

**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | North Carolina | Alamance | Alexander | Alleghany | Anson  |
|--|----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| <b>FARMS</b>                                 |                |          |           |           |        |
| Land in farms ..... farms                    | 46,418         | 720      | 544       | 448       | 412    |
| ..... acres                                  | 8,430,522      | 80,042   | 54,146    | 70,593    | 85,330 |
| Harvested cropland ..... farms               | 30,404         | 462      | 366       | 361       | 199    |
| ..... acres                                  | 4,407,160      | 25,343   | 18,618    | 22,100    | 29,190 |
| <b>TENURE</b>                                |                |          |           |           |        |
| Full owners ..... farms                      | 30,923         | 463      | 336       | 309       | 284    |
| ..... acres                                  | 2,893,968      | 30,123   | 17,196    | 28,614    | 46,031 |
| Harvested cropland ..... farms               | 17,538         | 253      | 186       | 235       | 90     |
| ..... acres                                  | 625,722        | 5,465    | 3,750     | 8,726     | 4,332  |
| Part owners ..... farms                      | 12,768         | 212      | 190       | 121       | 110    |
| ..... acres                                  | 5,032,673      | 46,351   | 35,078    | 40,760    | 36,754 |
| Owned land in farms ..... acres              | 2,035,299      | 25,377   | 20,007    | 18,677    | 16,797 |
| Rented land in farms ..... acres             | 2,997,374      | 20,974   | 15,071    | 22,083    | 19,957 |
| Harvested cropland ..... farms               | 11,024         | 177      | 168       | 114       | 102    |
| ..... acres                                  | 3,390,976      | 18,716   | 13,361    | 13,105    | 23,678 |
| Tenants ..... farms                          | 2,727          | 45       | 18        | 18        | 18     |
| ..... acres                                  | 503,881        | 3,568    | 1,872     | 1,219     | 2,545  |
| Harvested cropland ..... farms               | 1,842          | 32       | 12        | 12        | 7      |
| ..... acres                                  | 390,462        | 1,162    | 1,507     | 269       | 1,180  |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>  |                |          |           |           |        |
| Total producers ..... number                 | 74,958         | 1,219    | 894       | 767       | 606    |
| Farms by number of producers:                |                |          |           |           |        |
| 1 producer .....                             | 23,830         | 335      | 246       | 194       | 247    |
| 2 producers .....                            | 18,793         | 304      | 261       | 215       | 145    |
| 3 producers .....                            | 2,534          | 60       | 28        | 17        | 12     |
| 4 producers .....                            | 893            | 15       | 3         | 18        | 7      |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 368            | 6        | 6         | 4         | 1      |
| Total male producers ..... number            | 50,419         | 804      | 602       | 483       | 425    |
| Farms by number of male producers:           |                |          |           |           |        |
| 1 producer .....                             | 36,966         | 582      | 448       | 375       | 353    |
| 2 producers .....                            | 4,864          | 78       | 53        | 42        | 33     |
| 3 producers .....                            | 853            | 6        | 16        | 4         | 2      |
| 4 producers .....                            | 165            | 12       | -         | 3         | -      |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 68             | -        | -         | -         | -      |
| Total female producers ..... number          | 24,539         | 415      | 292       | 284       | 181    |
| Farms by number of female producers:         |                |          |           |           |        |
| 1 producer .....                             | 20,595         | 347      | 268       | 235       | 161    |
| 2 producers .....                            | 1,419          | 31       | 12        | 17        | 10     |
| 3 producers .....                            | 209            | 2        | -         | 5         | -      |
| 4 producers .....                            | 56             | -        | -         | -         | -      |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 46             | -        | -         | -         | -      |
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b> |                |          |           |           |        |
| Sex of producers:                            |                |          |           |           |        |
| Male .....                                   | 49,955         | 792      | 602       | 483       | 424    |
| Female .....                                 | 24,107         | 415      | 286       | 280       | 181    |
| Hired managers (see text) .....              | 3,591          | 36       | 50        | 21        | 22     |
| Primary occupation:                          |                |          |           |           |        |
| Farming .....                                | 31,998         | 495      | 406       | 293       | 253    |
| Other .....                                  | 42,064         | 712      | 482       | 470       | 352    |
| Place of residence:                          |                |          |           |           |        |
| On farm operated .....                       | 55,537         | 990      | 714       | 535       | 438    |
| Not on farm operated .....                   | 18,525         | 217      | 174       | 228       | 167    |
| Days worked off farm:                        |                |          |           |           |        |
| None .....                                   | 29,682         | 431      | 377       | 270       | 265    |
| Any .....                                    | 44,380         | 776      | 511       | 493       | 340    |
| 1 to 49 days .....                           | 6,088          | 97       | 50        | 94        | 33     |
| 50 to 99 days .....                          | 3,106          | 40       | 33        | 50        | 6      |
| 100 to 199 days .....                        | 5,874          | 104      | 76        | 24        | 62     |
| 200 days or more .....                       | 29,312         | 535      | 352       | 325       | 239    |
| Years on present farm:                       |                |          |           |           |        |
| 2 years or less .....                        | 4,377          | 90       | 20        | 46        | 35     |
| 3 or 4 years .....                           | 6,242          | 120      | 57        | 64        | 74     |
| 5 to 9 years .....                           | 10,776         | 190      | 170       | 84        | 51     |
| 10 years or more .....                       | 52,667         | 807      | 641       | 569       | 445    |
| Average years on present farm .....          | 21.4           | 20.5     | 22.5      | 22.5      | 20.1   |
| Years operating any farm (see text):         |                |          |           |           |        |
| 5 years or less .....                        | 10,879         | 233      | 99        | 103       | 107    |
| 6 to 10 years .....                          | 9,419          | 138      | 135       | 80        | 65     |
| 11 years or more .....                       | 53,764         | 836      | 654       | 580       | 433    |
| Average years on any farm .....              | 23.3           | 22.2     | 23.7      | 23.9      | 21.8   |
| Age group:                                   |                |          |           |           |        |
| Under 25 years .....                         | 985            | 24       | 22        | 2         | 3      |
| 25 to 34 years .....                         | 4,587          | 52       | 44        | 54        | 23     |
| 35 to 44 years .....                         | 7,989          | 122      | 142       | 84        | 78     |
| 45 to 54 years .....                         | 13,844         | 224      | 158       | 129       | 127    |
| 55 to 64 years .....                         | 19,883         | 369      | 243       | 199       | 148    |
| 65 to 74 years .....                         | 18,001         | 281      | 205       | 182       | 141    |
| 75 years and over .....                      | 8,773          | 135      | 74        | 113       | 85     |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Ashe    | Avery  | Beaufort | Bertie  | Bladen  | Brunswick |
|--|---------|--------|----------|---------|---------|-----------|
| <b>FARMS</b>                                 |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| Land in farms .....                          | 864     | 351    | 310      | 323     | 512     | 231       |
| farms  |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| acres  | 109,790 | 28,679 | 139,475  | 148,113 | 180,340 | 44,693    |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 676     | 299    | 185      | 200     | 320     | 141       |
| farms  |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| acres  | 27,996  | 8,416  | 114,813  | 100,830 | 61,700  | 20,933    |
| <b>TENURE</b>                                |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| Full owners .....                            | 535     | 245    | 181      | 147     | 333     | 148       |
| farms  |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| acres  | 42,308  | 15,205 | 24,138   | 27,648  | 108,904 | 16,930    |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 401     | 206    | 65       | 45      | 172     | 78        |
| farms  |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| acres  | 8,859   | 5,241  | 8,987    | 7,535   | 12,152  | 1,995     |
| Part owners .....                            | 299     | 93     | 95       | 151     | 123     | 61        |
| farms  |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| acres  | 65,401  | 13,118 | 90,576   | 102,625 | 59,357  | 27,084    |
| Owned land in farms .....                    | 29,099  | 8,782  | 32,071   | 41,704  | 28,411  | 12,289    |
| acres  |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| Rented land in farms .....                   | 36,302  | 4,336  | 58,505   | 60,921  | 30,946  | 14,795    |
| acres  |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 250     | 80     | 88       | 136     | 111     | 50        |
| farms  |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| acres  | 18,180  | 2,933  | 81,242   | 76,725  | 39,628  | 18,450    |
| Tenants .....                                | 30      | 13     | 34       | 25      | 56      | 22        |
| farms  |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| acres  | 2,081   | 356    | 24,761   | 17,840  | 12,079  | 679       |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 25      | 13     | 32       | 19      | 37      | 13        |
| farms  |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| acres  | 957     | 242    | 24,584   | 16,570  | 9,920   | 488       |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>  |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| Total producers .....                        | 1,491   | 620    | 490      | 485     | 843     | 362       |
| number                                       |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| Farms by number of producers:                |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| 1 producer .....                             | 371     | 171    | 179      | 208     | 253     | 139       |
| 2 producers .....                            | 414     | 120    | 91       | 88      | 215     | 72        |
| 3 producers .....                            | 46      | 39     | 33       | 15      | 26      | 8         |
| 4 producers .....                            | 21      | 17     | 5        | 4       | 14      | 5         |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 12      | 4      | 2        | 8       | 4       | 7         |
| Total male producers .....                   | 984     | 449    | 351      | 374     | 607     | 233       |
| number                                       |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| Farms by number of male producers:           |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| 1 producer .....                             | 685     | 260    | 243      | 260     | 429     | 166       |
| 2 producers .....                            | 109     | 49     | 29       | 38      | 64      | 31        |
| 3 producers .....                            | 10      | 25     | 14       | 10      | 5       | -         |
| 4 producers .....                            | 4       | 4      | 2        | 2       | 4       | -         |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 7       | -      | -        | -       | 3       | 1         |
| Total female producers .....                 | 507     | 171    | 139      | 111     | 236     | 129       |
| number                                       |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| Farms by number of female producers:         |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| 1 producer .....                             | 443     | 143    | 101      | 83      | 208     | 97        |
| 2 producers .....                            | 25      | 10     | 19       | 14      | 14      | 7         |
| 3 producers .....                            | 2       | -      | -        | -       | -       | 6         |
| 4 producers .....                            | 2       | 2      | -        | -       | -       | -         |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -       | -      | -        | -       | -       | -         |
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b> |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| Sex of producers:                            |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| Male .....                                   | 965     | 445    | 351      | 368     | 599     | 226       |
| Female .....                                 | 504     | 167    | 137      | 109     | 234     | 129       |
| Hired managers (see text) .....              | 67      | 45     | 44       | 56      | 73      | 25        |
| Primary occupation:                          |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| Farming .....                                | 649     | 277    | 226      | 317     | 410     | 159       |
| Other .....                                  | 820     | 335    | 262      | 160     | 423     | 196       |
| Place of residence:                          |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| On farm operated .....                       | 1,084   | 417    | 292      | 259     | 540     | 305       |
| Not on farm operated .....                   | 385     | 195    | 196      | 218     | 293     | 50        |
| Days worked off farm:                        |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| None .....                                   | 566     | 241    | 279      | 275     | 372     | 159       |
| Any .....                                    | 903     | 371    | 209      | 202     | 461     | 196       |
| 1 to 49 days .....                           | 187     | 79     | 35       | 53      | 83      | 29        |
| 50 to 99 days .....                          | 60      | 47     | 12       | 14      | 44      | 9         |
| 100 to 199 days .....                        | 122     | 60     | 27       | 30      | 74      | 18        |
| 200 days or more .....                       | 534     | 185    | 135      | 105     | 260     | 140       |
| Years on present farm:                       |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| 2 years or less .....                        | 67      | 14     | 25       | 19      | 47      | 15        |
| 3 or 4 years .....                           | 61      | 41     | 36       | 15      | 70      | 38        |
| 5 to 9 years .....                           | 192     | 69     | 99       | 62      | 143     | 41        |
| 10 years or more .....                       | 1,149   | 488    | 328      | 381     | 573     | 261       |
| Average years on present farm .....          | 22.7    | 25.5   | 20.3     | 23.3    | 20.9    | 21.5      |
| Years operating any farm (see text):         |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| 5 years or less .....                        | 150     | 57     | 53       | 31      | 111     | 47        |
| 6 to 10 years .....                          | 150     | 66     | 89       | 56      | 116     | 43        |
| 11 years or more .....                       | 1,169   | 489    | 346      | 390     | 606     | 265       |
| Average years on any farm .....              | 24.6    | 27.1   | 23.0     | 25.6    | 23.1    | 23.1      |
| Age group:                                   |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| Under 25 years .....                         | 12      | 6      | 12       | -       | 13      | 5         |
| 25 to 34 years .....                         | 91      | 54     | 18       | 29      | 45      | 27        |
| 35 to 44 years .....                         | 169     | 38     | 41       | 32      | 130     | 31        |
| 45 to 54 years .....                         | 268     | 108    | 138      | 61      | 128     | 67        |
| 55 to 64 years .....                         | 414     | 157    | 126      | 191     | 176     | 78        |
| 65 to 74 years .....                         | 372     | 135    | 121      | 120     | 260     | 103       |
| 75 years and over .....                      | 143     | 114    | 32       | 44      | 81      | 44        |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

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| Item   | Buncombe | Burke  | Cabarrus | Caldwell | Camden | Carteret |
|--|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|----------|
| <b>FARMS</b>                                 |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| Land in farms .....                          | 1,073    | 508    | 629      | 411      | 81     | 158      |
| farms  | 72,284   | 38,641 | 63,667   | 37,991   | 59,239 | 62,764   |
| acres  | 724      | 338    | 431      | 290      | 43     | 55       |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 14,350   | 15,401 | 28,292   | 11,984   | 53,445 | 43,277   |
| farms  |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| acres  |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| <b>TENURE</b>                                |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| Full owners .....                            | 766      | 346    | 448      | 289      | 50     | 103      |
| farms  | 34,910   | 18,792 | 24,446   | 19,626   | 7,091  | (D)      |
| acres  | 475      | 189    | 273      | 179      | 19     | 32       |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 5,260    | 5,544  | 6,827    | 4,986    | 4,117  | (D)      |
| farms  |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| acres  |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| Part owners .....                            | 251      | 144    | 148      | 108      | 22     | 29       |
| farms  | 34,344   | 17,437 | 37,484   | 18,113   | 26,539 | 6,092    |
| acres  | 16,605   | 8,106  | 13,133   | 10,581   | 9,924  | 2,658    |
| Owned land in farms .....                    | 17,739   | 9,331  | 24,351   | 7,532    | 16,615 | 3,434    |
| farms  | 201      | 133    | 132      | 101      | 18     | 17       |
| acres  | 8,217    | 8,037  | 20,552   | 6,885    | 25,488 | (D)      |
| Rented land in farms .....                   |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| farms  |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| acres  |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| Tenants .....                                | 56       | 18     | 33       | 14       | 9      | 26       |
| farms  | 3,030    | 2,412  | 1,737    | 252      | 25,609 | (D)      |
| acres  | 48       | 16     | 26       | 10       | 6      | 6        |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 873      | 1,820  | 913      | 113      | 23,840 | (D)      |
| farms  |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| acres  |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>  |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| Total producers .....                        | 1,887    | 800    | 1,051    | 636      | 127    | 238      |
| number                                       |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| Farms by number of producers:                |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| 1 producer .....                             | 474      | 285    | 304      | 214      | 40     | 99       |
| 2 producers .....                            | 471      | 186    | 275      | 176      | 36     | 47       |
| 3 producers .....                            | 79       | 15     | 34       | 14       | 5      | 3        |
| 4 producers .....                            | 38       | 15     | 7        | 7        | -      | 9        |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 11       | 7      | 9        | -        | -      | -        |
| Total male producers .....                   | 1,163    | 553    | 694      | 407      | 94     | 145      |
| number                                       |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| Farms by number of male producers:           |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| 1 producer .....                             | 782      | 402    | 507      | 326      | 68     | 113      |
| 2 producers .....                            | 147      | 62     | 73       | 33       | 7      | 14       |
| 3 producers .....                            | 12       | 5      | 5        | 5        | 4      | -        |
| 4 producers .....                            | 4        | 3      | 4        | -        | -      | 1        |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 5        | -      | 2        | -        | -      | -        |
| Total female producers .....                 | 724      | 247    | 357      | 229      | 33     | 93       |
| number                                       |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| Farms by number of female producers:         |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| 1 producer .....                             | 581      | 201    | 281      | 209      | 33     | 71       |
| 2 producers .....                            | 59       | 17     | 21       | 10       | -      | 2        |
| 3 producers .....                            | 5        | -      | 2        | -        | -      | 6        |
| 4 producers .....                            | -        | 3      | 2        | -        | -      | -        |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 2        | -      | 4        | -        | -      | -        |
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b> |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| Sex of producers:                            |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| Male .....                                   | 1,134    | 552    | 680      | 407      | 94     | 145      |
| Female .....                                 | 715      | 238    | 340      | 229      | 33     | 93       |
| Hired managers (see text) .....              | 77       | 44     | 39       | 13       | 16     | 15       |
| Primary occupation:                          |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| Farming .....                                | 718      | 311    | 366      | 252      | 75     | 71       |
| Other .....                                  | 1,131    | 479    | 654      | 384      | 52     | 167      |
| Place of residence:                          |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| On farm operated .....                       | 1,524    | 649    | 806      | 531      | 90     | 160      |
| Not on farm operated .....                   | 325      | 141    | 214      | 105      | 37     | 78       |
| Days worked off farm:                        |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| None .....                                   | 659      | 266    | 347      | 187      | 70     | 87       |
| Any .....                                    | 1,190    | 524    | 673      | 449      | 57     | 151      |
| 1 to 49 days .....                           | 209      | 50     | 83       | 50       | 5      | 15       |
| 50 to 99 days .....                          | 92       | 44     | 56       | 40       | 10     | 12       |
| 100 to 199 days .....                        | 182      | 70     | 107      | 58       | 7      | 22       |
| 200 days or more .....                       | 707      | 360    | 427      | 301      | 35     | 102      |
| Years on present farm:                       |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| 2 years or less .....                        | 149      | 43     | 104      | 13       | 13     | 15       |
| 3 or 4 years .....                           | 186      | 70     | 110      | 53       | 8      | 8        |
| 5 to 9 years .....                           | 323      | 155    | 169      | 114      | 28     | 47       |
| 10 years or more .....                       | 1,191    | 522    | 637      | 456      | 78     | 168      |
| Average years on present farm .....          | 19.9     | 18.9   | 20.0     | 19.4     | 18.3   | 19.3     |
| Years operating any farm (see text):         |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| 5 years or less .....                        | 318      | 116    | 218      | 61       | 6      | 14       |
| 6 to 10 years .....                          | 279      | 141    | 126      | 100      | 31     | 47       |
| 11 years or more .....                       | 1,252    | 533    | 676      | 475      | 90     | 177      |
| Average years on any farm .....              | 22.2     | 21.5   | 21.6     | 21.2     | 21.0   | 22.4     |
| Age group:                                   |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| Under 25 years .....                         | 35       | 7      | 25       | 2        | -      | 2        |
| 25 to 34 years .....                         | 120      | 43     | 69       | 18       | 5      | 15       |
| 35 to 44 years .....                         | 240      | 98     | 91       | 102      | 17     | 17       |
| 45 to 54 years .....                         | 290      | 166    | 198      | 141      | 26     | 50       |
| 55 to 64 years .....                         | 454      | 216    | 285      | 171      | 36     | 64       |
| 65 to 74 years .....                         | 457      | 166    | 237      | 137      | 27     | 59       |
| 75 years and over .....                      | 253      | 94     | 115      | 65       | 16     | 31       |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Caswell | Catawba | Chatham | Cherokee | Chowan | Clay   |
|--|---------|---------|---------|----------|--------|--------|
| <b>FARMS</b>                                 |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| Land in farms .....                          | 493     | 638     | 1,116   | 277      | 97     | 164    |
| farms  |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| acres  | 104,882 | 63,530  | 105,995 | 26,236   | 53,528 | 12,525 |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 311     | 428     | 637     | 157      | 74     | 116    |
| farms  |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| acres  | 19,052  | 31,460  | 27,195  | 5,678    | 41,625 | 4,021  |
| <b>TENURE</b>                                |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| Full owners .....                            | 327     | 398     | 837     | 197      | 35     | 111    |
| farms  |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| acres  | 50,893  | 19,931  | 58,295  | 13,936   | 6,081  | 6,603  |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 162     | 239     | 442     | 100      | 23     | 80     |
| farms  |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| acres  | 4,738   | 4,858   | 8,670   | 1,132    | 1,895  | 1,217  |
| Part owners .....                            | 155     | 197     | 222     | 69       | 46     | 32     |
| farms  |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| acres  | 52,403  | 41,102  | 45,459  | 11,903   | 42,773 | 4,720  |
| Owned land in farms .....                    | 23,755  | 17,227  | 24,283  | 5,660    | 18,574 | 1,346  |
| farms  |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| acres  | 28,648  | 23,875  | 21,176  | 6,243    | 24,199 | 3,374  |
