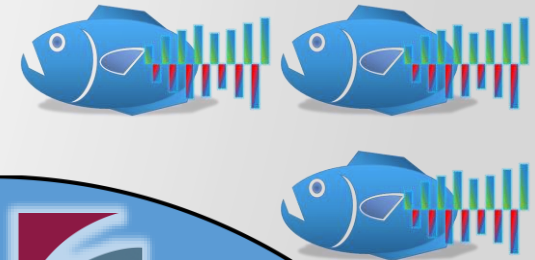
## Region



Illinois, New York,  
Ohio, Pennsylvania  
& Wisconsin

Producers spend an estimated **\$5.2 million** per year on regulatory compliance.  
This breaks down to an average cost of \$105,000/farm, or \$2,000/acre.

Producers ship live fish to 3 other states on average. Some producers ship to almost 10 states.



On average producers are faced with 18 permit and license renewals per year. Some report in excess of 200 annual renewals.

Regulations account for about **26%** of farm costs



\$9,688

Small farms  
<50 acres



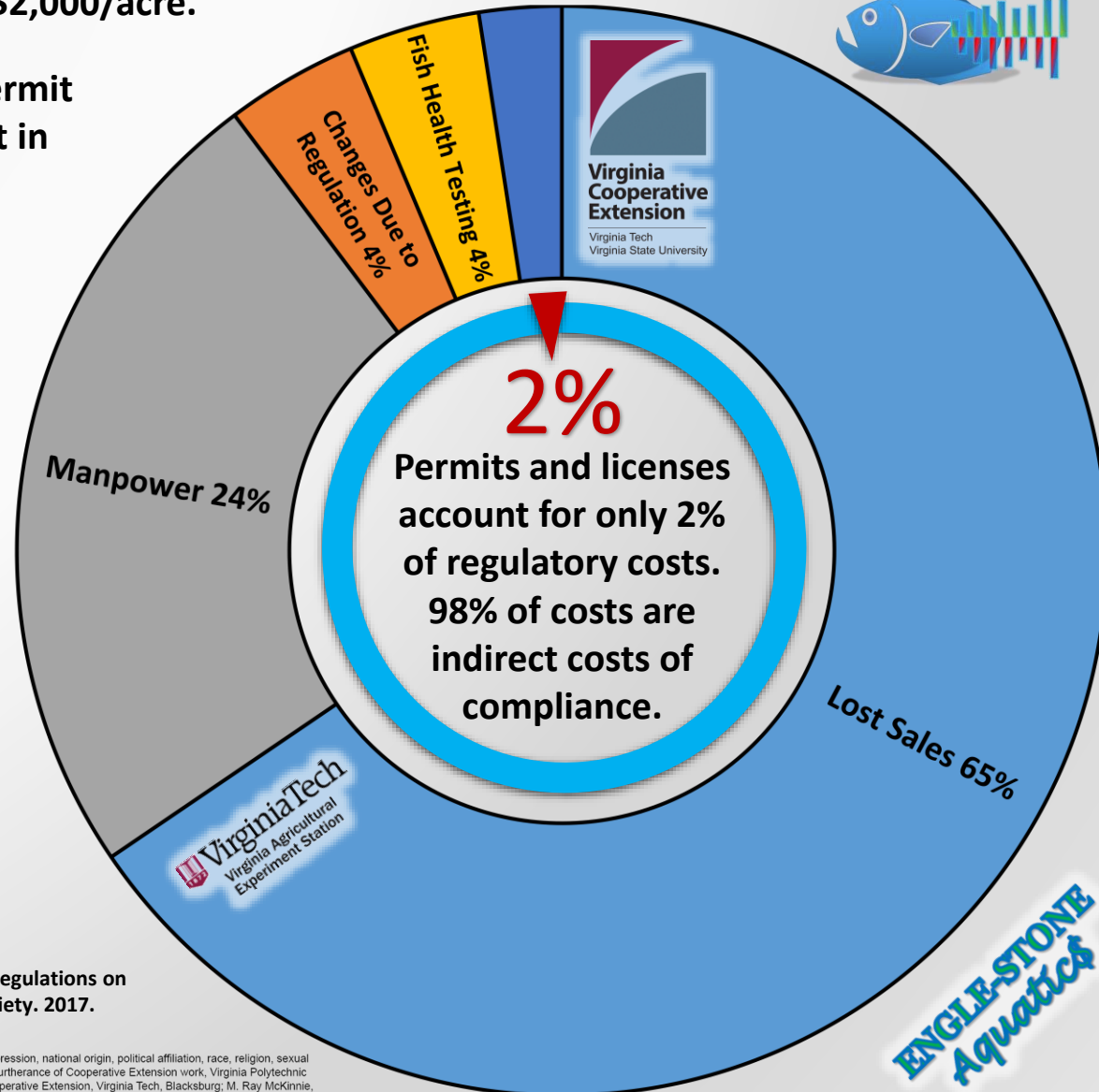
Medium farms

51-499 acres

\$1,033



Large farms  
>500 acres



Average Regulatory Cost per Acre

AREC-220

ENGLE-STONE  
Aquatics

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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