



Cherokee County North Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	277	+9
Land in farms (acres)	26,236	+22
Average size of farm (acres)	95	+13
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	20,608,000	(D)
Government payments	303,000	+31
Farm-related income	871,000	+135
Total farm production expenses	14,336,000	-33
Net cash farm income	7,446,000	+82
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	74,397	(D)
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	6,054	-6
Farm-related income	10,619	+63
Total farm production expenses	51,753	-38
Net cash farm income	26,880	+68

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	(D)
Livestock, poultry, and products	(D)

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	29
Pastureland	31
Woodland	36
Other	4

Acres irrigated: 76

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	12
Reduced till	3
Intensive till	5
Cover crop	8

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	102	37
\$2,500 to \$4,999	39	14
\$5,000 to \$9,999	37	13
\$10,000 to \$24,999	46	17
\$25,000 to \$49,999	25	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4	1
\$100,000 or more	24	9

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	28	10
10 to 49 acres	131	47
50 to 179 acres	84	30
180 to 499 acres	27	10
500 to 999 acres	5	2
1,000 + acres	2	1

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	20,608	81	100	2,357	3,077
Crops	(D)	92	100	(D)	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	89	99	(D)	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	62	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	52	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	210	49	98	994	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	317	76	98	1,178	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	2	33	38	607	1,384
Other crops and hay	237	84	98	2,568	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	(D)	59	100	(D)	3,073
Poultry and eggs	(D)	57	98	(D)	3,007
Cattle and calves	7,381	13	100	1,441	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	34	49	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	9	77	95	1,602	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	48	37	95	1,767	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	5	75	92	2,366	2,970
Aquaculture	361	18	54	174	1,251
Other animals and animal products	41	28	97	1,065	2,878

Total Producers ^c	451	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	82
Male	311		
Female	140	Farm organically	2
Age		Sell directly to consumers	13
<35	37	Hire farm labor	21
35 – 64	247	Are family farms	98
65 and older	167		
Race			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	26		Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D)
Asian	2		Cattle and calves 9,581
Black or African American	4		Goats 620
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		Hogs and pigs 142
White	408		Horses and ponies 165
More than one race	11		Layers (D)
Other characteristics			Pullets (D)
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	1		Sheep and lambs 324
With military service	48		Turkeys 77
New and beginning farmers	118		

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.