Rutherford County
North Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	620	-3
Land in farms (acres)	59,921	+1
Average size of farm (acres)	97	+4
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	45,440,000	+99
Government payments	392,000	+25
Farm-related income	2,238,000	+44
Total farm production expenses	32,303,000	+44
Net cash farm income	15,766,000	+598
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	73,290	+105
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	3,956	+16
Farm-related income	15,760	+79
Total farm production expenses	52,102	+48
Net cash farm income	25,429	+618

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	8
Livestock, poultry, and products	92

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	31
Pastureland	32
Woodland	32
Other	4

Acres irrigated: 76

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	9
Reduced till	5
Intensive till	5
Cover crop	8

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	239	39
$2,500 to $4,999	100	16
$5,000 to $9,999	119	19
$10,000 to $24,999	65	10
$25,000 to $49,999	26	4
$50,000 to $99,999	25	4
$100,000 or more	46	7

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	33	5
10 to 49 acres	256	41
50 to 179 acres	245	40
180 to 499 acres	78	13
500 to 999 acres	6	1
1,000 + acres	2	(Z)

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	**45,440**	**64**	**100**	**1,843**	**3,077**
Crops	**3,857**	**91**	**100**	**2,480**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	822	78	99	2,164	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	62	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	52	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	603	62	100	905	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	298	38	98	840	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	815	63	98	909	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	38	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,320	44	98	1,620	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**41,582**	**44**	**100**	**1,085**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	38,062	36	98	310	3,007
Cattle and calves	2,407	39	100	2,076	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	49	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	54	95	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	67	27	95	1,546	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	615	10	92	340	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	38	54	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	39	29	97	1,077	2,878

Total Producers [c]   969

Sex
Male   629
Female   340

Age
<35   58
35 – 64   540
65 and older   371

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native   14
Asian   2
Black or African American   2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander   -
White   942
More than one race   9

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin   11
With military service   128
New and beginning farmers   259

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access **77**

Farm organically **(Z)**

Sell directly to consumers **9**

Hire farm labor **16**

Are family farms **98**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Forage (hay/haylage), all	10,520
Soybeans for beans	1,808
Corn for grain	390
Vegetables harvested, all	165
Wheat for grain, all	(D)

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,921,650
Cattle and calves	7,814
Goats	1,042
Hogs and pigs	361
Horses and ponies	1,168
Layers	61,072
Pullets	754
Sheep and lambs	560
Turkeys	157

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.