| Rented land in farms .....                   | 141     | 153     | 153     | 50       | 45     | 27     |
| farms  |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| acres  | 14,224  | 25,267  | 17,391  | 4,375    | 35,355 | 2,440  |
| Tenants .....                                | 11      | 43      | 57      | 11       | 16     | 21     |
| farms  |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| acres  | 1,586   | 2,497   | 2,241   | 397      | 4,674  | 1,202  |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 8       | 36      | 42      | 7        | 6      | 9      |
| farms  |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| acres  | 90      | 1,335   | 1,134   | 171      | 4,375  | 364    |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>  |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| Total producers .....                        | 737     | 1,043   | 1,757   | 451      | 151    | 227    |
| number                                       |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| Farms by number of producers:                |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| 1 producer .....                             | 283     | 307     | 555     | 122      | 53     | 116    |
| 2 producers .....                            | 181     | 281     | 502     | 140      | 37     | 36     |
| 3 producers .....                            | 25      | 40      | 43      | 11       | 4      | 9      |
| 4 producers .....                            | 3       | 3       | 12      | 4        | 3      | 3      |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 1       | 7       | 4       | -        | -      | -      |
| Total male producers .....                   | 528     | 709     | 1,066   | 311      | 127    | 171    |
| number                                       |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| Farms by number of male producers:           |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| 1 producer .....                             | 389     | 505     | 891     | 238      | 70     | 131    |
| 2 producers .....                            | 65      | 81      | 65      | 26       | 19     | 14     |
| 3 producers .....                            | 3       | 10      | 15      | 7        | 5      | 4      |
| 4 producers .....                            | -       | 3       | -       | -        | 1      | -      |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -       | -       | -       | -        | -      | -      |
| Total female producers .....                 | 209     | 334     | 691     | 140      | 24     | 56     |
| number                                       |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| Farms by number of female producers:         |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| 1 producer .....                             | 181     | 301     | 609     | 132      | 24     | 50     |
| 2 producers .....                            | 14      | 4       | 38      | 4        | -      | 3      |
| 3 producers .....                            | -       | 3       | 2       | -        | -      | -      |
| 4 producers .....                            | -       | 4       | -       | -        | -      | -      |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -       | -       | -       | -        | -      | -      |
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b> |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| Sex of producers:                            |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| Male .....                                   | 527     | 702     | 1,065   | 311      | 127    | 171    |
| Female .....                                 | 209     | 327     | 687     | 140      | 24     | 56     |
| Hired managers (see text) .....              | 25      | 41      | 42      | 4        | 30     | 6      |
| Primary occupation:                          |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| Farming .....                                | 331     | 383     | 664     | 176      | 97     | 116    |
| Other .....                                  | 405     | 646     | 1,088   | 275      | 54     | 111    |
| Place of residence:                          |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| On farm operated .....                       | 551     | 711     | 1,473   | 357      | 95     | 171    |
| Not on farm operated .....                   | 185     | 318     | 279     | 94       | 56     | 56     |
| Days worked off farm:                        |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| None .....                                   | 303     | 368     | 607     | 152      | 85     | 95     |
| Any .....                                    | 433     | 661     | 1,145   | 299      | 66     | 132    |
| 1 to 49 days .....                           | 71      | 57      | 149     | 24       | 26     | 37     |
| 50 to 99 days .....                          | 31      | 62      | 88      | 38       | 3      | 5      |
| 100 to 199 days .....                        | 73      | 111     | 139     | 37       | 7      | 9      |
| 200 days or more .....                       | 258     | 431     | 769     | 200      | 30     | 81     |
| Years on present farm:                       |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| 2 years or less .....                        | 30      | 74      | 124     | 24       | 4      | 14     |
| 3 or 4 years .....                           | 66      | 79      | 155     | 45       | 2      | 29     |
| 5 to 9 years .....                           | 89      | 197     | 257     | 87       | 28     | 37     |
| 10 years or more .....                       | 551     | 679     | 1,216   | 325      | 117    | 147    |
| Average years on present farm .....          | 24.2    | 20.5    | 21.1    | 20.0     | 26.2   | 18.2   |
| Years operating any farm (see text):         |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| 5 years or less .....                        | 92      | 191     | 270     | 60       | 10     | 47     |
| 6 to 10 years .....                          | 68      | 163     | 223     | 58       | 21     | 20     |
| 11 years or more .....                       | 576     | 675     | 1,259   | 333      | 120    | 160    |
| Average years on any farm .....              | 26.0    | 21.7    | 23.1    | 21.7     | 28.3   | 21.1   |
| Age group:                                   |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| Under 25 years .....                         | 4       | 30      | 10      | 4        | 2      | 8      |
| 25 to 34 years .....                         | 29      | 61      | 130     | 33       | 6      | 12     |
| 35 to 44 years .....                         | 53      | 98      | 162     | 59       | 29     | 24     |
| 45 to 54 years .....                         | 126     | 219     | 363     | 71       | 16     | 19     |
| 55 to 64 years .....                         | 192     | 293     | 404     | 117      | 50     | 61     |
| 65 to 74 years .....                         | 208     | 208     | 476     | 131      | 38     | 67     |
| 75 years and over .....                      | 124     | 120     | 207     | 36       | 10     | 36     |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Cleveland | Columbus | Craven | Cumberland | Currituck | Dare  |
|--|-----------|----------|--------|------------|-----------|-------|
| <b>FARMS</b>                                 |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| Land in farms .....                          | 1,005     | 514      | 245    | 336        | 89        | 32    |
| farms  |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| acres  | 113,341   | 141,080  | 81,360 | 65,995     | 44,834    | 5,342 |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 631       | 374      | 140    | 185        | 52        | 22    |
| farms  |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| acres  | 40,938    | 101,461  | 58,565 | 31,082     | 34,672    | 2,363 |
| <b>TENURE</b>                                |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| Full owners .....                            | 720       | 283      | 155    | 245        | 54        | 14    |
| farms  |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| acres  | 49,942    | 28,252   | 20,231 | 31,810     | 6,979     | 555   |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 415       | 159      | 63     | 108        | 17        | 14    |
| farms  |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| acres  | 10,237    | 5,440    | 4,915  | 6,218      | 1,064     | 121   |
| Part owners .....                            | 241       | 193      | 69     | 67         | 22        | 5     |
| farms  |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| acres  | 54,617    | 101,071  | 53,917 | 29,880     | 28,628    | 4,684 |
| Owned land in farms .....                    | 19,378    | 34,675   | 15,534 | 12,482     | 8,313     | 461   |
| Rented land in farms .....                   | 35,239    | 66,396   | 38,383 | 17,398     | 20,315    | 4,223 |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 191       | 178      | 61     | 58         | 22        | 5     |
| farms  |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| acres  | 26,478    | 84,883   | 46,951 | 21,768     | 26,955    | 2,239 |
| Tenants .....                                | 44        | 38       | 21     | 24         | 13        | 13    |
| farms  |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| acres  | 8,782     | 11,757   | 7,212  | 4,305      | 9,227     | 103   |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 25        | 37       | 16     | 19         | 13        | 3     |
| farms  |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| acres  | 4,223     | 11,138   | 6,699  | 3,096      | 6,653     | 3     |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>  |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| Total producers .....                        | 1,553     | 734      | 391    | 576        | 153       | 62    |
| Farms by number of producers:                |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| 1 producer .....                             | 547       | 331      | 140    | 158        | 42        | 10    |
| 2 producers .....                            | 389       | 155      | 79     | 144        | 34        | 14    |
| 3 producers .....                            | 58        | 19       | 11     | 21         | 11        | 8     |
| 4 producers .....                            | 9         | 9        | 15     | 2          | -         | -     |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 2         | -        | -      | 11         | 2         | -     |
| Total male producers .....                   | 1,050     | 549      | 264    | 391        | 102       | 37    |
| Farms by number of male producers:           |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| 1 producer .....                             | 812       | 428      | 200    | 273        | 74        | 17    |
| 2 producers .....                            | 82        | 38       | 25     | 44         | 8         | 10    |
| 3 producers .....                            | 18        | 15       | 2      | 10         | 4         | -     |
| 4 producers .....                            | 2         | -        | 2      | -          | -         | -     |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 2         | -        | -      | -          | -         | -     |
| Total female producers .....                 | 503       | 185      | 127    | 185        | 51        | 25    |
| Farms by number of female producers:         |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| 1 producer .....                             | 445       | 173      | 90     | 129        | 33        | 25    |
| 2 producers .....                            | 26        | 6        | 11     | 10         | 9         | -     |
| 3 producers .....                            | 2         | -        | 5      | 12         | -         | -     |
| 4 producers .....                            | -         | -        | -      | -          | -         | -     |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -         | -        | -      | -          | -         | -     |
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b> |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| Sex of producers:                            |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| Male .....                                   | 1,046     | 549      | 264    | 386        | 102       | 37    |
| Female .....                                 | 497       | 185      | 127    | 175        | 49        | 25    |
| Hired managers (see text) .....              | 23        | 35       | 45     | 34         | 20        | 9     |
| Primary occupation:                          |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| Farming .....                                | 571       | 350      | 188    | 217        | 67        | 23    |
| Other .....                                  | 972       | 384      | 203    | 344        | 84        | 39    |
| Place of residence:                          |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| On farm operated .....                       | 1,196     | 514      | 277    | 393        | 95        | 35    |
| Not on farm operated .....                   | 347       | 220      | 114    | 168        | 56        | 27    |
| Days worked off farm:                        |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| None .....                                   | 545       | 289      | 209    | 203        | 67        | 13    |
| Any .....                                    | 998       | 445      | 182    | 358        | 84        | 49    |
| 1 to 49 days .....                           | 126       | 75       | 37     | 75         | 11        | 9     |
| 50 to 99 days .....                          | 45        | 25       | 15     | 31         | 5         | 3     |
| 100 to 199 days .....                        | 113       | 53       | 15     | 25         | 5         | 4     |
| 200 days or more .....                       | 714       | 292      | 115    | 227        | 63        | 33    |
| Years on present farm:                       |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| 2 years or less .....                        | 62        | 37       | 36     | 28         | 12        | 14    |
| 3 or 4 years .....                           | 121       | 38       | 22     | 68         | 20        | 12    |
| 5 to 9 years .....                           | 261       | 116      | 59     | 79         | 7         | 2     |
| 10 years or more .....                       | 1,099     | 543      | 274    | 386        | 112       | 34    |
| Average years on present farm .....          | 20.4      | 23.2     | 19.4   | 19.0       | 22.6      | 15.0  |
| Years operating any farm (see text):         |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| 5 years or less .....                        | 180       | 80       | 64     | 110        | 34        | 26    |
| 6 to 10 years .....                          | 261       | 111      | 46     | 54         | 5         | 6     |
| 11 years or more .....                       | 1,102     | 543      | 281    | 397        | 112       | 30    |
| Average years on any farm .....              | 22.2      | 25.1     | 22.5   | 20.7       | 23.9      | 16.8  |
| Age group:                                   |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| Under 25 years .....                         | 18        | 3        | 2      | 7          | -         | -     |
| 25 to 34 years .....                         | 60        | 24       | 28     | 42         | 13        | 17    |
| 35 to 44 years .....                         | 173       | 89       | 52     | 55         | 16        | 3     |
| 45 to 54 years .....                         | 335       | 130      | 58     | 121        | 27        | 2     |
| 55 to 64 years .....                         | 375       | 204      | 118    | 163        | 54        | 21    |
| 65 to 74 years .....                         | 387       | 193      | 96     | 118        | 26        | 12    |
| 75 years and over .....                      | 195       | 91       | 37     | 55         | 15        | 7     |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Davidson | Davie  | Duplin  | Durham | Edgecombe | Forsyth |
|--|----------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|
| <b>FARMS</b>                                 |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| Land in farms .....                          | 1,003    | 591    | 820     | 241    | 249       | 557     |
| farms  | 92,359   | 76,933 | 243,098 | 18,603 | 148,917   | 34,801  |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 760      | 431    | 554     | 117    | 139       | 422     |
| farms  | 37,894   | 33,749 | 142,837 | 4,429  | 98,642    | 12,364  |
| acres  |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| <b>TENURE</b>                                |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| Full owners .....                            | 664      | 408    | 466     | 193    | 163       | 398     |
| farms  | 41,196   | 29,101 | 87,680  | 11,783 | 37,699    | 19,380  |
| acres  | 454      | 278    | 252     | 78     | 58        | 287     |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 10,716   | 6,435  | 32,457  | 2,135  | 7,161     | 4,059   |
| farms  |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| acres  |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| Part owners .....                            | 278      | 157    | 311     | 30     | 71        | 130     |
| farms  | 49,501   | 42,303 | 142,971 | 6,491  | 99,360    | 13,919  |
| acres  | 28,360   | 13,783 | 65,036  | 1,575  | 36,444    | 6,276   |
| Owned land in farms .....                    | 21,141   | 28,520 | 77,935  | 4,916  | 62,916    | 7,643   |
| acres  | 278      | 142    | 273     | 30     | 66        | 120     |
| Rented land in farms .....                   | 26,301   | 25,253 | 105,469 | 2,208  | 80,204    | 7,946   |
| acres  |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| Tenants .....                                | 61       | 26     | 43      | 18     | 15        | 29      |
| farms  | 1,662    | 5,529  | 12,447  | 329    | 11,858    | 1,502   |
| acres  | 28       | 11     | 29      | 9      | 15        | 15      |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 877      | 2,061  | 4,911   | 86     | 11,277    | 359     |
| farms  |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| acres  |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>  |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| Total producers .....                        | 1,635    | 905    | 1,252   | 376    | 440       | 908     |
| number                                       |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| Farms by number of producers:                |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| 1 producer .....                             | 521      | 323    | 491     | 125    | 131       | 265     |
| 2 producers .....                            | 397      | 233    | 261     | 105    | 87        | 244     |
| 3 producers .....                            | 59       | 25     | 51      | 6      | 17        | 37      |
| 4 producers .....                            | 7        | 9      | 11      | 4      | 9         | 11      |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 19       | 1      | 6       | 1      | 5         | -       |
| Total male producers .....                   | 1,074    | 617    | 915     | 223    | 304       | 598     |
| number                                       |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| Farms by number of male producers:           |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| 1 producer .....                             | 843      | 503    | 665     | 192    | 186       | 430     |
| 2 producers .....                            | 82       | 54     | 82      | 6      | 21        | 61      |
| 3 producers .....                            | 9        | 2      | 23      | 5      | 15        | 14      |
| 4 producers .....                            | 10       | -      | 2       | 1      | 2         | 1       |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -        | -      | 1       | -      | 3         | -       |
| Total female producers .....                 | 561      | 288    | 337     | 153    | 136       | 310     |
| number                                       |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| Farms by number of female producers:         |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| 1 producer .....                             | 438      | 247    | 291     | 122    | 89        | 268     |
| 2 producers .....                            | 30       | 13     | 15      | 14     | 9         | 18      |
| 3 producers .....                            | 5        | 5      | 2       | 1      | 1         | 2       |
| 4 producers .....                            | 12       | -      | -       | -      | 3         | -       |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -        | -      | 2       | -      | 2         | -       |
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b> |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| Sex of producers:                            |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| Male .....                                   | 1,070    | 617    | 904     | 223    | 291       | 598     |
| Female .....                                 | 526      | 287    | 330     | 150    | 121       | 310     |
| Hired managers (see text) .....              | 29       | 18     | 120     | 10     | 40        | 23      |
| Primary occupation:                          |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| Farming .....                                | 637      | 373    | 768     | 169    | 180       | 337     |
| Other .....                                  | 959      | 531    | 466     | 204    | 232       | 571     |
| Place of residence:                          |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| On farm operated .....                       | 1,276    | 746    | 811     | 291    | 233       | 715     |
| Not on farm operated .....                   | 320      | 158    | 423     | 82     | 179       | 193     |
| Days worked off farm:                        |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| None .....                                   | 563      | 337    | 655     | 134    | 168       | 332     |
| Any .....                                    | 1,033    | 567    | 579     | 239    | 244       | 576     |
| 1 to 49 days .....                           | 155      | 77     | 55      | 49     | 30        | 77      |
| 50 to 99 days .....                          | 78       | 33     | 52      | 15     | 10        | 23      |
| 100 to 199 days .....                        | 127      | 92     | 71      | 38     | 19        | 52      |
| 200 days or more .....                       | 673      | 365    | 401     | 137    | 185       | 424     |
| Years on present farm:                       |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| 2 years or less .....                        | 99       | 20     | 58      | 39     | 7         | 60      |
| 3 or 4 years .....                           | 126      | 57     | 53      | 56     | 48        | 86      |
| 5 to 9 years .....                           | 266      | 108    | 154     | 77     | 72        | 106     |
| 10 years or more .....                       | 1,105    | 719    | 969     | 201    | 285       | 656     |
| Average years on present farm .....          | 21.9     | 24.0   | 23.8    | 17.5   | 21.0      | 22.0    |
| Years operating any farm (see text):         |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| 5 years or less .....                        | 202      | 88     | 98      | 103    | 67        | 146     |
| 6 to 10 years .....                          | 240      | 98     | 151     | 70     | 62        | 115     |
| 11 years or more .....                       | 1,154    | 718    | 985     | 200    | 283       | 647     |
| Average years on any farm .....              | 23.7     | 25.5   | 26.3    | 18.7   | 23.1      | 23.7    |
| Age group:                                   |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| Under 25 years .....                         | 23       | 7      | 4       | -      | 3         | 13      |
| 25 to 34 years .....                         | 114      | 44     | 80      | 31     | 29        | 62      |
| 35 to 44 years .....                         | 149      | 69     | 106     | 78     | 37        | 69      |
| 45 to 54 years .....                         | 252      | 190    | 233     | 66     | 61        | 141     |
| 55 to 64 years .....                         | 434      | 220    | 357     | 76     | 130       | 248     |
| 65 to 74 years .....                         | 409      | 268    | 318     | 76     | 90        | 248     |
| 75 years and over .....                      | 215      | 106    | 136     | 46     | 62        | 127     |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Franklin | Gaston | Gates  | Graham | Granville | Greene |
|--|----------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|
| <b>FARMS</b>                                 |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Land in farms .....                          | 538      | 522    | 141    | 123    | 557       | 207    |
| farms  |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| acres  | 107,967  | 37,695 | 57,985 | 10,998 | 124,813   | 83,322 |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 292      | 342    | 58     | 88     | 318       | 144    |
| farms  |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| acres  | 37,105   | 13,301 | 43,874 | 2,579  | 27,303    | 66,612 |
| <b>TENURE</b>                                |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Full owners .....                            | 377      | 395    | 106    | 88     | 425       | 100    |
| farms  |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| acres  | 51,528   | 19,404 | 8,828  | 8,447  | 66,488    | 9,788  |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 160      | 250    | 25     | 58     | 219       | 50     |
| farms  |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| acres  | 6,093    | 4,255  | 2,906  | 1,671  | 6,672     | 2,925  |
| Part owners .....                            | 134      | 96     | 31     | 27     | 121       | 77     |
| farms  |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| acres  | 51,545   | 16,429 | 48,846 | 2,380  | 57,609    | 56,173 |
| Owned land in farms .....                    | 19,712   | 5,990  | 19,862 | 1,411  | 21,302    | 14,630 |
| acres  |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Rented land in farms .....                   | 31,833   | 10,439 | 28,984 | 969    | 36,307    | 41,543 |
| acres  |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 112      | 77     | 29     | 26     | 91        | 74     |
| farms  |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| acres  | 28,268   | 8,138  | 40,659 | 888    | 20,362    | 49,284 |
| Tenants .....                                | 27       | 31     | 4      | 8      | 11        | 30     |
| farms  |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| acres  | 4,894    | 1,862  | 311    | 171    | 716       | 17,361 |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 20       | 15     | 4      | 4      | 8         | 20     |
| farms  |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| acres  | 2,744    | 908    | 309    | 20     | 269       | 14,403 |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>  |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Total producers .....                        | 852      | 799    | 236    | 194    | 850       | 316    |
| number                                       |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Farms by number of producers:                |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| 1 producer .....                             | 261      | 286    | 61     | 61     | 320       | 119    |
| 2 producers .....                            | 245      | 203    | 72     | 53     | 201       | 73     |
| 3 producers .....                            | 27       | 26     | 4      | 9      | 22        | 12     |
| 4 producers .....                            | 5        | 6      | 2      | -      | 13        | 2      |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -        | 1      | 2      | -      | 1         | 1      |
| Total male producers .....                   | 536      | 507    | 150    | 132    | 591       | 250    |
| number                                       |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Farms by number of male producers:           |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| 1 producer .....                             | 417      | 414    | 116    | 96     | 428       | 150    |
