Union County
North Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	957	-10
Land in farms (acres)	186,626	-7
Average size of farm (acres)	195	+2
Total	($)	
Market value of products sold	481,981,000	-10
Government payments	2,529,000	+40
Farm-related income	4,837,000	-12
Total farm production expenses	312,631,000	-23
Net cash farm income	176,715,000	+29
Per farm average	($)	
Market value of products sold	503,637	(Z)
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	20,898	+113
Farm-related income	15,162	-3
Total farm production expenses	326,678	-15
Net cash farm income	184,656	+43

4 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	18
Livestock, poultry, and products	82

Land in Farms by Use (%) [a]

Cropland	76
Pastureland	12
Woodland	8
Other	4

Acres irrigated: 204

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	15
Reduced till	4
Intensive till	3
Cover crop	3

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
Less than $2,500	339	35
$2,500 to $4,999	119	12
$5,000 to $9,999	110	11
$10,000 to $24,999	101	11
$25,000 to $49,999	38	4
$50,000 to $99,999	42	4
$100,000 or more	208	22

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total [a]
1 to 9 acres	92	10
10 to 49 acres	453	47
50 to 179 acres	270	28
180 to 499 acres	81	8
500 to 999 acres	22	2
1,000 + acres	39	4

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	**481,981**	**4**	**100**	**102**	**3,077**
Crops	**86,482**	**11**	**100**	**653**	**3,073**
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	63,534	2	99	622	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	62	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	1,770	27	52	395	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	618	60	100	897	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	245	42	98	925	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	18,279	5	98	149	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	38	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	2,035	31	98	1,189	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	**395,499**	**4**	**100**	**68**	**3,073**
Poultry and eggs	378,174	3	98	14	3,007
Cattle and calves	(D)	11	100	(D)	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	39	49	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	34	95	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	145	11	95	1,015	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	1,938	1	92	75	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	54	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	264	8	97	452	2,878

Total Producers [c]   1,488

Sex
Male — 992
Female — 496

Age
<35 — 86
35 – 64 — 897
65 and older — 505

Race
American Indian/Alaska Native — 2
Asian — 13
Black or African American — 3
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander — -
White — 1,468
More than one race — 2

Other characteristics
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin — 9
With military service — 155
New and beginning farmers — 437

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access — **76**

Farm organically — **(Z)**

Sell directly to consumers — **4**

Hire farm labor — **21**

Are family farms — **97**

Top Crops in Acres [d]

Soybeans for beans	70,770
Wheat for grain, all	51,669
Corn for grain	35,399
Forage (hay/haylage), all	13,515
Cotton, all	2,692

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	9,119,297
Cattle and calves	19,487
Goats	1,318
Hogs and pigs	(D)
Horses and ponies	1,100
Layers	(D)
Pullets	417,330
Sheep and lambs	747
Turkeys	2,750,994

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.