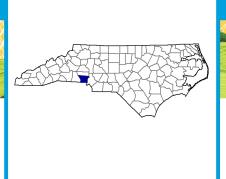


# **Gaston County North Carolina**



### Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	522	(Z)
Land in farms (acres)	37,695	-10
Average size of farm (acres)	72	-10
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	23,164,000	+36
Government payments	271,000	+46
Farm-related income	1,488,000	+129
Total farm production expenses	19,455,000	+11
Net cash farm income	5,467,000	+1183
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	44,376	+35
Government payments		
(average per farm receiving)	3,515	+40
Farm-related income	11,534	+166
Total farm production expenses	37,271	+11
Net cash farm income	10,474	+1178

## (**Z**) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales	s by Type (%)	
Crops		24
Livestock, poultry	y, and products	76
Land in Farms	by Use (%) a	
Cropland		41
Pastureland		25
Woodland		27
Other		7
Acres irrigated:	157	
	(Z)% of land ir	n farms
Land Use Prac	ctices (% of farms)	
No till		7
Reduced till		1
Intensive till		4
Cover crop		7

Farms by Value of Sale	es		Farms by Size		
	Number	Percent of Total a		Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	259	50	1 to 9 acres	96	18
\$2,500 to \$4,999	61	12	10 to 49 acres	210	40
\$5,000 to \$9,999	61	12	50 to 179 acres	169	32
\$10,000 to \$24,999	82	16	180 to 499 acres	39	7
\$25,000 to \$49,999	15	3	500 to 999 acres	6	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	16	3	1,000 + acres	2	(Z)
\$100,000 or more	28	5			

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#### **Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

		Rank	Counties	Rank	Counties
	Sales	in Otata b	Producing	in	Producing
Tatal	(\$1,000)	State b	Item	U.S. b	Item
Total	23,164	80	100	2,296	3,077
Crops	5,660	89	100	2,310	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	1,653	74	99	1,990	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	62	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	52	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	85	100	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	253	41	98	914	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	2,499	41	98	568	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation	(D)	00	20	(D)	4.004
woody crops	(D)	22	38	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,104	50	98	1,782	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	17,504	60	100	1,756	3,073
Poultry and eggs	12,643	53	98	511	3,007
Cattle and calves	1,320	47	100	2,322	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	18	49	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	30	68	95	1,264	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	69	25	95	1,522	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	647	8	92	324	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	54	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	2,878

Total Producers °	798	Percent of farms	s that:	Top Crops in Acres d
Sex Male Female	506 292	Have internet access	78	Forage (hay/haylage), all 8,421 Soybeans for beans 3,419 Wheat for grain, all 1,194 Corn for silage or greenchop (D)
<b>Age</b> <35 35 – 64 65 and older	69 455 274	Farm organically	-	Corn for grain 310
Race American Indian/Alaska Native Asian	7 2	Sell directly to consumers	7	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)  Broilers and other
Black or African American Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander White More than one race	3 - 786 -	Hire farm labor	18	meat-type chickens 611,532 Cattle and calves 6,611 Goats 872 Hogs and pigs 154 Horses and ponies 907
Other characteristics Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin With military service New and beginning farmers	3 81 253	Are family farms	99	Layers 1,809 Pullets 441 Sheep and lambs 531 Turkeys 36

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. <sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. <sup>e</sup> Position below the line does not indicate rank.

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