| 2 producers .....                            | 47       | 33     | 13     | 15     | 59        | 39     |
| 3 producers .....                            | 7        | 9      | -      | 2      | 5         | 5      |
| 4 producers .....                            | 1        | -      | 2      | -      | 5         | -      |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -        | -      | -      | -      | 1         | 1      |
| Total female producers .....                 | 316      | 292    | 86     | 62     | 259       | 66     |
| number                                       |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Farms by number of female producers:         |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| 1 producer .....                             | 268      | 266    | 70     | 62     | 221       | 66     |
| 2 producers .....                            | 24       | 13     | 8      | -      | 19        | -      |
| 3 producers .....                            | -        | -      | -      | -      | -         | -      |
| 4 producers .....                            | -        | -      | -      | -      | -         | -      |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -        | -      | -      | -      | -         | -      |
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b> |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Sex of producers:                            |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Male .....                                   | 536      | 506    | 148    | 132    | 585       | 247    |
| Female .....                                 | 316      | 292    | 85     | 62     | 259       | 66     |
| Hired managers (see text) .....              | 30       | 6      | 11     | 7      | 39        | 32     |
| Primary occupation:                          |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Farming .....                                | 324      | 259    | 110    | 76     | 297       | 172    |
| Other .....                                  | 528      | 539    | 123    | 118    | 547       | 141    |
| Place of residence:                          |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| On farm operated .....                       | 679      | 594    | 156    | 180    | 622       | 150    |
| Not on farm operated .....                   | 173      | 204    | 77     | 14     | 222       | 163    |
| Days worked off farm:                        |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| None .....                                   | 344      | 290    | 105    | 85     | 315       | 161    |
| Any .....                                    | 508      | 508    | 128    | 109    | 529       | 152    |
| 1 to 49 days .....                           | 64       | 60     | 18     | 10     | 73        | 24     |
| 50 to 99 days .....                          | 46       | 28     | 4      | 18     | 26        | 6      |
| 100 to 199 days .....                        | 80       | 71     | 10     | 26     | 56        | 11     |
| 200 days or more .....                       | 318      | 349    | 96     | 55     | 374       | 111    |
| Years on present farm:                       |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| 2 years or less .....                        | 27       | 37     | 18     | 12     | 55        | 9      |
| 3 or 4 years .....                           | 67       | 101    | 23     | 26     | 105       | 10     |
| 5 to 9 years .....                           | 142      | 125    | 15     | 15     | 148       | 23     |
| 10 years or more .....                       | 616      | 535    | 177    | 141    | 536       | 271    |
| Average years on present farm .....          | 22.6     | 20.0   | 22.5   | 21.6   | 20.6      | 23.4   |
| Years operating any farm (see text):         |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| 5 years or less .....                        | 108      | 144    | 36     | 39     | 140       | 25     |
| 6 to 10 years .....                          | 112      | 109    | 18     | 11     | 133       | 23     |
| 11 years or more .....                       | 632      | 545    | 179    | 144    | 571       | 265    |
| Average years on any farm .....              | 24.5     | 21.6   | 24.2   | 22.7   | 22.7      | 25.3   |
| Age group:                                   |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Under 25 years .....                         | 3        | 11     | 2      | 7      | 7         | 4      |
| 25 to 34 years .....                         | 25       | 58     | 19     | 2      | 33        | 18     |
| 35 to 44 years .....                         | 63       | 90     | 14     | 31     | 89        | 19     |
| 45 to 54 years .....                         | 212      | 149    | 51     | 35     | 170       | 54     |
| 55 to 64 years .....                         | 192      | 216    | 74     | 48     | 214       | 108    |
| 65 to 74 years .....                         | 226      | 169    | 39     | 38     | 192       | 74     |
| 75 years and over .....                      | 131      | 105    | 34     | 33     | 139       | 36     |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Guilford | Halifax | Harnett | Haywood | Henderson | Hertford |
|--|----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|
| <b>FARMS</b>                                 |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Land in farms .....farms                     | 854      | 336     | 643     | 541     | 455       | 126      |
| Harvested cropland .....acres                | 76,352   | 209,073 | 106,262 | 52,244  | 41,099    | 80,902   |
| .....farms                                   | 600      | 183     | 357     | 350     | 285       | 64       |
| .....acres                                   | 33,102   | 123,274 | 59,854  | 9,254   | 18,597    | 53,364   |
| <b>TENURE</b>                                |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Full owners .....farms                       | 577      | 198     | 453     | 321     | 298       | 81       |
| .....acres                                   | 29,926   | 58,957  | 33,852  | 20,390  | 18,156    | 16,000   |
| Harvested cropland .....farms                | 372      | 59      | 203     | 200     | 161       | 20       |
| .....acres                                   | 6,096    | 12,405  | 6,404   | 2,264   | 3,546     | 1,498    |
| Part owners .....farms                       | 232      | 116     | 157     | 161     | 116       | 33       |
| .....acres                                   | 42,365   | 143,863 | 66,021  | 28,529  | 19,649    | 59,900   |
| Owned land in farms .....acres               | 17,790   | 53,327  | 21,785  | 11,925  | 9,752     | 23,239   |
| Rented land in farms .....acres              | 24,575   | 90,536  | 44,236  | 16,604  | 9,897     | 36,661   |
| Harvested cropland .....farms                | 192      | 105     | 130     | 125     | 94        | 32       |
| .....acres                                   | 25,339   | 105,101 | 47,966  | 6,558   | 12,820    | 47,119   |
| Tenants .....farms                           | 45       | 22      | 33      | 59      | 41        | 12       |
| .....acres                                   | 4,061    | 6,253   | 6,389   | 3,325   | 3,294     | 5,002    |
| Harvested cropland .....farms                | 36       | 19      | 24      | 25      | 30        | 12       |
| .....acres                                   | 1,667    | 5,768   | 5,484   | 432     | 2,231     | 4,747    |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>  |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Total producers ..... number                 | 1,381    | 536     | 964     | 867     | 783       | 201      |
| Farms by number of producers:                |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| 1 producer .....                             | 411      | 205     | 377     | 286     | 213       | 68       |
| 2 producers .....                            | 386      | 93      | 228     | 210     | 188       | 42       |
| 3 producers .....                            | 37       | 25      | 26      | 25      | 34        | 15       |
| 4 producers .....                            | 17       | 2       | 7       | 17      | 15        | 1        |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 3        | 11      | 5       | 3       | 5         | -        |
| Total male producers ..... number            | 889      | 367     | 669     | 590     | 490       | 151      |
| Farms by number of male producers:           |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| 1 producer .....                             | 699      | 263     | 517     | 437     | 358       | 81       |
| 2 producers .....                            | 70       | 34      | 58      | 60      | 54        | 26       |
| 3 producers .....                            | 10       | 6       | 8       | 7       | 8         | 6        |
| 4 producers .....                            | 5        | 2       | 3       | 3       | -         | -        |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -        | 1       | -       | -       | -         | -        |
| Total female producers ..... number          | 492      | 169     | 295     | 277     | 293       | 50       |
| Farms by number of female producers:         |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| 1 producer .....                             | 428      | 100     | 254     | 229     | 206       | 44       |
| 2 producers .....                            | 22       | 12      | 12      | 22      | 35        | 3        |
| 3 producers .....                            | 4        | 7       | 3       | -       | 1         | -        |
| 4 producers .....                            | 2        | 6       | 2       | 1       | 1         | -        |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -        | -       | -       | -       | 2         | -        |
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b> |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Sex of producers:                            |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Male .....                                   | 887      | 355     | 669     | 587     | 487       | 151      |
| Female .....                                 | 487      | 163     | 290     | 274     | 284       | 50       |
| Hired managers (see text) .....              | 71       | 43      | 42      | 40      | 55        | 15       |
| Primary occupation:                          |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Farming .....                                | 551      | 225     | 393     | 293     | 341       | 118      |
| Other .....                                  | 823      | 293     | 566     | 568     | 430       | 83       |
| Place of residence:                          |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| On farm operated .....                       | 1,123    | 274     | 763     | 672     | 550       | 86       |
| Not on farm operated .....                   | 251      | 244     | 196     | 189     | 221       | 115      |
| Days worked off farm:                        |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| None .....                                   | 485      | 252     | 400     | 306     | 304       | 108      |
| Any .....                                    | 889      | 266     | 559     | 555     | 467       | 93       |
| 1 to 49 days .....                           | 144      | 83      | 65      | 49      | 87        | 14       |
| 50 to 99 days .....                          | 36       | 17      | 42      | 47      | 35        | 3        |
| 100 to 199 days .....                        | 129      | 25      | 63      | 99      | 53        | 23       |
| 200 days or more .....                       | 580      | 141     | 389     | 360     | 292       | 53       |
| Years on present farm:                       |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| 2 years or less .....                        | 66       | 34      | 74      | 55      | 82        | 37       |
| 3 or 4 years .....                           | 112      | 39      | 80      | 94      | 84        | 8        |
| 5 to 9 years .....                           | 193      | 81      | 137     | 161     | 148       | 21       |
| 10 years or more .....                       | 1,003    | 364     | 668     | 551     | 457       | 135      |
| Average years on present farm .....          | 22.0     | 21.5    | 21.7    | 20.6    | 19.3      | 19.5     |
| Years operating any farm (see text):         |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| 5 years or less .....                        | 189      | 75      | 149     | 161     | 147       | 43       |
| 6 to 10 years .....                          | 153      | 74      | 139     | 130     | 135       | 23       |
| 11 years or more .....                       | 1,032    | 369     | 671     | 570     | 489       | 135      |
| Average years on any farm .....              | 23.9     | 22.9    | 23.2    | 22.3    | 21.4      | 22.2     |
| Age group:                                   |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Under 25 years .....                         | 33       | 2       | 26      | 10      | 6         | 13       |
| 25 to 34 years .....                         | 81       | 21      | 41      | 58      | 51        | -        |
| 35 to 44 years .....                         | 128      | 48      | 101     | 128     | 109       | 26       |
| 45 to 54 years .....                         | 248      | 81      | 177     | 175     | 136       | 31       |
| 55 to 64 years .....                         | 386      | 116     | 248     | 231     | 221       | 61       |
| 65 to 74 years .....                         | 321      | 168     | 269     | 164     | 171       | 41       |
| 75 years and over .....                      | 177      | 82      | 97      | 95      | 77        | 29       |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Hoke   | Hyde    | Iredell | Jackson | Johnston | Jones  |
|--|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------|--------|
| <b>FARMS</b>                                 |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| Land in farms .....                          | 189    | 138     | 1,055   | 215     | 1,063    | 177    |
| farms  |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| acres  | 53,647 | 124,874 | 133,346 | 15,729  | 183,281  | 65,649 |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 89     | 96      | 751     | 144     | 671      | 115    |
| farms  |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| acres  | 27,545 | 84,879  | 61,586  | 4,058   | 118,446  | 45,858 |
| <b>TENURE</b>                                |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| Full owners .....                            | 129    | 88      | 691     | 165     | 664      | 104    |
| farms  |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| acres  | 25,498 | 39,196  | 46,184  | 9,294   | 47,109   | 10,156 |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 51     | 50      | 452     | 103     | 342      | 52     |
| farms  |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| acres  | (D)    | 6,540   | 12,364  | 1,829   | 13,050   | 1,217  |
| Part owners .....                            | 46     | 41      | 297     | 38      | 341      | 53     |
| farms  |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| acres  | 26,164 | 77,845  | 83,270  | 6,095   | 130,519  | 52,508 |
| Owned land in farms .....                    | 15,683 | 25,189  | 45,323  | 1,842   | 41,233   | 20,507 |
| Rented land in farms .....                   | 10,481 | 52,656  | 37,947  | 4,253   | 89,286   | 32,001 |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 37     | 39      | 267     | 33      | 289      | 47     |
| farms  |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| acres  | 18,887 | 70,688  | 47,172  | 2,064   | 102,430  | 41,738 |
| Tenants .....                                | 14     | 9       | 67      | 12      | 58       | 20     |
| farms  |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| acres  | 1,985  | 7,833   | 3,892   | 340     | 5,653    | 2,985  |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 1      | 7       | 32      | 8       | 40       | 16     |
| farms  |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| acres  | (D)    | 7,651   | 2,050   | 165     | 2,966    | 2,903  |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>  |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| Total producers .....                        | 332    | 238     | 1,700   | 355     | 1,691    | 294    |
| Farms by number of producers:                |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| 1 producer .....                             | 96     | 69      | 532     | 98      | 547      | 71     |
| 2 producers .....                            | 62     | 47      | 450     | 98      | 444      | 97     |
| 3 producers .....                            | 16     | 18      | 52      | 18      | 42       | 8      |
| 4 producers .....                            | 11     | 2       | 8       | -       | 20       | -      |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 4      | 2       | 13      | 1       | 10       | 1      |
| Total male producers .....                   | 197    | 181     | 1,154   | 228     | 1,144    | 202    |
| Farms by number of male producers:           |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| 1 producer .....                             | 129    | 74      | 849     | 187     | 857      | 146    |
| 2 producers .....                            | 28     | 33      | 114     | 18      | 107      | 17     |
| 3 producers .....                            | 4      | 11      | 13      | -       | 15       | 6      |
| 4 producers .....                            | -      | 2       | 6       | -       | 7        | 1      |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -      | -       | 2       | 1       | -        | -      |
| Total female producers .....                 | 135    | 57      | 546     | 127     | 547      | 92     |
| Farms by number of female producers:         |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| 1 producer .....                             | 83     | 43      | 480     | 105     | 473      | 92     |
| 2 producers .....                            | 20     | 5       | 22      | 11      | 31       | -      |
| 3 producers .....                            | 4      | -       | 4       | -       | -        | -      |
| 4 producers .....                            | -      | 1       | -       | -       | 3        | -      |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -      | -       | 2       | -       | -        | -      |
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b> |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| Sex of producers:                            |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| Male .....                                   | 197    | 181     | 1,139   | 225     | 1,137    | 202    |
| Female .....                                 | 131    | 52      | 533     | 127     | 544      | 91     |
| Hired managers (see text) .....              | 17     | 35      | 36      | 9       | 82       | 17     |
| Primary occupation:                          |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| Farming .....                                | 107    | 120     | 730     | 185     | 696      | 150    |
| Other .....                                  | 221    | 113     | 942     | 167     | 985      | 143    |
| Place of residence:                          |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| On farm operated .....                       | 204    | 71      | 1,321   | 309     | 1,304    | 218    |
| Not on farm operated .....                   | 124    | 162     | 351     | 43      | 377      | 75     |
| Days worked off farm:                        |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| None .....                                   | 132    | 105     | 645     | 154     | 679      | 136    |
| Any .....                                    | 196    | 128     | 1,027   | 198     | 1,002    | 157    |
| 1 to 49 days .....                           | 18     | 20      | 146     | 19      | 140      | 25     |
| 50 to 99 days .....                          | 15     | 4       | 52      | 26      | 62       | 16     |
| 100 to 199 days .....                        | 29     | 14      | 142     | 47      | 143      | 10     |
| 200 days or more .....                       | 134    | 90      | 687     | 106     | 657      | 106    |
| Years on present farm:                       |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| 2 years or less .....                        | 24     | 15      | 68      | 25      | 125      | 25     |
| 3 or 4 years .....                           | 16     | 27      | 132     | 17      | 103      | 26     |
| 5 to 9 years .....                           | 80     | 36      | 252     | 56      | 204      | 40     |
| 10 years or more .....                       | 208    | 155     | 1,220   | 254     | 1,249    | 202    |
| Average years on present farm .....          | 18.6   | 18.7    | 23.5    | 22.1    | 21.9     | 19.4   |
| Years operating any farm (see text):         |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| 5 years or less .....                        | 45     | 51      | 236     | 39      | 231      | 52     |
| 6 to 10 years .....                          | 64     | 34      | 177     | 28      | 194      | 27     |
| 11 years or more .....                       | 219    | 148     | 1,259   | 285     | 1,256    | 214    |
| Average years on any farm .....              | 20.4   | 20.8    | 25.4    | 24.8    | 24.2     | 21.4   |
| Age group:                                   |        |         |         |         |          |        |
| Under 25 years .....                         | 10     | 10      | 25      | -       | 9        | 2      |
| 25 to 34 years .....                         | 34     | 26      | 91      | 18      | 132      | 31     |
| 35 to 44 years .....                         | 28     | 56      | 165     | 13      | 206      | 32     |
| 45 to 54 years .....                         | 50     | 31      | 283     | 49      | 363      | 50     |
| 55 to 64 years .....                         | 89     | 52      | 413     | 98      | 406      | 86     |
| 65 to 74 years .....                         | 72     | 30      | 447     | 139     | 397      | 78     |
| 75 years and over .....                      | 45     | 28      | 248     | 35      | 168      | 14     |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Lee    | Lenoir  | Lincoln | McDowell | Macon  | Madison |
|--|--------|---------|---------|----------|--------|---------|
| <b>FARMS</b>                                 |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| Land in farms .....                          | 250    | 386     | 614     | 333      | 340    | 639     |
| farms  |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| acres  | 35,170 | 113,708 | 54,080  | 22,997   | 19,775 | 56,761  |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 150    | 255     | 400     | 216      | 217    | 428     |
| farms  |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| acres  | 16,005 | 82,568  | 25,985  | 4,945    | 3,708  | 7,310   |
| <b>TENURE</b>                                |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| Full owners .....                            | 164    | 226     | 425     | 231      | 237    | 469     |
| farms  |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| acres  | 9,488  | 26,417  | 19,813  | (D)      | 12,121 | 34,699  |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 82     | 122     | 253     | 133      | 139    | 306     |
| farms  |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| acres  | 1,257  | 7,930   | (D)     | (D)      | (D)    | 3,006   |
| Part owners .....                            | 74     | 126     | 172     | 99       | 61     | 133     |
| farms  |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| acres  | 25,338 | 75,992  | 33,651  | 7,371    | 6,308  | 20,851  |
| Owned land in farms .....                    | 11,963 | 27,885  | 16,902  | 3,622    | 3,640  | 8,652   |
| acres  |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| Rented land in farms .....                   | 13,375 | 48,107  | 16,749  | 3,749    | 2,668  | 12,199  |
| acres  |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 62     | 108     | 145     | 81       | 52     | 97      |
| farms  |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| acres  | 14,470 | 64,149  | 21,243  | 2,468    | (D)    | 4,098   |
| Tenants .....                                | 12     | 34      | 17      | 3        | 42     | 37      |
| farms  |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| acres  | 344    | 11,299  | 616     | (D)      | 1,346  | 1,211   |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 6      | 25      | 2       | 2        | 26     | 25      |
| farms  |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| acres  | 278    | 10,489  | (D)     | (D)      | 300    | 206     |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>  |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| Total producers .....                        | 418    | 567     | 1,038   | 546      | 561    | 1,044   |
| number                                       |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| Farms by number of producers:                |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| 1 producer .....                             | 111    | 237     | 269     | 152      | 157    | 299     |
| 2 producers .....                            | 113    | 121     | 296     | 151      | 155    | 299     |
| 3 producers .....                            | 23     | 25      | 25      | 28       | 20     | 23      |
| 4 producers .....                            | 3      | 2       | 21      | 2        | 6      | 15      |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -      | 1       | 3       | -        | 2      | 3       |
| Total male producers .....                   | 288    | 438     | 672     | 347      | 351    | 661     |
| number                                       |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| Farms by number of male producers:           |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| 1 producer .....                             | 215    | 314     | 525     | 284      | 275    | 529     |
| 2 producers .....                            | 20     | 54      | 46      | 27       | 35     | 55      |
| 3 producers .....                            | 11     | 4       | 9       | 3        | 2      | 6       |
| 4 producers .....                            | -      | 1       | 7       | -        | -      | 1       |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -      | -       | -       | -        | -      | -       |
| Total female producers .....                 | 130    | 129     | 366     | 199      | 210    | 383     |
| number                                       |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| Farms by number of female producers:         |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| 1 producer .....                             | 116    | 113     | 324     | 173      | 176    | 330     |
| 2 producers .....                            | 7      | 8       | 17      | 10       | 14     | 22      |
| 3 producers .....                            | -      | -       | -       | 2        | 2      | 3       |
| 4 producers .....                            | -      | -       | 2       | -        | -      | -       |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -      | -       | -       | -        | -      | -       |
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b> |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| Sex of producers:                            |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| Male .....                                   | 288    | 438     | 666     | 347      | 349    | 659     |
| Female .....                                 | 130    | 128     | 366     | 199      | 210    | 379     |
| Hired managers (see text) .....              | 8      | 36      | 8       | 16       | 18     | 3       |
| Primary occupation:                          |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| Farming .....                                | 160    | 304     | 331     | 227      | 193    | 423     |
| Other .....                                  | 258    | 262     | 701     | 319      | 366    | 615     |
| Place of residence:                          |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| On farm operated .....                       | 330    | 355     | 843     | 433      | 423    | 857     |
| Not on farm operated .....                   | 88     | 211     | 189     | 113      | 136    | 181     |
