



Avery County North Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	351	-27
Land in farms (acres)	28,679	+2
Average size of farm (acres)	82	+40
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	20,085,000	+17
Government payments	37,000	-47
Farm-related income	1,023,000	-38
Total farm production expenses	20,295,000	+38
Net cash farm income	849,000	-80
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	57,222	+61
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	3,398	+10
Farm-related income	11,890	+12
Total farm production expenses	57,822	+90
Net cash farm income	2,420	-72

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	96
Livestock, poultry, and products	4

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	42
Pastureland	9
Woodland	42
Other	7

Acres irrigated: 35

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	7
Reduced till	1
Intensive till	8
Cover crop	11

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	103	29
\$2,500 to \$4,999	45	13
\$5,000 to \$9,999	48	14
\$10,000 to \$24,999	56	16
\$25,000 to \$49,999	27	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	20	6
\$100,000 or more	52	15

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	63	18
10 to 49 acres	114	32
50 to 179 acres	139	40
180 to 499 acres	25	7
500 to 999 acres	4	1
1,000 + acres	6	2

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	Counties Producing Item
Total	20,085	82	100	2,372	3,077
Crops	19,306	56	100	1,671	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	93	99	2,490	2,916
Tobacco	(D)	61	62	264	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	52	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	219	76	100	1,239	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	291	40	98	854	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	3,328	35	98	481	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	15,268	2	38	5	1,384
Other crops and hay	152	89	98	2,642	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	779	90	100	2,863	3,073
Poultry and eggs	19	81	98	1,591	3,007
Cattle and calves	648	62	100	2,496	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	44	49	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	8	78	95	1,621	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	23	60	95	2,151	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	22	66	92	2,127	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	32	54	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	22	42	97	1,289	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Sex	
Male	445
Female	167
Age	
<35	60
35 – 64	303
65 and older	249
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	-
Black or African American	2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	610
More than one race	-
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	-
With military service	77
New and beginning farmers	123

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	74
Farm organically	1
Sell directly to consumers	7
Hire farm labor	50
Are family farms	93

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Cultivated Christmas trees	5,416
Forage (hay/haylage), all	2,017
Nursery stock crops	712
Vegetables harvested, all	70
Corn for grain	60

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	1,662
Goats	159
Hogs and pigs	10
Horses and ponies	210
Layers	666
Pullets	30
Sheep and lambs	(D)
Turkeys	(D)

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

^a May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^b Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^c Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.