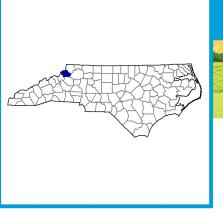


Watauga County North Carolina



Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	520	-15
Land in farms (acres)	49,614	-11
Average size of farm (acres)	95	+4
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	16,724,000	+9
Government payments	351,000	+58
Farm-related income	1,389,000	+42
Total farm production expenses	14,745,000	-11
Net cash farm income	3,720,000	+3302
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	32,162	+28
Government payments		
(average per farm receiving)	5,085	+213
Farm-related income	9,388	+65
Total farm production expenses	28,355	+4
Net cash farm income	7,153	+3850

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	193	37
\$2,500 to \$4,999	69	13
\$5,000 to \$9,999	73	14
\$10,000 to \$24,999	86	17
\$25,000 to \$49,999	46	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	14	3
\$100,000 or more	39	8

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	62	12
10 to 49 acres	240	46
50 to 179 acres	153	29
180 to 499 acres	47	9
500 to 999 acres	13	3
1,000 + acres	5	1



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(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	53
Livestock, poultry, and products	47

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	29
Pastureland	37
Woodland	27
Other	7

Acres irrigated: 44

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

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Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ⁵	Counties Producing Item
Total	16,724	86	100	2,470	3,077
Crops	8,932	81	100	2,094	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	19	96	99	2,540	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	62	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	52	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	132	86	100	1,434	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	243	43	98	929	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	442	70	98	1,074	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	7,167	4	38	10	1,384
Other crops and hay	928	57	98	1,945	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	7,792	73	100	2,245	3,073
Poultry and eggs	78	69	98	1,115	3,007
Cattle and calves	7,483	12	100	1,431	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	43	49	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	83	23	95	1,411	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	101	41	92	1,435	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	54	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	24	41	97	1,264	2,878

Total Producers °	866	Percent of farms that:		Top Crops in Acres ^d	
Sex Male Female	571 295	Have internet access	76	Forage (hay/haylage), all Cultivated Christmas trees Apples Vegetables harvested, all	8,358 3,400 52 35
Age <35 35 – 64 65 and older	78 430 358	Farm organically	3	Grapes	27
Race American Indian/Alaska Native Asian Black or African American	2 6 2	Sell directly to consumers	13	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017) Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander White More than one race	- 847 9	Hire farm labor	29	Cattle and calves Goats Hogs and pigs Horses and ponies	12,863 715 66 418
Other characteristics Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin With military service New and beginning farmers	8 126 231	Are family farms	99	Layers Pullets Sheep and lambs Turkeys	2,617 78 221

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.