| Days worked off farm:                        |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| None .....                                   | 156    | 233     | 307     | 200      | 198    | 394     |
| Any .....                                    | 262    | 333     | 725     | 346      | 361    | 644     |
| 1 to 49 days .....                           | 38     | 49      | 79      | 62       | 27     | 113     |
| 50 to 99 days .....                          | 15     | 20      | 33      | 23       | 24     | 49      |
| 100 to 199 days .....                        | 41     | 37      | 80      | 64       | 69     | 117     |
| 200 days or more .....                       | 168    | 227     | 533     | 197      | 241    | 365     |
| Years on present farm:                       |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| 2 years or less .....                        | 13     | 32      | 52      | 33       | 28     | 69      |
| 3 or 4 years .....                           | 22     | 39      | 160     | 42       | 70     | 111     |
| 5 to 9 years .....                           | 95     | 79      | 137     | 82       | 94     | 120     |
| 10 years or more .....                       | 288    | 416     | 683     | 389      | 367    | 738     |
| Average years on present farm .....          | 21.9   | 22.1    | 20.8    | 19.0     | 19.9   | 22.1    |
| Years operating any farm (see text):         |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| 5 years or less .....                        | 60     | 59      | 232     | 78       | 109    | 200     |
| 6 to 10 years .....                          | 63     | 62      | 112     | 69       | 75     | 94      |
| 11 years or more .....                       | 295    | 445     | 688     | 399      | 375    | 744     |
| Average years on any farm .....              | 23.7   | 25.4    | 21.7    | 20.7     | 21.5   | 23.8    |
| Age group:                                   |        |         |         |          |        |         |
| Under 25 years .....                         | 8      | 16      | 6       | 7        | 8      | 14      |
| 25 to 34 years .....                         | 26     | 34      | 78      | 38       | 24     | 90      |
| 35 to 44 years .....                         | 42     | 57      | 87      | 79       | 41     | 140     |
| 45 to 54 years .....                         | 77     | 105     | 231     | 67       | 114    | 170     |
| 55 to 64 years .....                         | 101    | 159     | 290     | 131      | 134    | 207     |
| 65 to 74 years .....                         | 110    | 125     | 232     | 155      | 154    | 287     |
| 75 years and over .....                      | 54     | 70      | 108     | 69       | 84     | 130     |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Martin  | Mecklenburg | Mitchell | Montgomery | Moore  | Nash    |
|--|---------|-------------|----------|------------|--------|---------|
| <b>FARMS</b>                                 |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| Land in farms .....                          | 332     | 216         | 250      | 240        | 733    | 425     |
| farms  |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| acres  | 140,980 | 11,674      | 14,802   | 33,521     | 89,375 | 129,478 |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 239     | 150         | 169      | 120        | 334    | 255     |
| farms  |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| acres  | 97,775  | 5,421       | 2,360    | 8,367      | 17,909 | 85,870  |
| <b>TENURE</b>                                |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| Full owners .....                            | 163     | 146         | 180      | 181        | 580    | 255     |
| farms  |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| acres  | 27,653  | (D)         | 10,045   | 20,167     | 49,646 | 19,367  |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 72      | 97          | 112      | 74         | 211    | 115     |
| farms  |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| acres  | 8,344   | (D)         | 956      | 3,221      | 4,456  | 2,368   |
| Part owners .....                            | 131     | 59          | 53       | 54         | 132    | 126     |
| farms  |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| acres  | 100,412 | 5,906       | 4,539    | 12,079     | 38,795 | 86,644  |
| Owned land in farms .....                    | 37,586  | 3,240       | 1,799    | 7,476      | 18,607 | 32,996  |
| acres  |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| Rented land in farms .....                   | 62,826  | 2,666       | 2,740    | 4,603      | 20,188 | 53,648  |
| acres  |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 129     | 50          | 41       | 43         | 114    | 110     |
| farms  |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| acres  | 76,821  | 3,403       | 1,271    | 4,026      | 13,056 | 64,841  |
| Tenants .....                                | 38      | 11          | 17       | 5          | 21     | 44      |
| farms  |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| acres  | 12,915  | (D)         | 218      | 1,275      | 934    | 23,467  |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 38      | 3           | 16       | 3          | 9      | 30      |
| farms  |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| acres  | 12,610  | (D)         | 133      | 1,120      | 397    | 18,661  |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>  |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| Total producers .....                        | 449     | 371         | 397      | 396        | 1,230  | 692     |
| number                                       |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| Farms by number of producers:                |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| 1 producer .....                             | 255     | 99          | 119      | 113        | 334    | 212     |
| 2 producers .....                            | 49      | 104         | 118      | 103        | 336    | 168     |
| 3 producers .....                            | 22      | 6           | 10       | 19         | 38     | 39      |
| 4 producers .....                            | 4       | 3           | 3        | 5          | 20     | 3       |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 2       | 4           | -        | -          | 5      | 3       |
| Total male producers .....                   | 386     | 223         | 261      | 257        | 777    | 470     |
| number                                       |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| Farms by number of male producers:           |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| 1 producer .....                             | 262     | 171         | 211      | 198        | 576    | 304     |
| 2 producers .....                            | 35      | 21          | 25       | 23         | 63     | 56      |
| 3 producers .....                            | 12      | 2           | -        | 3          | 18     | 18      |
| 4 producers .....                            | 2       | 1           | -        | 1          | 3      | -       |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 2       | -           | -        | -          | 1      | -       |
| Total female producers .....                 | 63      | 148         | 136      | 139        | 453    | 222     |
| number                                       |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| Farms by number of female producers:         |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| 1 producer .....                             | 54      | 99          | 112      | 119        | 414    | 184     |
| 2 producers .....                            | 3       | 14          | 12       | 10         | 15     | 16      |
| 3 producers .....                            | 1       | 1           | -        | -          | 3      | 2       |
| 4 producers .....                            | -       | -           | -        | -          | -      | -       |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -       | 2           | -        | -          | -      | -       |
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b> |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| Sex of producers:                            |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| Male .....                                   | 384     | 223         | 261      | 257        | 772    | 470     |
| Female .....                                 | 59      | 130         | 136      | 139        | 448    | 219     |
| Hired managers (see text) .....              | 47      | 26          | 1        | 40         | 43     | 78      |
| Primary occupation:                          |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| Farming .....                                | 244     | 136         | 116      | 202        | 528    | 359     |
| Other .....                                  | 199     | 217         | 281      | 194        | 692    | 330     |
| Place of residence:                          |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| On farm operated .....                       | 256     | 280         | 333      | 315        | 1,037  | 496     |
| Not on farm operated .....                   | 187     | 73          | 64       | 81         | 183    | 193     |
| Days worked off farm:                        |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| None .....                                   | 235     | 129         | 167      | 149        | 510    | 302     |
| Any .....                                    | 208     | 224         | 230      | 247        | 710    | 387     |
| 1 to 49 days .....                           | 40      | 23          | 41       | 34         | 68     | 31      |
| 50 to 99 days .....                          | 11      | 18          | 34       | 20         | 66     | 38      |
| 100 to 199 days .....                        | 23      | 34          | 19       | 24         | 101    | 59      |
| 200 days or more .....                       | 134     | 149         | 136      | 169        | 475    | 259     |
| Years on present farm:                       |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| 2 years or less .....                        | 14      | 41          | 30       | 16         | 64     | 51      |
| 3 or 4 years .....                           | 42      | 44          | 30       | 19         | 108    | 66      |
| 5 to 9 years .....                           | 55      | 37          | 37       | 65         | 184    | 115     |
| 10 years or more .....                       | 332     | 231         | 300      | 296        | 864    | 457     |
| Average years on present farm .....          | 24.6    | 19.8        | 22.1     | 22.0       | 20.6   | 21.0    |
| Years operating any farm (see text):         |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| 5 years or less .....                        | 56      | 75          | 63       | 31         | 166    | 124     |
| 6 to 10 years .....                          | 59      | 37          | 35       | 65         | 135    | 77      |
| 11 years or more .....                       | 328     | 241         | 299      | 300        | 919    | 488     |
| Average years on any farm .....              | 26.1    | 23.6        | 23.4     | 24.6       | 23.4   | 23.7    |
| Age group:                                   |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| Under 25 years .....                         | 1       | -           | 10       | 5          | 31     | 16      |
| 25 to 34 years .....                         | 48      | 2           | 15       | 17         | 64     | 38      |
| 35 to 44 years .....                         | 37      | 35          | 51       | 53         | 108    | 105     |
| 45 to 54 years .....                         | 70      | 67          | 102      | 82         | 250    | 112     |
| 55 to 64 years .....                         | 107     | 114         | 80       | 129        | 348    | 156     |
| 65 to 74 years .....                         | 122     | 93          | 92       | 72         | 276    | 190     |
| 75 years and over .....                      | 58      | 42          | 47       | 38         | 143    | 72      |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | New Hanover | Northampton | Onslow | Orange | Pamlico | Pasquotank |
|--|-------------|-------------|--------|--------|---------|------------|
| <b>FARMS</b>                                 |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Land in farms .....                          | 59          | 272         | 340    | 686    | 100     | 126        |
| farms  | 879         | 170,170     | 52,473 | 69,908 | 43,262  | 72,174     |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 33          | 193         | 101    | 518    | 63      | 90         |
| farms  | 183         | 101,343     | 29,784 | 25,012 | 36,022  | 68,559     |
| acres  |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| <b>TENURE</b>                                |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Full owners .....                            | 43          | 140         | 238    | 452    | 56      | 40         |
| farms  | 605         | 50,022      | 15,809 | 25,546 | 3,240   | 3,706      |
| acres  | 25          | 66          | 101    | 308    | 23      | 11         |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 65          | 8,878       | 3,103  | 4,593  | (D)     | 2,297      |
| farms  |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| acres  |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Part owners .....                            | 4           | 111         | 83     | 192    | 33      | 64         |
| farms  | 33          | 113,975     | 34,497 | 38,924 | 35,695  | 50,846     |
| acres  | 27          | 42,074      | 8,644  | 18,553 | 13,320  | 15,312     |
| Owned land in farms .....                    | 6           | 71,901      | 25,853 | 20,371 | 22,375  | 35,534     |
| acres  | 4           | 106         | 59     | 173    | 31      | 61         |
| Rented land in farms .....                   | 8           | 86,308      | 24,593 | 18,128 | 31,749  | 48,696     |
| acres  |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Tenants .....                                | 12          | 21          | 19     | 42     | 11      | 22         |
| farms  | 241         | 6,173       | 2,167  | 5,438  | 4,327   | 17,622     |
| acres  | 4           | 21          | 18     | 37     | 9       | 18         |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 110         | 6,157       | 2,088  | 2,291  | (D)     | 17,566     |
| farms  |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| acres  |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>  |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Total producers .....                        | 107         | 429         | 535    | 1,219  | 183     | 186        |
| number                                       |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Farms by number of producers:                |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| 1 producer .....                             | 19          | 170         | 203    | 286    | 63      | 81         |
| 2 producers .....                            | 32          | 73          | 112    | 313    | 29      | 33         |
| 3 producers .....                            | 8           | 13          | 18     | 59     | 3       | 9          |
| 4 producers .....                            | -           | 14          | 6      | 13     | 2       | 3          |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -           | 2           | 1      | 15     | 3       | -          |
| Total male producers .....                   | 79          | 324         | 381    | 723    | 122     | 137        |
| number                                       |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Farms by number of male producers:           |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| 1 producer .....                             | 33          | 193         | 271    | 473    | 70      | 98         |
| 2 producers .....                            | 20          | 52          | 37     | 94     | 7       | 16         |
| 3 producers .....                            | 2           | 5           | 2      | 18     | 3       | 1          |
| 4 producers .....                            | -           | -           | -      | 2      | 1       | 1          |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -           | 2           | 1      | -      | 3       | -          |
| Total female producers .....                 | 28          | 105         | 154    | 496    | 61      | 49         |
| number                                       |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Farms by number of female producers:         |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| 1 producer .....                             | 28          | 66          | 140    | 384    | 41      | 41         |
| 2 producers .....                            | -           | 6           | 7      | 38     | -       | 4          |
| 3 producers .....                            | -           | 9           | -      | 8      | -       | -          |
| 4 producers .....                            | -           | -           | -      | 3      | -       | -          |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -           | -           | -      | -      | 2       | -          |
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b> |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Sex of producers:                            |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Male .....                                   | 79          | 320         | 355    | 712    | 109     | 137        |
| Female .....                                 | 28          | 99          | 154    | 489    | 41      | 49         |
| Hired managers (see text) .....              | 23          | 29          | 29     | 132    | 12      | 11         |
| Primary occupation:                          |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Farming .....                                | 47          | 221         | 299    | 538    | 72      | 104        |
| Other .....                                  | 60          | 198         | 210    | 663    | 78      | 82         |
| Place of residence:                          |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| On farm operated .....                       | 46          | 186         | 368    | 939    | 100     | 104        |
| Not on farm operated .....                   | 61          | 233         | 141    | 262    | 50      | 82         |
| Days worked off farm:                        |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| None .....                                   | 31          | 207         | 212    | 501    | 69      | 98         |
| Any .....                                    | 76          | 212         | 297    | 700    | 81      | 88         |
| 1 to 49 days .....                           | 13          | 27          | 50     | 79     | 11      | 11         |
| 50 to 99 days .....                          | 13          | 18          | 12     | 40     | 11      | 8          |
| 100 to 199 days .....                        | 8           | 27          | 47     | 81     | 13      | 12         |
| 200 days or more .....                       | 42          | 140         | 188    | 500    | 46      | 57         |
| Years on present farm:                       |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| 2 years or less .....                        | 3           | 28          | 58     | 68     | 10      | 3          |
| 3 or 4 years .....                           | 34          | 18          | 20     | 127    | 20      | 33         |
| 5 to 9 years .....                           | 5           | 60          | 71     | 190    | 33      | 22         |
| 10 years or more .....                       | 65          | 313         | 360    | 816    | 87      | 128        |
| Average years on present farm .....          | 16.3        | 24.6        | 20.8   | 21.0   | 17.3    | 23.1       |
| Years operating any farm (see text):         |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| 5 years or less .....                        | 37          | 44          | 82     | 188    | 25      | 40         |
| 6 to 10 years .....                          | 5           | 60          | 59     | 165    | 23      | 17         |
| 11 years or more .....                       | 65          | 315         | 368    | 848    | 102     | 129        |
| Average years on any farm .....              | 17.8        | 25.9        | 23.7   | 22.8   | 20.7    | 25.2       |
| Age group:                                   |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Under 25 years .....                         | -           | 1           | 1      | 20     | 1       | -          |
| 25 to 34 years .....                         | 9           | 42          | 21     | 101    | 18      | 18         |
| 35 to 44 years .....                         | 24          | 24          | 72     | 143    | 9       | 17         |
| 45 to 54 years .....                         | 21          | 49          | 109    | 199    | 27      | 38         |
| 55 to 64 years .....                         | 20          | 153         | 125    | 309    | 46      | 68         |
| 65 to 74 years .....                         | 28          | 93          | 114    | 277    | 42      | 33         |
| 75 years and over .....                      | 5           | 57          | 67     | 152    | 7       | 12         |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Pender | Perquimans | Person | Pitt    | Polk   | Randolph |
|--|--------|------------|--------|---------|--------|----------|
| <b>FARMS</b>                                 |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| Land in farms .....                          | 336    | 149        | 393    | 478     | 281    | 1,368    |
| farms  | 64,484 | 80,322     | 82,194 | 186,412 | 29,102 | 147,781  |
| acres  | 162    | 104        | 262    | 289     | 184    | 879      |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 31,410 | 73,020     | 36,385 | 135,203 | 5,487  | 54,527   |
| farms  |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| acres  |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| <b>TENURE</b>                                |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| Full owners .....                            | 260    | 62         | 256    | 258     | 236    | 932      |
| farms  | 29,109 | 8,055      | 20,967 | 31,962  | 22,454 | 69,454   |
| acres  | 98     | 20         | 143    | 116     | 148    | 543      |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 7,692  | 4,532      | (D)    | 10,268  | 3,477  | 15,573   |
| farms  |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| acres  |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| Part owners .....                            | 55     | 79         | 128    | 150     | 32     | 382      |
| farms  | 32,172 | 69,431     | 60,354 | 131,424 | 6,358  | 74,321   |
| acres  | 13,698 | 19,583     | 27,773 | 43,315  | 3,876  | 41,998   |
| Owned land in farms .....                    | 18,474 | 49,848     | 32,581 | 88,109  | 2,482  | 32,323   |
| Rented land in farms .....                   | 50     | 76         | 117    | 120     | 29     | 303      |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 21,415 | 66,588     | 33,198 | 104,799 | 1,934  | 37,170   |
| farms  |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| acres  |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| Tenants .....                                | 21     | 8          | 9      | 70      | 13     | 54       |
| farms  | 3,203  | 2,836      | 873    | 23,026  | 290    | 4,006    |
| acres  | 14     | 8          | 2      | 53      | 7      | 33       |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 2,303  | 1,900      | (D)    | 20,136  | 76     | 1,784    |
| farms  |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| acres  |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>  |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| Total producers .....                        | 524    | 228        | 609    | 774     | 498    | 2,084    |
| number                                       |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| Farms by number of producers:                |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| 1 producer .....                             | 184    | 84         | 212    | 264     | 86     | 756      |
| 2 producers .....                            | 133    | 54         | 152    | 154     | 180    | 535      |
| 3 producers .....                            | 16     | 8          | 23     | 42      | 8      | 57       |
| 4 producers .....                            | -      | 3          | 6      | 16      | 7      | 15       |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 3      | -          | -      | 2       | -      | 5        |
| Total male producers .....                   | 330    | 175        | 436    | 537     | 283    | 1,440    |
| number                                       |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| Farms by number of male producers:           |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| 1 producer .....                             | 260    | 112        | 313    | 374     | 225    | 1,150    |
| 2 producers .....                            | 24     | 24         | 39     | 56      | 26     | 123      |
| 3 producers .....                            | 1      | 5          | 15     | 15      | 2      | 13       |
| 4 producers .....                            | 1      | -          | -      | -       | -      | -        |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 2      | -          | -      | 1       | -      | 1        |
| Total female producers .....                 | 194    | 53         | 173    | 237     | 215    | 644      |
| number                                       |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| Farms by number of female producers:         |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| 1 producer .....                             | 165    | 51         | 163    | 188     | 196    | 581      |
| 2 producers .....                            | 12     | 1          | 5      | 14      | 8      | 24       |
| 3 producers .....                            | -      | -          | -      | 7       | 1      | 5        |
| 4 producers .....                            | -      | -          | -      | -       | -      | -        |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 1      | -          | -      | -       | -      | -        |
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b> |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| Sex of producers:                            |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| Male .....                                   | 320    | 175        | 436    | 534     | 283    | 1,436    |
| Female .....                                 | 190    | 53         | 173    | 236     | 215    | 641      |
| Hired managers (see text) .....              | 35     | 16         | 29     | 64      | 20     | 41       |
| Primary occupation:                          |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| Farming .....                                | 253    | 177        | 310    | 426     | 222    | 866      |
| Other .....                                  | 257    | 51         | 299    | 344     | 276    | 1,211    |
| Place of residence:                          |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| On farm operated .....                       | 368    | 183        | 468    | 444     | 436    | 1,678    |
| Not on farm operated .....                   | 142    | 45         | 141    | 326     | 62     | 399      |
| Days worked off farm:                        |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| None .....                                   | 236    | 158        | 248    | 372     | 215    | 766      |
| Any .....                                    | 274    | 70         | 361    | 398     | 283    | 1,311    |
| 1 to 49 days .....                           | 26     | 16         | 58     | 54      | 36     | 179      |
| 50 to 99 days .....                          | 37     | 5          | 26     | 41      | 24     | 61       |
| 100 to 199 days .....                        | 38     | 19         | 59     | 46      | 38     | 147      |
| 200 days or more .....                       | 173    | 30         | 218    | 257     | 185    | 924      |
| Years on present farm:                       |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| 2 years or less .....                        | 45     | 3          | 46     | 42      | 32     | 81       |
