Orange County
North Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	686	+6
Land in farms (acres)	69,908	+23
Average size of farm (acres)	102	+16
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	37,713,000	+23
Government payments	428,000	-30
Farm-related income	3,860,000	+40
Total farm production expenses	34,384,000	+9
Net cash farm income	7,617,000	+225
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	54,975	+16
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	3,345	-20
Farm-related income	16,857	+45
Total farm production expenses	50,122	+2
Net cash farm income	11,104	+205

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	67
Livestock, poultry, and products	33

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	46
Pastureland	20
Woodland	27
Other	6

Acres irrigated: 892

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	13
Reduced till	7
Intensive till	13
Cover crop	17

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	275	40
$2,500 to $4,999	83	12
$5,000 to $9,999	94	14
$10,000 to $24,999	79	12
$25,000 to $49,999	37	5
$50,000 to $99,999	51	7
$100,000 or more	67	10

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	64	9
10 to 49 acres	291	42
50 to 179 acres	229	33
180 to 499 acres	79	12
500 to 999 acres	19	3
1,000 + acres	4	1

2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE *County Profile*

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	**37,713**	**73**	**100**	**1,994**	**3,077**
Crops	**25,363**	**46**	**100**	**1,510**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	4,614	59	99	1,670	2,916
Tobacco	6,993	32	62	61	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	52	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	3,086	30	100	451	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	(D)	26	98	687	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	8,661	15	98	271	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	36	38	634	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,550	37	98	1,476	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**12,349**	**67**	**100**	**1,982**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	4,429	63	98	644	3,007
Cattle and calves	2,941	30	100	1,978	3,055
Milk from cows	2,082	23	49	811	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	44	95	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	118	16	95	1,148	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	420	17	92	506	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	2,878

Total Producers [c]   1,201

Sex
Male	712
Female	489

Age
<35	121
35 – 64	651
65 and older	429

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native	3
Asian	10
Black or African American	73
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1
White	1,101
More than one race	13

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	20
With military service	129
New and beginning farmers	353

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	**88**
Farm organically	**4**
Sell directly to consumers	**20**
Hire farm labor	**30**
Are family farms	**95**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Forage (hay/haylage), all	12,097
Soybeans for beans	4,844
Corn for grain	3,854
Wheat for grain, all	2,198
Tobacco	1,101

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Cattle and calves	10,530
Goats	493
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Horses and ponies	1,420
Layers	160,739
Pullets	979
Sheep and lambs	557
Turkeys	166

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.