| 3 or 4 years .....                           | 66     | 2          | 76     | 63      | 62     | 164      |
| 5 to 9 years .....                           | 91     | 46         | 136    | 139     | 69     | 241      |
| 10 years or more .....                       | 308    | 177        | 351    | 526     | 335    | 1,591    |
| Average years on present farm .....          | 16.4   | 25.2       | 18.6   | 20.4    | 17.6   | 22.5     |
| Years operating any farm (see text):         |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| 5 years or less .....                        | 118    | 18         | 124    | 138     | 88     | 264      |
| 6 to 10 years .....                          | 78     | 40         | 102    | 102     | 66     | 212      |
| 11 years or more .....                       | 314    | 170        | 383    | 530     | 344    | 1,601    |
| Average years on any farm .....              | 18.4   | 26.9       | 21.5   | 22.5    | 19.6   | 24.1     |
| Age group:                                   |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| Under 25 years .....                         | 1      | 4          | 11     | 20      | 9      | 40       |
| 25 to 34 years .....                         | 24     | 10         | 51     | 81      | 41     | 145      |
| 35 to 44 years .....                         | 53     | 26         | 109    | 83      | 41     | 249      |
| 45 to 54 years .....                         | 110    | 47         | 105    | 116     | 114    | 375      |
| 55 to 64 years .....                         | 168    | 64         | 159    | 210     | 81     | 557      |
| 65 to 74 years .....                         | 117    | 41         | 117    | 186     | 152    | 483      |
| 75 years and over .....                      | 37     | 36         | 57     | 74      | 60     | 228      |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Richmond | Robeson | Rockingham | Rowan   | Rutherford | Sampson |
|--|----------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
| <b>FARMS</b>                                 |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| Land in farms .....farms                     | 237      | 722     | 844        | 925     | 620        | 960     |
| .....acres                                   | 59,173   | 263,740 | 124,613    | 118,914 | 59,921     | 301,248 |
| Harvested cropland .....farms                | 129      | 468     | 631        | 661     | 385        | 657     |
| .....acres                                   | 15,232   | 192,147 | 32,925     | 60,433  | 13,115     | 177,866 |
| <b>TENURE</b>                                |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| Full owners .....farms                       | 199      | 450     | 602        | 601     | 444        | 585     |
| .....acres                                   | (D)      | 68,762  | 49,085     | 35,112  | 33,947     | 109,865 |
| Harvested cropland .....farms                | 96       | 218     | 412        | 377     | 262        | 309     |
| .....acres                                   | 10,460   | 21,873  | 8,508      | 8,972   | (D)        | 29,647  |
| Part owners .....farms                       | 36       | 231     | 207        | 273     | 160        | 299     |
| .....acres                                   | 12,435   | 184,927 | 71,774     | 76,706  | 25,707     | 162,060 |
| Owned land in farms .....acres               | 7,884    | 56,839  | 35,028     | 38,573  | 13,338     | 71,548  |
| Rented land in farms .....acres              | 4,551    | 128,088 | 36,746     | 38,133  | 12,369     | 90,512  |
| Harvested cropland .....farms                | 31       | 213     | 195        | 241     | 122        | 280     |
| .....acres                                   | (D)      | 160,559 | 22,729     | 45,507  | 7,559      | 128,731 |
| Tenants .....farms                           | 2        | 41      | 35         | 51      | 16         | 76      |
| .....acres                                   | (D)      | 10,051  | 3,754      | 7,096   | 267        | 29,323  |
| Harvested cropland .....farms                | 2        | 37      | 24         | 43      | 1          | 68      |
| .....acres                                   | (D)      | 9,715   | 1,688      | 5,954   | (D)        | 19,488  |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>  |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| Total producers ..... number                 | 405      | 1,140   | 1,410      | 1,501   | 972        | 1,528   |
| Farms by number of producers:                |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| 1 producer .....                             | 118      | 420     | 386        | 467     | 326        | 540     |
| 2 producers .....                            | 92       | 235     | 380        | 387     | 251        | 332     |
| 3 producers .....                            | 11       | 41      | 54         | 43      | 31         | 50      |
| 4 producers .....                            | 12       | 15      | 18         | 16      | 9          | 26      |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 4        | 11      | 6          | 12      | 3          | 12      |
| Total male producers ..... number            | 252      | 814     | 951        | 1,009   | 629        | 1,102   |
| Farms by number of male producers:           |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| 1 producer .....                             | 164      | 559     | 668        | 733     | 515        | 751     |
| 2 producers .....                            | 35       | 77      | 97         | 95      | 43         | 120     |
| 3 producers .....                            | 6        | 28      | 23         | 26      | 8          | 23      |
| 4 producers .....                            | -        | 3       | 5          | 2       | 1          | 8       |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -        | 1       | -          | -       | -          | 2       |
| Total female producers ..... number          | 153      | 326     | 459        | 492     | 343        | 426     |
| Farms by number of female producers:         |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| 1 producer .....                             | 106      | 252     | 403        | 427     | 309        | 339     |
| 2 producers .....                            | 16       | 15      | 25         | 26      | 8          | 28      |
| 3 producers .....                            | 5        | 12      | 2          | 1       | 2          | 9       |
| 4 producers .....                            | -        | 2       | -          | -       | 3          | 1       |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -        | -       | -          | 2       | -          | -       |
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b> |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| Sex of producers:                            |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| Male .....                                   | 250      | 805     | 945        | 1,006   | 629        | 1,089   |
| Female .....                                 | 149      | 312     | 459        | 476     | 340        | 417     |
| Hired managers (see text) .....              | 34       | 52      | 49         | 67      | 20         | 165     |
| Primary occupation:                          |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| Farming .....                                | 180      | 524     | 565        | 560     | 430        | 797     |
| Other .....                                  | 219      | 593     | 839        | 922     | 539        | 709     |
| Place of residence:                          |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| On farm operated .....                       | 299      | 691     | 1,151      | 1,197   | 791        | 890     |
| Not on farm operated .....                   | 100      | 426     | 253        | 285     | 178        | 616     |
| Days worked off farm:                        |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| None .....                                   | 206      | 486     | 569        | 565     | 400        | 677     |
| Any .....                                    | 193      | 631     | 835        | 917     | 569        | 829     |
| 1 to 49 days .....                           | 21       | 65      | 105        | 98      | 67         | 92      |
| 50 to 99 days .....                          | 10       | 51      | 63         | 45      | 50         | 40      |
| 100 to 199 days .....                        | 30       | 73      | 98         | 112     | 66         | 102     |
| 200 days or more .....                       | 132      | 442     | 569        | 662     | 386        | 595     |
| Years on present farm:                       |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| 2 years or less .....                        | 41       | 69      | 78         | 85      | 62         | 65      |
| 3 or 4 years .....                           | 22       | 85      | 99         | 147     | 92         | 107     |
| 5 to 9 years .....                           | 53       | 140     | 188        | 217     | 125        | 201     |
| 10 years or more .....                       | 283      | 823     | 1,039      | 1,033   | 690        | 1,133   |
| Average years on present farm .....          | 18.5     | 21.2    | 22.7       | 20.5    | 20.1       | 22.0    |
| Years operating any farm (see text):         |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| 5 years or less .....                        | 46       | 130     | 189        | 221     | 147        | 188     |
| 6 to 10 years .....                          | 64       | 171     | 142        | 208     | 112        | 171     |
| 11 years or more .....                       | 289      | 816     | 1,073      | 1,053   | 710        | 1,147   |
| Average years on any farm .....              | 19.6     | 23.2    | 24.8       | 22.5    | 22.4       | 23.8    |
| Age group:                                   |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| Under 25 years .....                         | 1        | 7       | 29         | 27      | 9          | 7       |
| 25 to 34 years .....                         | 34       | 46      | 96         | 108     | 49         | 105     |
| 35 to 44 years .....                         | 34       | 154     | 135        | 162     | 98         | 188     |
| 45 to 54 years .....                         | 75       | 197     | 281        | 313     | 187        | 284     |
| 55 to 64 years .....                         | 122      | 294     | 344        | 368     | 255        | 417     |
| 65 to 74 years .....                         | 103      | 285     | 324        | 315     | 258        | 360     |
| 75 years and over .....                      | 30       | 134     | 195        | 189     | 113        | 145     |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Scotland | Stanly | Stokes | Surry   | Swain  | Transylvania |
|--|----------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------------|
| <b>FARMS</b>                                 |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| Land in farms .....                          | 108      | 672    | 856    | 1,064   | 99     | 215          |
| farms  |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| acres  | 54,853   | 95,867 | 92,904 | 152,452 | 10,131 | 14,684       |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 68       | 468    | 613    | 755     | 55     | 140          |
| farms  |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| acres  | 27,421   | 49,883 | 23,730 | 57,966  | 859    | 3,858        |
| <b>TENURE</b>                                |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| Full owners .....                            | 73       | 468    | 631    | 687     | 65     | 155          |
| farms  |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| acres  | (D)      | 31,356 | 51,480 | 61,121  | 7,892  | 9,461        |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 36       | 294    | 434    | 449     | 30     | 90           |
| farms  |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| acres  | (D)      | 6,737  | 8,895  | 11,178  | 213    | 1,450        |
| Part owners .....                            | 34       | 169    | 198    | 331     | 28     | 44           |
| farms  |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| acres  | 36,378   | 62,269 | 40,256 | 85,903  | 1,834  | 4,160        |
| Owned land in farms .....                    | 23,117   | 32,705 | 23,406 | 41,367  | 1,083  | 2,078        |
| acres  |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| Rented land in farms .....                   | 13,261   | 29,564 | 16,850 | 44,536  | 751    | 2,082        |
| acres  |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 31       | 152    | 158    | 286     | 19     | 37           |
| farms  |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| acres  | 20,847   | 41,268 | 14,232 | 43,777  | 488    | 2,149        |
| Tenants .....                                | 1        | 35     | 27     | 46      | 6      | 16           |
| farms  |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| acres  | (D)      | 2,242  | 1,168  | 5,428   | 405    | 1,063        |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 1        | 22     | 21     | 20      | 6      | 13           |
| farms  |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| acres  | (D)      | 1,878  | 603    | 3,011   | 158    | 259          |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>  |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| Total producers .....                        | 167      | 1,181  | 1,395  | 1,742   | 142    | 358          |
| number                                       |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| Farms by number of producers:                |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| 1 producer .....                             | 52       | 338    | 394    | 513     | 59     | 95           |
| 2 producers .....                            | 53       | 274    | 407    | 476     | 37     | 99           |
| 3 producers .....                            | 3        | 23     | 34     | 42      | 3      | 19           |
| 4 producers .....                            | -        | 23     | 20     | 21      | -      | 2            |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -        | 14     | 1      | 12      | -      | -            |
| Total male producers .....                   | 119      | 778    | 883    | 1,208   | 87     | 225          |
| number                                       |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| Farms by number of male producers:           |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| 1 producer .....                             | 94       | 535    | 696    | 884     | 74     | 189          |
| 2 producers .....                            | 8        | 70     | 82     | 113     | 2      | 15           |
| 3 producers .....                            | 3        | 13     | 5      | 26      | 3      | 2            |
| 4 producers .....                            | -        | 1      | 2      | 5       | -      | -            |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -        | 6      | -      | -       | -      | -            |
| Total female producers .....                 | 48       | 403    | 512    | 534     | 55     | 133          |
| number                                       |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| Farms by number of female producers:         |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| 1 producer .....                             | 48       | 295    | 448    | 458     | 49     | 105          |
| 2 producers .....                            | -        | 34     | 26     | 26      | 3      | 8            |
| 3 producers .....                            | -        | -      | 4      | 8       | -      | 4            |
| 4 producers .....                            | -        | -      | -      | -       | -      | -            |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -        | 8      | -      | -       | -      | -            |
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b> |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| Sex of producers:                            |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| Male .....                                   | 119      | 730    | 883    | 1,206   | 87     | 225          |
| Female .....                                 | 48       | 373    | 511    | 517     | 55     | 133          |
| Hired managers (see text) .....              | 15       | 42     | 22     | 61      | 5      | 17           |
| Primary occupation:                          |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| Farming .....                                | 92       | 385    | 560    | 737     | 73     | 142          |
| Other .....                                  | 75       | 718    | 834    | 986     | 69     | 216          |
| Place of residence:                          |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| On farm operated .....                       | 122      | 808    | 1,135  | 1,279   | 105    | 279          |
| Not on farm operated .....                   | 45       | 295    | 259    | 444     | 37     | 79           |
| Days worked off farm:                        |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| None .....                                   | 89       | 380    | 479    | 657     | 47     | 109          |
| Any .....                                    | 78       | 723    | 915    | 1,066   | 95     | 249          |
| 1 to 49 days .....                           | 12       | 94     | 130    | 129     | 30     | 31           |
| 50 to 99 days .....                          | 3        | 38     | 35     | 70      | 7      | 15           |
| 100 to 199 days .....                        | 1        | 83     | 149    | 149     | 11     | 40           |
| 200 days or more .....                       | 62       | 508    | 601    | 718     | 47     | 163          |
| Years on present farm:                       |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| 2 years or less .....                        | 8        | 114    | 83     | 67      | 7      | 50           |
| 3 or 4 years .....                           | 8        | 77     | 82     | 125     | 3      | 36           |
| 5 to 9 years .....                           | 15       | 141    | 176    | 184     | 16     | 36           |
| 10 years or more .....                       | 136      | 771    | 1,053  | 1,347   | 116    | 236          |
| Average years on present farm .....          | 20.8     | 20.5   | 22.9   | 23.8    | 20.6   | 18.7         |
| Years operating any farm (see text):         |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| 5 years or less .....                        | 18       | 209    | 186    | 208     | 12     | 80           |
| 6 to 10 years .....                          | 15       | 136    | 183    | 138     | 13     | 41           |
| 11 years or more .....                       | 134      | 758    | 1,025  | 1,377   | 117    | 237          |
| Average years on any farm .....              | 22.6     | 21.5   | 24.5   | 25.2    | 22.5   | 21.2         |
| Age group:                                   |          |        |        |         |        |              |
| Under 25 years .....                         | 2        | 5      | 10     | 12      | 6      | 5            |
| 25 to 34 years .....                         | 3        | 48     | 65     | 114     | 6      | 28           |
| 35 to 44 years .....                         | 18       | 154    | 113    | 153     | 10     | 30           |
| 45 to 54 years .....                         | 32       | 230    | 264    | 365     | 20     | 40           |
| 55 to 64 years .....                         | 50       | 271    | 447    | 506     | 43     | 149          |
| 65 to 74 years .....                         | 35       | 276    | 333    | 369     | 49     | 60           |
| 75 years and over .....                      | 27       | 119    | 162    | 204     | 8      | 46           |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Tyrrell | Union   | Vance  | Wake   | Warren | Washington |
|--|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| <b>FARMS</b>                                 |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| Land in farms .....                          | 68      | 957     | 238    | 691    | 267    | 141        |
| farms  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| acres  | 52,946  | 186,626 | 66,157 | 77,008 | 60,778 | 79,680     |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 49      | 516     | 147    | 424    | 165    | 74         |
| farms  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| acres  | 50,232  | 135,514 | 14,498 | 36,851 | 20,314 | 67,996     |
| <b>TENURE</b>                                |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| Full owners .....                            | 28      | 666     | 169    | 509    | 194    | 74         |
| farms  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| acres  | 3,333   | 38,722  | 28,167 | 31,749 | 27,514 | 9,075      |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 9       | 301     | 91     | 293    | 103    | 14         |
| farms  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| acres  | 1,292   | 10,177  | 2,962  | 7,296  | 4,625  | 2,030      |
| Part owners .....                            | 22      | 232     | 58     | 126    | 64     | 59         |
| farms  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| acres  | 42,495  | 144,536 | 37,080 | 41,476 | 31,583 | 56,982     |
| Owned land in farms .....                    | 9,209   | 59,485  | 9,848  | 12,590 | 12,596 | 21,178     |
| acres  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| Rented land in farms .....                   | 33,286  | 85,051  | 27,232 | 28,886 | 18,987 | 35,804     |
| acres  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 22      | 189     | 50     | 104    | 54     | 52         |
| farms  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| acres  | 41,834  | 123,501 | 11,180 | 27,224 | 14,941 | 52,343     |
| Tenants .....                                | 18      | 59      | 11     | 56     | 9      | 8          |
| farms  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| acres  | 7,118   | 3,368   | 910    | 3,783  | 1,681  | 13,623     |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 18      | 26      | 6      | 27     | 8      | 8          |
| farms  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| acres  | 7,106   | 1,836   | 356    | 2,331  | 748    | 13,623     |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| Total producers .....                        | 101     | 1,522   | 369    | 1,241  | 454    | 202        |
| number                                       |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| Farms by number of producers:                |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| 1 producer .....                             | 39      | 514     | 129    | 298    | 118    | 97         |
| 2 producers .....                            | 25      | 380     | 92     | 294    | 122    | 29         |
| 3 producers .....                            | 4       | 38      | 12     | 63     | 22     | 13         |
| 4 producers .....                            | -       | 21      | 5      | 31     | 2      | 2          |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -       | 4       | -      | 5      | 3      | -          |
| Total male producers .....                   | 73      | 1,022   | 235    | 769    | 280    | 159        |
| number                                       |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| Farms by number of male producers:           |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| 1 producer .....                             | 65      | 739     | 201    | 529    | 208    | 113        |
| 2 producers .....                            | 1       | 105     | 13     | 84     | 30     | 8          |
| 3 producers .....                            | 2       | 13      | -      | 19     | 4      | 10         |
| 4 producers .....                            | -       | 1       | 2      | -      | -      | -          |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -       | 1       | -      | 3      | -      | -          |
| Total female producers .....                 | 28      | 500     | 134    | 472    | 174    | 43         |
| number                                       |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| Farms by number of female producers:         |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| 1 producer .....                             | 24      | 436     | 98     | 319    | 131    | 43         |
| 2 producers .....                            | 2       | 26      | 15     | 55     | 8      | -          |
| 3 producers .....                            | -       | 4       | 2      | 6      | 3      | -          |
| 4 producers .....                            | -       | -       | -      | -      | -      | -          |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -       | -       | -      | 5      | 3      | -          |
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b> |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| Sex of producers:                            |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| Male .....                                   | 73      | 992     | 235    | 760    | 280    | 159        |
| Female .....                                 | 28      | 496     | 134    | 459    | 168    | 43         |
| Hired managers (see text) .....              | 3       | 62      | 7      | 90     | 11     | 9          |
| Primary occupation:                          |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| Farming .....                                | 47      | 681     | 148    | 428    | 176    | 122        |
| Other .....                                  | 54      | 807     | 221    | 791    | 272    | 80         |
| Place of residence:                          |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| On farm operated .....                       | 58      | 1,124   | 306    | 880    | 262    | 118        |
| Not on farm operated .....                   | 43      | 364     | 63     | 339    | 186    | 84         |
| Days worked off farm:                        |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| None .....                                   | 57      | 620     | 141    | 432    | 203    | 125        |
| Any .....                                    | 44      | 868     | 228    | 787    | 245    | 77         |
| 1 to 49 days .....                           | 7       | 90      | 20     | 113    | 29     | 5          |
| 50 to 99 days .....                          | 3       | 35      | 19     | 78     | 23     | 13         |
| 100 to 199 days .....                        | 4       | 134     | 15     | 104    | 29     | 6          |
| 200 days or more .....                       | 30      | 609     | 174    | 492    | 164    | 53         |
| Years on present farm:                       |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| 2 years or less .....                        | 2       | 102     | 17     | 122    | 30     | 19         |
| 3 or 4 years .....                           | 1       | 136     | 38     | 110    | 32     | 8          |
| 5 to 9 years .....                           | 11      | 228     | 46     | 203    | 79     | 18         |
| 10 years or more .....                       | 87      | 1,022   | 268    | 784    | 307    | 157        |
| Average years on present farm .....          | 25.4    | 21.1    | 21.2   | 19.8   | 20.8   | 23.3       |
| Years operating any farm (see text):         |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| 5 years or less .....                        | 3       | 230     | 43     | 249    | 72     | 21         |
| 6 to 10 years .....                          | 9       | 207     | 64     | 155    | 58     | 16         |
| 11 years or more .....                       | 89      | 1,051   | 262    | 815    | 318    | 165        |
| Average years on any farm .....              | 27.0    | 22.9    | 22.3   | 21.8   | 22.1   | 25.2       |
| Age group:                                   |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| Under 25 years .....                         | -       | 15      | -      | 39     | 3      | -          |
| 25 to 34 years .....                         | 8       | 71      | 16     | 57     | 38     | 10         |
| 35 to 44 years .....                         | 16      | 142     | 47     | 135    | 27     | 25         |
| 45 to 54 years .....                         | 13      | 340     | 49     | 237    | 72     | 43         |
| 55 to 64 years .....                         | 26      | 415     | 82     | 348    | 135    | 49         |
| 65 to 74 years .....                         | 24      | 350     | 124    | 250    | 127    | 57         |
| 75 years and over .....                      | 14      | 155     | 51     | 153    | 46     | 18         |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Watauga | Wayne   | Wilkes  | Wilson  | Yadkin | Yancey |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| <b>FARMS</b>                                 |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Land in farms .....                          | 520     | 551     | 932     | 276     | 818    | 369    |
| farms  |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| acres  | 49,614  | 165,345 | 106,710 | 122,946 | 87,522 | 30,824 |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 404     | 387     | 649     | 167     | 626    | 291    |
| farms  |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| acres  | 11,971  | 123,617 | 34,798  | 95,746  | 44,370 | 5,354  |
| <b>TENURE</b>                                |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Full owners .....                            | 347     | 289     | 605     | 172     | 524    | 245    |
| farms  |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| acres  | 20,871  | 25,898  | 46,039  | 12,537  | 27,557 | 13,054 |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 268     | 153     | 402     | 74      | 356    | 195    |
| farms  |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| acres  | (D)     | 7,475   | 8,400   | 2,347   | 6,172  | 1,855  |
| Part owners .....                            | 151     | 216     | 272     | 91      | 254    | 111    |
| farms  |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| acres  | 27,800  | 131,164 | 56,315  | 104,459 | 58,699 | 17,234 |
| Owned land in farms .....                    | 7,608   | 39,555  | 29,044  | 34,539  | 25,585 | 6,670  |
| acres  |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Rented land in farms .....                   | 20,192  | 91,609  | 27,271  | 69,920  | 33,114 | 10,564 |
| acres  |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 126     | 198     | 226     | 82      | 237    | 88     |
| farms  |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| acres  | 8,451   | 108,650 | 24,572  | 87,749  | 37,519 | 3,405  |
| Tenants .....                                | 22      | 46      | 55      | 13      | 40     | 13     |
| farms  |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| acres  | 943     | 8,283   | 4,356   | 5,950   | 1,266  | 536    |
| Harvested cropland .....                     | 10      | 36      | 21      | 11      | 33     | 8      |
| farms  |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| acres  | (D)     | 7,492   | 1,826   | 5,650   | 679    | 94     |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRODUCERS (SEE TEXT)</b>  |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Total producers .....                        | 869     | 884     | 1,453   | 514     | 1,274  | 593    |
| number                                       |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Farms by number of producers:                |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| 1 producer .....                             | 259     | 296     | 490     | 128     | 448    | 181    |
| 2 producers .....                            | 201     | 214     | 382     | 118     | 307    | 166    |
| 3 producers .....                            | 35      | 27      | 47      | 12      | 46     | 14     |
| 4 producers .....                            | 22      | 11      | 12      | 7       | 14     | 5      |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | 3       | 3       | 1       | 11      | 3      | 3      |
| Total male producers .....                   | 574     | 659     | 983     | 364     | 901    | 413    |
| number                                       |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Farms by number of male producers:           |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| 1 producer .....                             | 425     | 405     | 764     | 201     | 651    | 303    |
| 2 producers .....                            | 54      | 82      | 91      | 37      | 108    | 46     |
| 3 producers .....                            | 11      | 18      | 9       | 9       | 10     | 6      |
| 4 producers .....                            | 2       | 3       | 1       | 3       | 1      | -      |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -       | 1       | 1       | 10      | -      | -      |
| Total female producers .....                 | 295     | 225     | 470     | 150     | 373    | 180    |
| number                                       |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Farms by number of female producers:         |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| 1 producer .....                             | 239     | 207     | 417     | 108     | 312    | 165    |
| 2 producers .....                            | 22      | 9       | 23      | 3       | 23     | 5      |
| 3 producers .....                            | 4       | -       | 1       | 2       | -      | -      |
| 4 producers .....                            | -       | -       | 1       | -       | -      | -      |
| 5 or more producers .....                    | -       | -       | -       | 6       | 3      | -      |
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b> |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Sex of producers:                            |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Male .....                                   | 571     | 636     | 981     | 342     | 901    | 413    |
| Female .....                                 | 295     | 225     | 466     | 130     | 367    | 174    |
| Hired managers (see text) .....              | 38      | 98      | 59      | 66      | 26     | 24     |
| Primary occupation:                          |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Farming .....                                | 307     | 490     | 686     | 263     | 542    | 233    |
| Other .....                                  | 559     | 371     | 761     | 209     | 726    | 354    |
| Place of residence:                          |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| On farm operated .....                       | 719     | 620     | 1,127   | 305     | 965    | 478    |
| Not on farm operated .....                   | 147     | 241     | 320     | 167     | 303    | 109    |
| Days worked off farm:                        |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| None .....                                   | 316     | 418     | 665     | 272     | 499    | 195    |
| Any .....                                    | 550     | 443     | 782     | 200     | 769    | 392    |
| 1 to 49 days .....                           | 78      | 77      | 92      | 31      | 94     | 62     |
| 50 to 99 days .....                          | 78      | 27      | 49      | 8       | 42     | 43     |
| 100 to 199 days .....                        | 86      | 52      | 103     | 14      | 86     | 60     |
| 200 days or more .....                       | 308     | 287     | 538     | 147     | 547    | 227    |
| Years on present farm:                       |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| 2 years or less .....                        | 23      | 37      | 55      | 28      | 79     | 27     |
| 3 or 4 years .....                           | 88      | 49      | 71      | 43      | 116    | 65     |
| 5 to 9 years .....                           | 100     | 96      | 234     | 76      | 154    | 50     |
| 10 years or more .....                       | 655     | 679     | 1,087   | 325     | 919    | 445    |
| Average years on present farm .....          | 23.1    | 24.7    | 22.1    | 21.4    | 21.9   | 23.9   |
| Years operating any farm (see text):         |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| 5 years or less .....                        | 123     | 86      | 135     | 87      | 190    | 85     |
| 6 to 10 years .....                          | 108     | 80      | 212     | 58      | 157    | 71     |
| 11 years or more .....                       | 635     | 695     | 1,100   | 327     | 921    | 431    |
| Average years on any farm .....              | 24.3    | 26.6    | 23.8    | 22.7    | 23.1   | 25.6   |
| Age group:                                   |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Under 25 years .....                         | 12      | 17      | 15      | 3       | 39     | 4      |
| 25 to 34 years .....                         | 66      | 53      | 85      | 39      | 110    | 36     |
| 35 to 44 years .....                         | 57      | 83      | 160     | 62      | 112    | 90     |
| 45 to 54 years .....                         | 121     | 142     | 284     | 84      | 251    | 109    |
| 55 to 64 years .....                         | 252     | 296     | 387     | 132     | 336    | 140    |
| 65 to 74 years .....                         | 248     | 194     | 336     | 106     | 284    | 136    |
| 75 years and over .....                      | 110     | 76      | 180     | 46      | 136    | 72     |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | North Carolina | Alamance | Alexander | Alleghany | Anson |
|--|----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>                 |                |          |           |           |       |
| Age group: - Con.  |                |          |           |           |       |
| Average age .....  | 58.1           | 58.3     | 56.0      | 58.8      | 58.7  |
| Young producers (see text) .....                                   | 6,248          | 79       | 79        | 60        | 31    |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....  | 769            | 2        | 9         | 1         | 3     |
| Producers by race:   |                |          |           |           |       |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....                             | 745            | 4        | 2         | -         | 7     |
| Asian .....  | 418            | 8        | -         | -         | 45    |
| Black or African American .....                                    | 2,041          | 67       | 2         | -         | 17    |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....                    | 18             | -        | -         | -         | -     |
| White .....  | 70,504         | 1,128    | 869       | 762       | 532   |
| More than one race reported .....                                  | 336            | -        | 15        | 1         | 4     |
| Military service (see text):                                       |                |          |           |           |       |
| Never served .....   | 65,139         | 1,109    | 782       | 670       | 532   |
| Served .....   | 8,923          | 98       | 106       | 93        | 73    |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) ..... |                |          |           |           |       |
|  | 141,488        | 2,057    | 1,762     | 1,395     | 1,212 |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):                  |                |          |           |           |       |
| Day-to-day decisions .....   | 64,639         | 1,107    | 817       | 645       | 511   |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....                               | 55,010         | 855      | 660       | 577       | 376   |
| Livestock decisions .....  | 44,902         | 781      | 678       | 434       | 347   |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....                   | 54,996         | 941      | 687       | 539       | 441   |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....                       | 39,782         | 662      | 518       | 406       | 342   |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS<sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b>  |                |          |           |           |       |
| Total principal producers .....                                    | 60,288         | 980      | 712       | 594       | 501   |
| Farms by number of principal producers:                            |                |          |           |           |       |
| 1 producer .....   | 23,830         | 335      | 246       | 194       | 247   |
| 2 producers .....  | 28,752         | 478      | 400       | 309       | 218   |
| 3 producers .....  | 4,815          | 116      | 53        | 37        | 22    |
| 4 producers .....  | 2,018          | 27       | 7         | 39        | 12    |
| Total male principal producers .....                               | 44,522         | 693      | 528       | 428       | 396   |
| Farms by number of male principal producers:                       |                |          |           |           |       |
| 1 producer .....   | 35,200         | 541      | 416       | 360       | 346   |
| 2 producers .....  | 7,261          | 123      | 86        | 51        | 47    |
| 3 producers .....  | 1,618          | 11       | 26        | 10        | 3     |
| 4 producers .....  | 298            | 18       | -         | 7         | -     |
| Total female principal producers .....                             | 15,766         | 287      | 184       | 166       | 105   |
| Farms by number of female principal producers:                     |                |          |           |           |       |
| 1 producer .....   | 13,805         | 237      | 179       | 134       | 99    |
| 2 producers .....  | 1,544          | 48       | 5         | 20        | 6     |
| 3 producers .....  | 286            | 2        | -         | 12        | -     |
| 4 producers .....  | 89             | -        | -         | -         | -     |
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup></b>              |                |          |           |           |       |
| Sex of producers:  |                |          |           |           |       |
| Male .....   | 44,522         | 693      | 528       | 428       | 396   |
| Female .....   | 15,766         | 287      | 184       | 166       | 105   |
| Hired managers (see text) .....                                    | 2,509          | 27       | 31        | 10        | 16    |
| Primary occupation:  |                |          |           |           |       |
| Farming .....  | 27,525         | 391      | 332       | 252       | 222   |
| Other .....  | 32,763         | 589      | 380       | 342       | 279   |
| Place of residence:  |                |          |           |           |       |
| On farm operated .....   | 45,949         | 823      | 568       | 440       | 363   |
| Not on farm operated .....   | 14,339         | 157      | 144       | 154       | 138   |
| Days worked off farm:  |                |          |           |           |       |
| None .....   | 24,778         | 364      | 300       | 220       | 224   |
| Any .....  | 35,510         | 616      | 412       | 374       | 277   |
| 1 to 49 days .....   | 4,795          | 64       | 29        | 70        | 28    |
| 50 to 99 days .....  | 2,569          | 26       | 29        | 42        | 4     |
| 100 to 199 days .....  | 4,798          | 85       | 66        | 18        | 46    |
| 200 days or more .....   | 23,348         | 441      | 288       | 244       | 199   |
| Years on present farm:   |                |          |           |           |       |
| 2 years or less .....  | 3,093          | 48       | 16        | 22        | 25    |
| 3 or 4 years .....   | 4,711          | 105      | 37        | 53        | 57    |
| 5 to 9 years .....   | 8,433          | 160      | 131       | 65        | 44    |
| 10 years or more .....   | 44,051         | 667      | 528       | 454       | 375   |
| Average years on present farm .....                                | 22.3           | 21.1     | 23.5      | 23.6      | 21.4  |
| Years operating any farm (see text):                               |                |          |           |           |       |
| 5 years or less .....  | 7,901          | 172      | 67        | 68        | 79    |
| 6 to 10 years .....  | 7,293          | 114      | 109       | 63        | 51    |
| 11 years or more .....   | 45,094         | 694      | 536       | 463       | 371   |
| Average years on any farm .....                                    | 24.3           | 23.0     | 24.8      | 25.2      | 23.3  |
| Age group:   |                |          |           |           |       |
| Under 25 years .....   | 405            | 17       | 6         | -         | 2     |
| 25 to 34 years .....   | 3,133          | 28       | 37        | 36        | 14    |
| 35 to 44 years .....   | 6,016          | 106      | 112       | 72        | 53    |
| 45 to 54 years .....   | 11,151         | 182      | 117       | 88        | 98    |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Ashe  | Avery | Beaufort | Bertie | Bladen | Brunswick |
|--|-------|-------|----------|--------|--------|-----------|
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>                |       |       |          |        |        |           |
| Age group: - Con.  |       |       |          |        |        |           |
| Average age .....  | 57.9  | 59.9  | 57.0     | 59.1   | 57.8   | 57.7      |
| Young producers (see text) .....                                   | 114   | 62    | 30       | 32     | 69     | 43        |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....  | 35    | -     | 2        | 2      | 12     | 6         |
| Producers by race:   |       |       |          |        |        |           |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....                             | -     | -     | -        | -      | 6      | 2         |
| Asian .....  | 3     | -     | -        | -      | 8      | -         |
| Black or African American .....                                    | 2     | 2     | 10       | 115    | 83     | 47        |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....                    | -     | -     | -        | -      | -      | -         |
| White .....  | 1,455 | 610   | 471      | 362    | 734    | 302       |
| More than one race reported .....                                  | 9     | -     | 7        | -      | 2      | 4         |
| Military service (see text):                                       |       |       |          |        |        |           |
| Never served .....   | 1,324 | 535   | 442      | 436    | 693    | 270       |
| Served .....   | 145   | 77    | 46       | 41     | 140    | 85        |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) ..... | 2,727 | 1,186 | 1,039    | 954    | 1,724  | 662       |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):                  |       |       |          |        |        |           |
| Day-to-day decisions .....   | 1,323 | 514   | 431      | 403    | 689    | 309       |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....                               | 1,114 | 491   | 345      | 336    | 605    | 241       |
| Livestock decisions .....  | 856   | 240   | 179      | 146    | 385    | 180       |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....                   | 1,065 | 454   | 365      | 379    | 608    | 254       |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....                       | 765   | 306   | 266      | 260    | 443    | 196       |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS <sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b> |       |       |          |        |        |           |
| Total principal producers .....                                    | 1,156 | 500   | 407      | 416    | 649    | 300       |
| Farms by number of principal producers:                            |       |       |          |        |        |           |
| 1 producer .....   | 371   | 171   | 179      | 208    | 253    | 139       |
| 2 producers .....  | 622   | 196   | 142      | 142    | 300    | 106       |
| 3 producers .....  | 98    | 75    | 71       | 30     | 53     | 21        |
| 4 producers .....  | 51    | 48    | 11       | 8      | 38     | 20        |
| Total male principal producers .....                               | 859   | 395   | 316      | 341    | 529    | 209       |
| Farms by number of male principal producers:                       |       |       |          |        |        |           |
| 1 producer .....   | 654   | 255   | 234      | 256    | 409    | 160       |
| 2 producers .....  | 178   | 73    | 48       | 59     | 95     | 47        |
| 3 producers .....  | 16    | 59    | 30       | 22     | 10     | -         |
| 4 producers .....  | 4     | 8     | 4        | 4      | 11     | -         |
| Total female principal producers .....                             | 297   | 105   | 91       | 75     | 120    | 91        |
| Farms by number of female principal producers:                     |       |       |          |        |        |           |
| 1 producer .....   | 259   | 95    | 66       | 51     | 114    | 66        |
| 2 producers .....  | 34    | 4     | 25       | 24     | 6      | 13        |
| 3 producers .....  | 2     | -     | -        | -      | -      | 12        |
| 4 producers .....  | 2     | 6     | -        | -      | -      | -         |
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b>             |       |       |          |        |        |           |
| Sex of producers:  |       |       |          |        |        |           |
| Male .....   | 859   | 395   | 316      | 341    | 529    | 209       |
| Female .....   | 297   | 105   | 91       | 75     | 120    | 91        |
| Hired managers (see text) .....                                    | 35    | 31    | 32       | 42     | 46     | 19        |
| Primary occupation:  |       |       |          |        |        |           |
| Farming .....  | 560   | 245   | 208      | 274    | 343    | 143       |
| Other .....  | 596   | 255   | 199      | 142    | 306    | 157       |
| Place of residence:  |       |       |          |        |        |           |
| On farm operated .....   | 889   | 355   | 249      | 223    | 452    | 259       |
| Not on farm operated .....   | 267   | 145   | 158      | 193    | 197    | 41        |
| Days worked off farm:  |       |       |          |        |        |           |
| None .....   | 471   | 196   | 236      | 242    | 286    | 144       |
| Any .....  | 685   | 304   | 171      | 174    | 363    | 156       |
| 1 to 49 days .....   | 135   | 72    | 31       | 50     | 62     | 29        |
| 50 to 99 days .....  | 42    | 33    | 11       | 14     | 33     | 1         |
| 100 to 199 days .....  | 101   | 46    | 17       | 29     | 62     | 17        |
| 200 days or more .....   | 407   | 153   | 112      | 81     | 206    | 109       |
| Years on present farm:   |       |       |          |        |        |           |
| 2 years or less .....  | 47    | 7     | 23       | 18     | 31     | 15        |
| 3 or 4 years .....   | 40    | 27    | 33       | 13     | 47     | 24        |
| 5 to 9 years .....   | 138   | 55    | 78       | 51     | 108    | 33        |
| 10 years or more .....   | 931   | 411   | 273      | 334    | 463    | 228       |
| Average years on present farm .....                                | 24.0  | 26.9  | 20.7     | 23.9   | 21.8   | 22.9      |
| Years operating any farm (see text):                               |       |       |          |        |        |           |
| 5 years or less .....  | 101   | 38    | 47       | 28     | 69     | 31        |
| 6 to 10 years .....  | 100   | 48    | 70       | 42     | 90     | 43        |
| 11 years or more .....   | 955   | 414   | 290      | 346    | 490    | 226       |
| Average years on any farm .....                                    | 25.8  | 28.7  | 23.7     | 26.3   | 24.3   | 24.3      |
| Age group:   |       |       |          |        |        |           |
| Under 25 years .....   | 6     | -     | 7        | -      | -      | 5         |
| 25 to 34 years .....   | 35    | 39    | 17       | 16     | 36     | 20        |
| 35 to 44 years .....   | 123   | 31    | 35       | 27     | 108    | 22        |
| 45 to 54 years .....   | 203   | 92    | 115      | 57     | 102    | 51        |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | Buncombe | Burke | Cabarrus | Caldwell | Camden | Carteret |
|---|----------|-------|----------|----------|--------|----------|
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>                    |          |       |          |          |        |          |
| Age group: - Con.   |          |       |          |          |        |          |
| Average age .....   | 58.2     | 57.5  | 57.5     | 57.2     | 57.9   | 59.2     |
| Young producers (see text) .....                                      | 172      | 58    | 106      | 28       | 6      | 18       |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....     | 31       | 8     | 19       | 6        | 8      | 6        |
| Producers by race:  |          |       |          |          |        |          |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....                                | 4        | 8     | 1        | -        | -      | 1        |
| Asian .....   | 10       | 6     | 8        | 4        | -      | 2        |
| Black or African American .....                                       | 8        | -     | 35       | -        | 2      | -        |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....                       | -        | -     | -        | -        | -      | -        |
| White .....   | 1,825    | 768   | 968      | 622      | 125    | 231      |
| More than one race reported .....                                     | 2        | 8     | 8        | 10       | -      | 4        |
| Military service (see text):  |          |       |          |          |        |          |
| Never served .....  | 1,649    | 725   | 894      | 575      | 106    | 191      |
| Served .....  | 200      | 65    | 126      | 61       | 21     | 47       |
| Number of persons living in<br>producers' households (see text) ..... | 3,312    | 1,461 | 1,814    | 1,179    | 278    | 404      |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):                     |          |       |          |          |        |          |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 1,594    | 725   | 901      | 560      | 117    | 205      |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....                                  | 1,319    | 618   | 707      | 456      | 100    | 181      |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 1,257    | 516   | 652      | 393      | 62     | 146      |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....                      | 1,299    | 576   | 742      | 439      | 104    | 176      |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....                          | 943      | 482   | 590      | 338      | 62     | 118      |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS<sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b>     |          |       |          |          |        |          |
| Total principal producers .....                                       | 1,437    | 688   | 841      | 525      | 118    | 201      |
| Farms by number of principal producers:                               |          |       |          |          |        |          |
| 1 producer .....  | 474      | 285   | 304      | 214      | 40     | 99       |
| 2 producers .....   | 717      | 315   | 429      | 273      | 68     | 70       |
| 3 producers .....   | 123      | 35    | 66       | 23       | 10     | 3        |
| 4 producers .....   | 92       | 37    | 20       | 15       | -      | 29       |
| Total male principal producers .....                                  | 952      | 517   | 604      | 377      | 86     | 127      |
| Farms by number of male principal producers:                          |          |       |          |          |        |          |
| 1 producer .....  | 728      | 390   | 484      | 317      | 66     | 109      |
| 2 producers .....   | 181      | 104   | 105      | 53       | 12     | 17       |
| 3 producers .....   | 26       | 14    | 5        | 7        | 8      | -        |
| 4 producers .....   | 7        | 9     | 8        | -        | -      | 1        |
| Total female principal producers .....                                | 485      | 171   | 237      | 148      | 32     | 74       |
| Farms by number of female principal producers:                        |          |       |          |          |        |          |
| 1 producer .....  | 416      | 151   | 194      | 144      | 32     | 54       |
| 2 producers .....   | 55       | 17    | 28       | 4        | -      | 2        |
| 3 producers .....   | 12       | -     | 2        | -        | -      | 18       |
| 4 producers .....   | -        | 3     | 5        | -        | -      | -        |
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup></b>                 |          |       |          |          |        |          |
| Sex of producers:   |          |       |          |          |        |          |
| Male .....  | 952      | 517   | 604      | 377      | 86     | 127      |
| Female .....  | 485      | 171   | 237      | 148      | 32     | 74       |
| Hired managers (see text) .....                                       | 47       | 33    | 33       | 9        | 13     | 13       |
| Primary occupation:   |          |       |          |          |        |          |
| Farming .....   | 604      | 288   | 334      | 218      | 69     | 58       |
| Other .....   | 833      | 400   | 507      | 307      | 49     | 143      |
| Place of residence:   |          |       |          |          |        |          |
| On farm operated .....  | 1,223    | 561   | 673      | 440      | 86     | 139      |
| Not on farm operated .....  | 214      | 127   | 168      | 85       | 32     | 62       |
| Days worked off farm:   |          |       |          |          |        |          |
| None .....  | 518      | 235   | 301      | 169      | 66     | 74       |
| Any .....   | 919      | 453   | 540      | 356      | 52     | 127      |
| 1 to 49 days .....  | 155      | 46    | 58       | 43       | 5      | 13       |
| 50 to 99 days .....   | 72       | 34    | 50       | 28       | 10     | 10       |
| 100 to 199 days .....   | 150      | 65    | 94       | 50       | 6      | 22       |
| 200 days or more .....  | 542      | 308   | 338      | 235      | 31     | 82       |
| Years on present farm:  |          |       |          |          |        |          |
| 2 years or less .....   | 104      | 33    | 79       | 9        | 12     | 12       |
| 3 or 4 years .....  | 128      | 66    | 90       | 42       | 6      | 8        |
| 5 to 9 years .....  | 246      | 131   | 134      | 88       | 27     | 35       |
| 10 years or more .....  | 959      | 458   | 538      | 386      | 73     | 146      |
| Average years on present farm .....                                   | 20.6     | 19.0  | 20.6     | 20.1     | 18.3   | 20.3     |
| Years operating any farm (see text):                                  |          |       |          |          |        |          |
| 5 years or less .....   | 224      | 100   | 172      | 48       | 3      | 13       |
| 6 to 10 years .....   | 206      | 118   | 94       | 76       | 31     | 34       |
| 11 years or more .....  | 1,007    | 470   | 575      | 401      | 84     | 154      |
| Average years on any farm .....                                       | 23.1     | 21.6  | 22.3     | 21.9     | 21.1   | 22.9     |
| Age group:  |          |       |          |          |        |          |
| Under 25 years .....  | 16       | 7     | 11       | 2        | -      | -        |
| 25 to 34 years .....  | 72       | 35    | 54       | 17       | 5      | 13       |
| 35 to 44 years .....  | 169      | 85    | 68       | 67       | 16     | 8        |
| 45 to 54 years .....  | 241      | 147   | 151      | 118      | 23     | 47       |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Caswell | Catawba | Chatham | Cherokee | Chowan | Clay |
|--|---------|---------|---------|----------|--------|------|
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>                |         |         |         |          |        |      |
| Age group: - Con.  |         |         |         |          |        |      |
| Average age .....  | 61.7    | 57.1    | 58.4    | 57.3     | 57.0   | 59.9 |
| Young producers (see text) .....                                   | 37      | 92      | 152     | 37       | 10     | 20   |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....  | 9       | 10      | 11      | 1        | 1      | 8    |
| Producers by race:   |         |         |         |          |        |      |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....                             | -       | -       | 1       | 26       | -      | 4    |
| Asian .....  | -       | 34      | 4       | 2        | -      | -    |
| Black or African American .....                                    | 111     | 22      | 24      | 4        | 6      | -    |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....                    | -       | -       | 3       | -        | -      | -    |
| White .....  | 625     | 971     | 1,714   | 408      | 145    | 219  |
| More than one race reported .....                                  | -       | 2       | 6       | 11       | -      | 4    |
| Military service (see text):                                       |         |         |         |          |        |      |
| Never served .....   | 622     | 875     | 1,574   | 403      | 139    | 191  |
| Served .....   | 114     | 154     | 178     | 48       | 12     | 36   |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) ..... | 1,411   | 1,992   | 3,244   | 794      | 352    | 471  |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):                  |         |         |         |          |        |      |
| Day-to-day decisions .....   | 673     | 906     | 1,565   | 393      | 142    | 204  |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....                               | 535     | 773     | 1,354   | 354      | 120    | 182  |
| Livestock decisions .....  | 424     | 731     | 1,280   | 321      | 42     | 170  |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....                   | 548     | 796     | 1,342   | 354      | 117    | 184  |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....                       | 411     | 550     | 1,009   | 262      | 63     | 132  |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS <sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b> |         |         |         |          |        |      |
| Total principal producers .....                                    | 632     | 815     | 1,450   | 366      | 126    | 198  |
| Farms by number of principal producers:                            |         |         |         |          |        |      |
| 1 producer .....   | 283     | 307     | 555     | 122      | 53     | 116  |
| 2 producers .....  | 285     | 410     | 773     | 215      | 56     | 59   |
| 3 producers .....  | 60      | 77      | 80      | 21       | 9      | 17   |
| 4 producers .....  | 3       | 8       | 29      | 8        | 8      | 6    |
| Total male principal producers .....                               | 480     | 602     | 942     | 274      | 114    | 160  |
| Farms by number of male principal producers:                       |         |         |         |          |        |      |
| 1 producer .....   | 384     | 463     | 827     | 222      | 69     | 127  |
| 2 producers .....  | 94      | 118     | 89      | 38       | 33     | 23   |
| 3 producers .....  | 2       | 18      | 26      | 14       | 8      | 10   |
| 4 producers .....  | -       | 3       | -       | -        | 4      | -    |
| Total female principal producers .....                             | 152     | 213     | 508     | 92       | 12     | 38   |
| Farms by number of female principal producers:                     |         |         |         |          |        |      |
| 1 producer .....   | 131     | 200     | 456     | 88       | 12     | 38   |
| 2 producers .....  | 21      | 3       | 50      | 4        | -      | -    |
| 3 producers .....  | -       | 6       | 2       | -        | -      | -    |
| 4 producers .....  | -       | 4       | -       | -        | -      | -    |
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b>             |         |         |         |          |        |      |
| Sex of producers:  |         |         |         |          |        |      |
| Male .....   | 480     | 602     | 942     | 274      | 114    | 160  |
| Female .....   | 152     | 213     | 508     | 92       | 12     | 38   |
| Hired managers (see text) .....                                    | 18      | 21      | 33      | 3        | 26     | -    |
| Primary occupation:  |         |         |         |          |        |      |
| Farming .....  | 284     | 316     | 573     | 158      | 84     | 98   |
| Other .....  | 348     | 499     | 877     | 208      | 42     | 100  |
| Place of residence:  |         |         |         |          |        |      |
| On farm operated .....   | 478     | 583     | 1,225   | 288      | 80     | 153  |
| Not on farm operated .....   | 154     | 232     | 225     | 78       | 46     | 45   |
| Days worked off farm:  |         |         |         |          |        |      |
| None .....   | 260     | 302     | 511     | 133      | 69     | 78   |
| Any .....  | 372     | 513     | 939     | 233      | 57     | 120  |
| 1 to 49 days .....   | 59      | 45      | 125     | 19       | 23     | 35   |
| 50 to 99 days .....  | 26      | 41      | 76      | 34       | 2      | 5    |
| 100 to 199 days .....  | 68      | 82      | 105     | 35       | 5      | 5    |
| 200 days or more .....   | 219     | 345     | 633     | 145      | 27     | 75   |
| Years on present farm:   |         |         |         |          |        |      |
| 2 years or less .....  | 24      | 36      | 98      | 21       | 3      | 14   |
| 3 or 4 years .....   | 58      | 38      | 122     | 29       | 1      | 22   |
| 5 to 9 years .....   | 78      | 165     | 207     | 46       | 21     | 28   |
| 10 years or more .....   | 472     | 576     | 1,023   | 270      | 101    | 134  |
| Average years on present farm .....                                | 24.7    | 22.0    | 21.8    | 20.6     | 27.3   | 18.9 |
| Years operating any farm (see text):                               |         |         |         |          |        |      |
| 5 years or less .....  | 78      | 112     | 212     | 46       | 5      | 39   |
| 6 to 10 years .....  | 56      | 129     | 179     | 45       | 18     | 14   |
| 11 years or more .....   | 498     | 574     | 1,059   | 275      | 103    | 145  |
| Average years on any farm .....                                    | 26.5    | 23.3    | 23.9    | 22.2     | 29.6   | 22.1 |
| Age group:   |         |         |         |          |        |      |
| Under 25 years .....   | -       | -       | 4       | -        | -      | 8    |
| 25 to 34 years .....   | 22      | 38      | 105     | 24       | 2      | 6    |
| 35 to 44 years .....   | 42      | 68      | 111     | 45       | 25     | 18   |
| 45 to 54 years .....   | 98      | 191     | 307     | 46       | 15     | 14   |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Cleveland | Columbus | Craven | Cumberland | Currituck | Dare |
|--|-----------|----------|--------|------------|-----------|------|
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>                 |           |          |        |            |           |      |
| Age group: - Con.  |           |          |        |            |           |      |
| Average age .....  | 58.6      | 59.2     | 57.5   | 57.0       | 56.2      | 53.6 |
| Young producers (see text) .....                                   | 84        | 37       | 33     | 55         | 20        | 17   |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....  | 23        | 6        | 5      | 18         | -         | -    |
| Producers by race:   |           |          |        |            |           |      |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....                             | -         | 31       | -      | 21         | 2         | -    |
| Asian .....  | 6         | -        | 6      | 2          | 4         | -    |
| Black or African American .....                                    | 17        | 42       | 4      | 32         | -         | -    |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....                    | -         | 1        | -      | -          | -         | -    |
| White .....  | 1,510     | 658      | 381    | 500        | 145       | 62   |
| More than one race reported .....                                  | 10        | 2        | -      | 6          | -         | -    |
| Military service (see text):                                       |           |          |        |            |           |      |
| Never served .....   | 1,331     | 615      | 344    | 438        | 129       | 55   |
| Served .....   | 212       | 119      | 47     | 123        | 22        | 7    |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) ..... | 3,036     | 1,525    | 807    | 1,130      | 318       | 90   |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):                  |           |          |        |            |           |      |
| Day-to-day decisions .....   | 1,385     | 642      | 334    | 498        | 124       | 57   |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....                               | 1,159     | 536      | 317    | 425        | 101       | 26   |
| Livestock decisions .....  | 1,084     | 289      | 198    | 323        | 60        | 30   |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....                   | 1,168     | 527      | 304    | 412        | 90        | 30   |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....                       | 897       | 332      | 228    | 312        | 76        | 29   |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS<sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b>  |           |          |        |            |           |      |
| Total principal producers .....                                    | 1,300     | 633      | 313    | 474        | 119       | 49   |
| Farms by number of principal producers:                            |           |          |        |            |           |      |
| 1 producer .....   | 547       | 331      | 140    | 158        | 42        | 10   |
| 2 producers .....  | 601       | 245      | 123    | 233        | 57        | 21   |
| 3 producers .....  | 121       | 30       | 23     | 52         | 12        | 18   |
| 4 producers .....  | 29        | 27       | 27     | 4          | -         | -    |
| Total male principal producers .....                               | 956       | 504      | 236    | 348        | 90        | 31   |
| Farms by number of male principal producers:                       |           |          |        |            |           |      |
| 1 producer .....   | 789       | 418      | 188    | 272        | 67        | 14   |
| 2 producers .....  | 123       | 62       | 44     | 58         | 15        | 17   |
| 3 producers .....  | 37        | 24       | 2      | 18         | 8         | -    |
| 4 producers .....  | 5         | -        | 2      | -          | -         | -    |
| Total female principal producers .....                             | 344       | 129      | 77     | 126        | 29        | 18   |
| Farms by number of female principal producers:                     |           |          |        |            |           |      |
| 1 producer .....   | 307       | 125      | 61     | 93         | 27        | 18   |
| 2 producers .....  | 37        | 4        | 11     | 15         | 2         | -    |
| 3 producers .....  | -         | -        | 5      | 18         | -         | -    |
| 4 producers .....  | -         | -        | -      | -          | -         | -    |
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup></b>              |           |          |        |            |           |      |
| Sex of producers:  |           |          |        |            |           |      |
| Male .....   | 956       | 504      | 236    | 348        | 90        | 31   |
| Female .....   | 344       | 129      | 77     | 126        | 29        | 18   |
| Hired managers (see text) .....                                    | 17        | 20       | 21     | 19         | 18        | 6    |
| Primary occupation:  |           |          |        |            |           |      |
| Farming .....  | 518       | 308      | 154    | 183        | 55        | 23   |
| Other .....  | 782       | 325      | 159    | 291        | 64        | 26   |
| Place of residence:  |           |          |        |            |           |      |
| On farm operated .....   | 1,014     | 450      | 238    | 343        | 78        | 25   |
| Not on farm operated .....   | 286       | 183      | 75     | 131        | 41        | 24   |
| Days worked off farm:  |           |          |        |            |           |      |
| None .....   | 490       | 258      | 160    | 168        | 51        | 13   |
| Any .....  | 810       | 375      | 153    | 306        | 68        | 36   |
| 1 to 49 days .....   | 99        | 69       | 33     | 62         | 11        | 6    |
| 50 to 99 days .....  | 40        | 21       | 12     | 30         | 5         | 3    |
| 100 to 199 days .....  | 102       | 47       | 12     | 24         | 4         | 4    |
| 200 days or more .....   | 569       | 238      | 96     | 190        | 48        | 23   |
| Years on present farm:   |           |          |        |            |           |      |
| 2 years or less .....  | 48        | 30       | 22     | 20         | 8         | 8    |
| 3 or 4 years .....   | 104       | 34       | 14     | 55         | 15        | 12   |
| 5 to 9 years .....   | 214       | 92       | 54     | 68         | 5         | 2    |
| 10 years or more .....   | 934       | 477      | 223    | 331        | 91        | 27   |
| Average years on present farm .....                                | 21.0      | 23.9     | 20.4   | 19.5       | 24.1      | 14.6 |
| Years operating any farm (see text):                               |           |          |        |            |           |      |
| 5 years or less .....  | 147       | 67       | 40     | 90         | 24        | 20   |
| 6 to 10 years .....  | 212       | 86       | 41     | 41         | 4         | 6    |
| 11 years or more .....   | 941       | 480      | 232    | 343        | 91        | 23   |
| Average years on any farm .....                                    | 22.9      | 25.7     | 23.7   | 21.5       | 25.7      | 16.8 |
| Age group:   |           |          |        |            |           |      |
| Under 25 years .....   | 5         | 1        | 2      | 6          | -         | -    |
| 25 to 34 years .....   | 49        | 15       | 17     | 32         | 2         | 14   |
| 35 to 44 years .....   | 139       | 72       | 37     | 48         | 15        | -    |
| 45 to 54 years .....   | 267       | 115      | 46     | 99         | 26        | 2    |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Davidson | Davie | Duplin | Durham | Edgecombe | Forsyth |
|--|----------|-------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>                |          |       |        |        |           |         |
| Age group: - Con.  |          |       |        |        |           |         |
| Average age .....  | 59.0     | 59.6  | 58.5   | 56.1   | 59.1      | 59.6    |
| Young producers (see text) .....                                   | 161      | 55    | 93     | 34     | 32        | 87      |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....  | 9        | 7     | 15     | 10     | 7         | 8       |
| Producers by race:   |          |       |        |        |           |         |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....                             | -        | 1     | 4      | -      | -         | 8       |
| Asian .....  | 2        | -     | 6      | -      | -         | 5       |
| Black or African American .....                                    | 6        | 49    | 120    | 16     | 20        | 10      |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....                    | -        | -     | -      | -      | -         | -       |
| White .....  | 1,584    | 852   | 1,102  | 352    | 390       | 881     |
| More than one race reported .....                                  | 4        | 2     | 2      | 5      | 2         | 4       |
| Military service (see text):                                       |          |       |        |        |           |         |
| Never served .....   | 1,412    | 783   | 1,089  | 332    | 369       | 821     |
| Served .....   | 184      | 121   | 145    | 41     | 43        | 87      |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) ..... | 3,036    | 1,702 | 2,458  | 694    | 823       | 1,670   |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):                  |          |       |        |        |           |         |
| Day-to-day decisions .....   | 1,368    | 817   | 1,093  | 340    | 330       | 786     |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....                               | 1,237    | 685   | 922    | 273    | 246       | 721     |
| Livestock decisions .....  | 967      | 650   | 726    | 247    | 141       | 546     |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....                   | 1,180    | 695   | 1,004  | 263    | 286       | 706     |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....                       | 905      | 527   | 688    | 182    | 204       | 554     |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS <sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b> |          |       |        |        |           |         |
| Total principal producers .....                                    | 1,251    | 728   | 1,042  | 316    | 329       | 761     |
| Farms by number of principal producers:                            |          |       |        |        |           |         |
| 1 producer .....   | 521      | 323   | 491    | 125    | 131       | 265     |
| 2 producers .....  | 563      | 350   | 405    | 167    | 119       | 398     |
| 3 producers .....  | 99       | 39    | 106    | 12     | 37        | 79      |
| 4 producers .....  | 14       | 15    | 24     | 8      | 28        | 19      |
| Total male principal producers .....                               | 956      | 566   | 828    | 198    | 255       | 549     |
| Farms by number of male principal producers:                       |          |       |        |        |           |         |
| 1 producer .....   | 807      | 492   | 649    | 177    | 174       | 408     |
| 2 producers .....  | 104      | 69    | 129    | 9      | 34        | 103     |
| 3 producers .....  | 18       | 5     | 43     | 8      | 35        | 37      |
| 4 producers .....  | 27       | -     | 5      | 4      | 4         | 1       |
| Total female principal producers .....                             | 295      | 162   | 214    | 118    | 74        | 212     |
| Farms by number of female principal producers:                     |          |       |        |        |           |         |
| 1 producer .....   | 245      | 147   | 194    | 94     | 49        | 193     |
| 2 producers .....  | 28       | 11    | 13     | 24     | 14        | 17      |
| 3 producers .....  | 10       | 4     | 3      | -      | 1         | 2       |
| 4 producers .....  | 12       | -     | -      | -      | 10        | -       |
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b>             |          |       |        |        |           |         |
| Sex of producers:  |          |       |        |        |           |         |
| Male .....   | 956      | 566   | 828    | 198    | 255       | 549     |
| Female .....   | 295      | 162   | 214    | 118    | 74        | 212     |
| Hired managers (see text) .....                                    | 14       | 12    | 96     | 6      | 25        | 16      |
| Primary occupation:  |          |       |        |        |           |         |
| Farming .....  | 537      | 333   | 677    | 145    | 149       | 303     |
| Other .....  | 714      | 395   | 365    | 171    | 180       | 458     |
| Place of residence:  |          |       |        |        |           |         |
| On farm operated .....   | 1,032    | 621   | 700    | 246    | 181       | 613     |
| Not on farm operated .....   | 219      | 107   | 342    | 70     | 148       | 148     |
| Days worked off farm:  |          |       |        |        |           |         |
| None .....   | 467      | 288   | 563    | 114    | 130       | 288     |
| Any .....  | 784      | 440   | 479    | 202    | 199       | 473     |
| 1 to 49 days .....   | 120      | 49    | 51     | 46     | 26        | 62      |
| 50 to 99 days .....  | 75       | 31    | 49     | 14     | 8         | 22      |
| 100 to 199 days .....  | 98       | 82    | 56     | 33     | 19        | 45      |
| 200 days or more .....   | 491      | 278   | 323    | 109    | 146       | 344     |
| Years on present farm:   |          |       |        |        |           |         |
| 2 years or less .....  | 54       | 17    | 39     | 37     | 5         | 42      |
| 3 or 4 years .....   | 89       | 42    | 42     | 40     | 44        | 71      |
| 5 to 9 years .....   | 185      | 87    | 123    | 74     | 53        | 81      |
| 10 years or more .....   | 923      | 582   | 838    | 165    | 227       | 567     |
| Average years on present farm .....                                | 23.5     | 25.1  | 24.6   | 17.7   | 21.7      | 22.7    |
| Years operating any farm (see text):                               |          |       |        |        |           |         |
| 5 years or less .....  | 127      | 66    | 69     | 87     | 55        | 112     |
| 6 to 10 years .....  | 158      | 81    | 118    | 65     | 48        | 92      |
| 11 years or more .....   | 966      | 581   | 855    | 164    | 226       | 557     |
| Average years on any farm .....                                    | 25.5     | 26.6  | 27.4   | 18.9   | 23.6      | 24.5    |
| Age group:   |          |       |        |        |           |         |
| Under 25 years .....   | 7        | 2     | 3      | -      | 3         | 6       |
| 25 to 34 years .....   | 68       | 35    | 66     | 23     | 27        | 54      |
| 35 to 44 years .....   | 117      | 55    | 78     | 66     | 18        | 60      |
| 45 to 54 years .....   | 174      | 136   | 188    | 57     | 49        | 117     |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Franklin | Gaston | Gates | Graham | Granville | Greene |
|--|----------|--------|-------|--------|-----------|--------|
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>                 |          |        |       |        |           |        |
| Age group: - Con.  |          |        |       |        |           |        |
| Average age .....  | 60.2     | 57.7   | 58.5  | 58.3   | 59.7      | 58.7   |
| Young producers (see text) .....                                   | 32       | 77     | 21    | 9      | 46        | 29     |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....  | 6        | 3      | 1     | -      | -         | 2      |
| Producers by race:   |          |        |       |        |           |        |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....                             | -        | 7      | 2     | -      | 10        | -      |
| Asian .....  | -        | 2      | 2     | -      | -         | -      |
| Black or African American .....                                    | 71       | 3      | 2     | -      | 25        | 8      |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....                    | -        | -      | -     | -      | -         | -      |
| White .....  | 776      | 786    | 227   | 194    | 805       | 305    |
| More than one race reported .....                                  | 5        | -      | -     | -      | 4         | -      |
| Military service (see text):                                       |          |        |       |        |           |        |
| Never served .....   | 745      | 717    | 190   | 178    | 739       | 292    |
| Served .....   | 107      | 81     | 43    | 16     | 105       | 21     |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) ..... | 1,571    | 1,471  | 499   | 363    | 1,606     | 648    |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):                  |          |        |       |        |           |        |
| Day-to-day decisions .....   | 746      | 708    | 203   | 191    | 741       | 286    |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....                               | 591      | 598    | 124   | 152    | 645       | 251    |
| Livestock decisions .....  | 532      | 537    | 93    | 127    | 506       | 163    |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....                   | 601      | 573    | 164   | 140    | 611       | 251    |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....                       | 483      | 419    | 115   | 109    | 496       | 172    |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS<sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b>  |          |        |       |        |           |        |
| Total principal producers .....                                    | 720      | 687    | 195   | 164    | 689       | 264    |
| Farms by number of principal producers:                            |          |        |       |        |           |        |
| 1 producer .....   | 261      | 286    | 61    | 61     | 320       | 119    |
| 2 producers .....  | 387      | 340    | 111   | 88     | 298       | 121    |
| 3 producers .....  | 55       | 45     | 9     | 15     | 36        | 16     |
| 4 producers .....  | 17       | 15     | 8     | -      | 33        | 5      |
| Total male principal producers .....                               | 490      | 455    | 134   | 119    | 506       | 228    |
| Farms by number of male principal producers:                       |          |        |       |        |           |        |
| 1 producer .....   | 395      | 390    | 109   | 90     | 395       | 150    |
| 2 producers .....  | 75       | 48     | 20    | 25     | 84        | 68     |
| 3 producers .....  | 17       | 17     | -     | 4      | 11        | 7      |
| 4 producers .....  | 3        | -      | 5     | -      | 14        | -      |
| Total female principal producers .....                             | 230      | 232    | 61    | 45     | 183       | 36     |
| Farms by number of female principal producers:                     |          |        |       |        |           |        |
| 1 producer .....   | 197      | 220    | 48    | 45     | 161       | 36     |
| 2 producers .....  | 33       | 12     | 13    | -      | 22        | -      |
| 3 producers .....  | -        | -      | -     | -      | -         | -      |
| 4 producers .....  | -        | -      | -     | -      | -         | -      |
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup></b>              |          |        |       |        |           |        |
| Sex of producers:  |          |        |       |        |           |        |
| Male .....   | 490      | 455    | 134   | 119    | 506       | 228    |
| Female .....   | 230      | 232    | 61    | 45     | 183       | 36     |
| Hired managers (see text) .....                                    | 20       | 4      | 9     | 7      | 29        | 27     |
| Primary occupation:  |          |        |       |        |           |        |
| Farming .....  | 288      | 235    | 91    | 70     | 258       | 161    |
| Other .....  | 432      | 452    | 104   | 94     | 431       | 103    |
| Place of residence:  |          |        |       |        |           |        |
| On farm operated .....   | 585      | 513    | 127   | 155    | 516       | 127    |
| Not on farm operated .....   | 135      | 174    | 68    | 9      | 173       | 137    |
| Days worked off farm:  |          |        |       |        |           |        |
| None .....   | 292      | 251    | 91    | 73     | 276       | 140    |
| Any .....  | 428      | 436    | 104   | 91     | 413       | 124    |
| 1 to 49 days .....   | 55       | 37     | 14    | 10     | 55        | 18     |
| 50 to 99 days .....  | 39       | 25     | 4     | 17     | 23        | 6      |
| 100 to 199 days .....  | 62       | 65     | 9     | 23     | 46        | 11     |
| 200 days or more .....   | 272      | 309    | 77    | 41     | 289       | 89     |
| Years on present farm:   |          |        |       |        |           |        |
| 2 years or less .....  | 26       | 34     | 14    | 12     | 39        | 5      |
| 3 or 4 years .....   | 55       | 81     | 18    | 20     | 86        | 10     |
| 5 to 9 years .....   | 117      | 108    | 12    | 13     | 113       | 18     |
| 10 years or more .....   | 522      | 464    | 151   | 119    | 451       | 231    |
| Average years on present farm .....                                | 22.6     | 20.5   | 23.2  | 21.8   | 21.4      | 24.5   |
| Years operating any farm (see text):                               |          |        |       |        |           |        |
| 5 years or less .....  | 90       | 127    | 28    | 33     | 107       | 21     |
| 6 to 10 years .....  | 93       | 90     | 16    | 11     | 98        | 18     |
| 11 years or more .....   | 537      | 470    | 151   | 120    | 484       | 225    |
| Average years on any farm .....                                    | 24.5     | 22.0   | 24.7  | 22.9   | 23.8      | 26.3   |
| Age group:   |          |        |       |        |           |        |
| Under 25 years .....   | 1        | 1      | -     | 6      | 2         | -      |
| 25 to 34 years .....   | 18       | 52     | 14    | 2      | 22        | 17     |
| 35 to 44 years .....   | 49       | 80     | 13    | 27     | 69        | 17     |
| 45 to 54 years .....   | 177      | 129    | 45    | 26     | 123       | 46     |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Guilford | Halifax | Harnett | Haywood | Henderson | Hertford |
|--|----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>                |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Age group: - Con.  |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Average age .....  | 58.6     | 61.2    | 58.1    | 56.2    | 56.8      | 58.0     |
| Young producers (see text) .....                                   | 134      | 25      | 74      | 80      | 87        | 14       |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....  | 12       | 3       | 1       | 4       | 14        | 14       |
| Producers by race:   |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....                             | -        | 4       | -       | -       | 2         | -        |
| Asian .....  | 4        | -       | 5       | -       | 6         | -        |
| Black or African American .....                                    | 30       | 85      | 31      | -       | 4         | 10       |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....                    | -        | -       | -       | -       | -         | -        |
| White .....  | 1,337    | 426     | 923     | 858     | 759       | 179      |
| More than one race reported .....                                  | 3        | 3       | -       | 3       | -         | 12       |
| Military service (see text):                                       |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Never served .....   | 1,239    | 429     | 794     | 776     | 676       | 177      |
| Served .....   | 135      | 89      | 165     | 85      | 95        | 24       |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) ..... | 2,439    | 993     | 1,899   | 1,649   | 1,419     | 441      |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):                  |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Day-to-day decisions .....   | 1,200    | 426     | 832     | 744     | 671       | 160      |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....                               | 1,021    | 378     | 689     | 673     | 553       | 124      |
| Livestock decisions .....  | 911      | 176     | 545     | 671     | 410       | 50       |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....                   | 1,014    | 364     | 745     | 668     | 548       | 134      |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....                       | 809      | 249     | 536     | 463     | 394       | 105      |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS <sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b> |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Total principal producers .....                                    | 1,099    | 445     | 815     | 685     | 610       | 153      |
| Farms by number of principal producers:                            |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| 1 producer .....   | 411      | 205     | 377     | 286     | 213       | 68       |
| 2 producers .....  | 603      | 150     | 367     | 307     | 299       | 64       |
| 3 producers .....  | 53       | 51      | 49      | 47      | 65        | 20       |
| 4 producers .....  | 28       | 4       | 13      | 36      | 27        | 1        |
| Total male principal producers .....                               | 788      | 334     | 604     | 546     | 432       | 123      |
| Farms by number of male principal producers:                       |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| 1 producer .....   | 665      | 253     | 494     | 429     | 341       | 79       |
| 2 producers .....  | 102      | 59      | 91      | 96      | 81        | 38       |
| 3 producers .....  | 15       | 11      | 16      | 14      | 10        | 6        |
| 4 producers .....  | 6        | 8       | 3       | 7       | -         | -        |
| Total female principal producers .....                             | 311      | 111     | 211     | 139     | 178       | 30       |
| Farms by number of female principal producers:                     |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| 1 producer .....   | 288      | 61      | 183     | 126     | 145       | 26       |
| 2 producers .....  | 20       | 15      | 19      | 13      | 32        | 4        |
| 3 producers .....  | 3        | 17      | 7       | -       | -         | -        |
| 4 producers .....  | -        | 18      | 2       | -       | 1         | -        |
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b>             |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Sex of producers:  |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Male .....   | 788      | 334     | 604     | 546     | 432       | 123      |
| Female .....   | 311      | 111     | 211     | 139     | 178       | 30       |
| Hired managers (see text) .....                                    | 52       | 32      | 38      | 26      | 37        | 14       |
| Primary occupation:  |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Farming .....  | 471      | 196     | 359     | 253     | 295       | 88       |
| Other .....  | 628      | 249     | 456     | 432     | 315       | 65       |
| Place of residence:  |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| On farm operated .....   | 899      | 232     | 660     | 539     | 453       | 61       |
| Not on farm operated .....   | 200      | 213     | 155     | 146     | 157       | 92       |
| Days worked off farm:  |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| None .....   | 413      | 221     | 359     | 243     | 251       | 86       |
| Any .....  | 686      | 224     | 456     | 442     | 359       | 67       |
| 1 to 49 days .....   | 117      | 69      | 52      | 42      | 69        | 6        |
| 50 to 99 days .....  | 30       | 9       | 37      | 42      | 25        | 3        |
| 100 to 199 days .....  | 97       | 21      | 54      | 71      | 38        | 17       |
| 200 days or more .....   | 442      | 125     | 313     | 287     | 227       | 41       |
| Years on present farm:   |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| 2 years or less .....  | 52       | 28      | 48      | 44      | 46        | 18       |
| 3 or 4 years .....   | 80       | 27      | 62      | 57      | 56        | 7        |
| 5 to 9 years .....   | 145      | 67      | 111     | 118     | 127       | 20       |
| 10 years or more .....   | 822      | 323     | 594     | 466     | 381       | 108      |
| Average years on present farm .....                                | 22.6     | 22.4    | 22.5    | 21.6    | 20.8      | 20.4     |
| Years operating any farm (see text):                               |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| 5 years or less .....  | 136      | 56      | 107     | 112     | 84        | 24       |
| 6 to 10 years .....  | 116      | 62      | 107     | 90      | 115       | 22       |
| 11 years or more .....   | 847      | 327     | 601     | 483     | 411       | 107      |
| Average years on any farm .....                                    | 24.7     | 24.1    | 24.2    | 23.5    | 23.0      | 22.9     |
| Age group:   |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Under 25 years .....   | 13       | -       | 6       | 7       | 2         | 6        |
| 25 to 34 years .....   | 54       | 12      | 34      | 41      | 23        | -        |
| 35 to 44 years .....   | 108      | 33      | 85      | 89      | 83        | 12       |
| 45 to 54 years .....   | 193      | 71      | 151     | 142     | 115       | 27       |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | Hoke | Hyde | Iredell | Jackson | Johnston | Jones |
|---|------|------|---------|---------|----------|-------|
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>                    |      |      |         |         |          |       |
| Age group: - Con.   |      |      |         |         |          |       |
| Average age .....   | 57.0 | 52.3 | 59.5    | 61.7    | 57.2     | 55.5  |
| Young producers (see text) .....                                      | 44   | 42   | 137     | 18      | 148      | 41    |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....     | 2    | -    | 9       | -       | 10       | 3     |
| Producers by race:  |      |      |         |         |          |       |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....                                | 23   | -    | -       | 3       | 3        | -     |
| Asian .....   | 5    | -    | 6       | 2       | 14       | 8     |
| Black or African American .....                                       | 17   | -    | 10      | 2       | 16       | 14    |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....                       | -    | -    | -       | -       | -        | -     |
| White .....   | 283  | 233  | 1,654   | 345     | 1,642    | 271   |
| More than one race reported .....                                     | -    | -    | 2       | -       | 6        | -     |
| Military service (see text):  |      |      |         |         |          |       |
| Never served .....  | 232  | 222  | 1,456   | 298     | 1,487    | 246   |
| Served .....  | 96   | 11   | 216     | 54      | 194      | 47    |
| Number of persons living in<br>producers' households (see text) ..... | 645  | 568  | 3,306   | 622     | 3,297    | 541   |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):                     |      |      |         |         |          |       |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 247  | 156  | 1,455   | 340     | 1,417    | 240   |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....                                  | 233  | 180  | 1,189   | 291     | 1,253    | 223   |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 209  | 21   | 1,148   | 219     | 1,010    | 170   |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....                      | 223  | 159  | 1,202   | 282     | 1,233    | 250   |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....                          | 130  | 86   | 863     | 195     | 795      | 139   |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS<sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b>     |      |      |         |         |          |       |
| Total principal producers .....                                       | 235  | 195  | 1,393   | 301     | 1,304    | 223   |
| Farms by number of principal producers:                               |      |      |         |         |          |       |
| 1 producer .....  | 96   | 69   | 532     | 98      | 547      | 71    |
| 2 producers .....   | 84   | 85   | 702     | 157     | 634      | 141   |
| 3 producers .....   | 27   | 30   | 111     | 45      | 64       | 9     |
| 4 producers .....   | 24   | 5    | 16      | -       | 40       | -     |
| Total male principal producers .....                                  | 166  | 159  | 1,017   | 215     | 1,000    | 171   |
| Farms by number of male principal producers:                          |      |      |         |         |          |       |
| 1 producer .....  | 119  | 74   | 806     | 186     | 822      | 135   |
| 2 producers .....   | 39   | 60   | 178     | 28      | 149      | 27    |
| 3 producers .....   | 8    | 20   | 29      | -       | 22       | 7     |
| 4 producers .....   | -    | 5    | -       | -       | 7        | 2     |
| Total female principal producers .....                                | 69   | 36   | 376     | 86      | 304      | 52    |
| Farms by number of female principal producers:                        |      |      |         |         |          |       |
| 1 producer .....  | 48   | 28   | 334     | 74      | 280      | 52    |
| 2 producers .....   | 21   | 8    | 33      | 12      | 15       | -     |
| 3 producers .....   | -    | -    | 7       | -       | -        | -     |
| 4 producers .....   | -    | -    | -       | -       | 9        | -     |
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup></b>                 |      |      |         |         |          |       |
| Sex of producers:   |      |      |         |         |          |       |
| Male .....  | 166  | 159  | 1,017   | 215     | 1,000    | 171   |
| Female .....  | 69   | 36   | 376     | 86      | 304      | 52    |
| Hired managers (see text) .....                                       | 12   | 24   | 28      | 5       | 53       | 5     |
| Primary occupation:   |      |      |         |         |          |       |
| Farming .....   | 91   | 104  | 637     | 168     | 571      | 129   |
| Other .....   | 144  | 91   | 756     | 133     | 733      | 94    |
| Place of residence:   |      |      |         |         |          |       |
| On farm operated .....  | 154  | 59   | 1,104   | 269     | 1,044    | 175   |
| Not on farm operated .....  | 81   | 136  | 289     | 32      | 260      | 48    |
| Days worked off farm:   |      |      |         |         |          |       |
| None .....  | 96   | 85   | 562     | 127     | 537      | 111   |
| Any .....   | 139  | 110  | 831     | 174     | 767      | 112   |
| 1 to 49 days .....  | 8    | 20   | 92      | 19      | 112      | 21    |
| 50 to 99 days .....   | 15   | 4    | 46      | 20      | 37       | 15    |
| 100 to 199 days .....   | 15   | 14   | 117     | 41      | 108      | 8     |
| 200 days or more .....  | 101  | 72   | 576     | 94      | 510      | 68    |
| Years on present farm:  |      |      |         |         |          |       |
| 2 years or less .....   | 7    | 15   | 47      | 25      | 94       | 19    |
| 3 or 4 years .....  | 13   | 21   | 108     | 15      | 63       | 13    |
| 5 to 9 years .....  | 55   | 26   | 208     | 43      | 142      | 38    |
| 10 years or more .....  | 160  | 133  | 1,030   | 218     | 1,005    | 153   |
| Average years on present farm .....                                   | 20.1 | 19.3 | 24.1    | 22.9    | 23.2     | 20.1  |
| Years operating any farm (see text):                                  |      |      |         |         |          |       |
| 5 years or less .....   | 23   | 39   | 182     | 37      | 157      | 34    |
| 6 to 10 years .....   | 42   | 29   | 148     | 21      | 135      | 25    |
| 11 years or more .....  | 170  | 127  | 1,063   | 243     | 1,012    | 164   |
| Average years on any farm .....                                       | 22.2 | 21.2 | 26.1    | 25.5    | 25.6     | 22.7  |
| Age group:  |      |      |         |         |          |       |
| Under 25 years .....  | 2    | 10   | 9       | -       | -        | -     |
| 25 to 34 years .....  | 16   | 16   | 79      | 11      | 85       | 25    |
| 35 to 44 years .....  | 14   | 48   | 121     | 13      | 148      | 20    |
| 45 to 54 years .....  | 31   | 28   | 249     | 37      | 281      | 31    |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | Lee  | Lenoir | Lincoln | McDowell | Macon | Madison |
|---|------|--------|---------|----------|-------|---------|
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>                   |      |        |         |          |       |         |
| Age group: - Con.   |      |        |         |          |       |         |
| Average age .....   | 58.1 | 57.8   | 57.5    | 58.3     | 59.8  | 57.7    |
| Young producers (see text) .....                                      | 44   | 51     | 89      | 47       | 40    | 109     |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....     | 2    | 1      | 15      | 7        | 12    | 9       |
| Producers by race:  |      |        |         |          |       |         |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....                                | 3    | -      | 2       | 5        | 1     | 5       |
| Asian .....   | -    | 10     | 1       | 20       | -     | 6       |
| Black or African American .....                                       | 7    | 6      | 5       | 6        | -     | -       |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....                       | -    | -      | -       | -        | -     | -       |
| White .....   | 407  | 550    | 1,022   | 515      | 555   | 1,016   |
| More than one race reported .....                                     | 1    | -      | 2       | -        | 3     | 11      |
| Military service (see text):  |      |        |         |          |       |         |
| Never served .....  | 333  | 497    | 900     | 473      | 495   | 904     |
| Served .....  | 85   | 69     | 132     | 73       | 64    | 134     |
| Number of persons living in<br>producers' households (see text) ..... | 747  | 1,220  | 1,850   | 992      | 1,002 | 1,833   |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):                     |      |        |         |          |       |         |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 354  | 499    | 898     | 485      | 494   | 927     |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....                                  | 312  | 433    | 747     | 433      | 419   | 857     |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 285  | 251    | 726     | 376      | 348   | 742     |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....                      | 336  | 469    | 716     | 399      | 383   | 800     |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....                          | 236  | 300    | 547     | 304      | 253   | 570     |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS <sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b>    |      |        |         |          |       |         |
| Total principal producers .....                                       | 332  | 478    | 788     | 458      | 437   | 868     |
| Farms by number of principal producers:                               |      |        |         |          |       |         |
| 1 producer .....  | 111  | 237    | 269     | 152      | 157   | 299     |
| 2 producers .....   | 166  | 180    | 431     | 235      | 220   | 489     |
| 3 producers .....   | 50   | 55     | 41      | 67       | 41    | 37      |
| 4 producers .....   | 5    | 2      | 41      | 4        | 15    | 36      |
| Total male principal producers .....                                  | 242  | 398    | 582     | 323      | 308   | 580     |
| Farms by number of male principal producers:                          |      |        |         |          |       |         |
| 1 producer .....  | 193  | 306    | 490     | 272      | 253   | 492     |
| 2 producers .....   | 22   | 79     | 60      | 45       | 51    | 81      |
| 3 producers .....   | 27   | 9      | 19      | 6        | 4     | 6       |
| 4 producers .....   | -    | 4      | 13      | -        | -     | 1       |
| Total female principal producers .....                                | 90   | 80     | 206     | 135      | 129   | 288     |
| Farms by number of female principal producers:                        |      |        |         |          |       |         |
| 1 producer .....  | 85   | 71     | 195     | 121      | 114   | 252     |
| 2 producers .....   | 5    | 9      | 9       | 12       | 13    | 33      |
| 3 producers .....   | -    | -      | -       | 2        | 2     | 3       |
| 4 producers .....   | -    | -      | 2       | -        | -     | -       |
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b>                |      |        |         |          |       |         |
| Sex of producers:   |      |        |         |          |       |         |
| Male .....  | 242  | 398    | 582     | 323      | 308   | 580     |
| Female .....  | 90   | 80     | 206     | 135      | 129   | 288     |
| Hired managers (see text) .....                                       | 6    | 30     | 6       | 13       | 11    | 2       |
| Primary occupation:   |      |        |         |          |       |         |
| Farming .....   | 136  | 269    | 281     | 190      | 158   | 371     |
| Other .....   | 196  | 209    | 507     | 268      | 279   | 497     |
| Place of residence:   |      |        |         |          |       |         |
| On farm operated .....  | 269  | 305    | 641     | 366      | 351   | 712     |
| Not on farm operated .....  | 63   | 173    | 147     | 92       | 86    | 156     |
| Days worked off farm:   |      |        |         |          |       |         |
| None .....  | 128  | 198    | 241     | 154      | 167   | 339     |
| Any .....   | 204  | 280    | 547     | 304      | 270   | 529     |
| 1 to 49 days .....  | 23   | 42     | 53      | 54       | 18    | 98      |
| 50 to 99 days .....   | 12   | 20     | 29      | 20       | 20    | 42      |
| 100 to 199 days .....   | 30   | 33     | 65      | 56       | 56    | 97      |
| 200 days or more .....  | 139  | 185    | 400     | 174      | 176   | 292     |
| Years on present farm:  |      |        |         |          |       |         |
| 2 years or less .....   | 5    | 24     | 21      | 33       | 18    | 46      |
| 3 or 4 years .....  | 12   | 24     | 121     | 26       | 48    | 92      |
| 5 to 9 years .....  | 78   | 59     | 92      | 67       | 80    | 105     |
| 10 years or more .....  | 237  | 371    | 554     | 332      | 291   | 625     |
| Average years on present farm .....                                   | 22.2 | 23.5   | 22.1    | 19.5     | 21.1  | 22.9    |
| Years operating any farm (see text):                                  |      |        |         |          |       |         |
| 5 years or less .....   | 35   | 46     | 154     | 56       | 79    | 147     |
| 6 to 10 years .....   | 53   | 47     | 80      | 48       | 61    | 84      |
| 11 years or more .....  | 244  | 385    | 554     | 354      | 297   | 637     |
| Average years on any farm .....                                       | 24.3 | 26.5   | 23.0    | 21.5     | 22.9  | 24.7    |
| Age group:  |      |        |         |          |       |         |
| Under 25 years .....  | -    | 10     | -       | -        | 6     | 6       |
| 25 to 34 years .....  | 15   | 28     | 56      | 25       | 10    | 70      |
| 35 to 44 years .....  | 26   | 35     | 52      | 73       | 22    | 111     |
| 45 to 54 years .....  | 68   | 82     | 190     | 58       | 95    | 138     |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Martin | Mecklenburg | Mitchell | Montgomery | Moore | Nash  |
|--|--------|-------------|----------|------------|-------|-------|
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>                 |        |             |          |            |       |       |
| Age group: - Con.  |        |             |          |            |       |       |
| Average age .....  | 58.8   | 60.4        | 57.0     | 57.2       | 57.8  | 57.7  |
| Young producers (see text) .....                                   | 50     | 5           | 28       | 26         | 105   | 56    |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....  | 1      | 11          | -        | 2          | 11    | 3     |
| Producers by race:   |        |             |          |            |       |       |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....                             | -      | -           | -        | -          | 9     | 3     |
| Asian .....  | -      | 8           | -        | 6          | 11    | 4     |
| Black or African American .....                                    | 38     | 2           | -        | 2          | 2     | 42    |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....                    | -      | -           | -        | -          | -     | -     |
| White .....  | 405    | 339         | 397      | 387        | 1,182 | 640   |
| More than one race reported .....                                  | -      | 4           | -        | 1          | 16    | -     |
| Military service (see text):                                       |        |             |          |            |       |       |
| Never served .....   | 370    | 311         | 362      | 369        | 1,033 | 631   |
| Served .....   | 73     | 42          | 35       | 27         | 187   | 58    |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) ..... | 964    | 686         | 693      | 796        | 2,223 | 1,316 |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):                  |        |             |          |            |       |       |
| Day-to-day decisions .....   | 390    | 312         | 349      | 356        | 1,090 | 593   |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....                               | 355    | 263         | 319      | 291        | 930   | 542   |
| Livestock decisions .....  | 142    | 232         | 252      | 251        | 842   | 347   |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....                   | 383    | 264         | 271      | 283        | 899   | 534   |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....                       | 268    | 213         | 219      | 197        | 687   | 379   |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS<sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b>  |        |             |          |            |       |       |
| Total principal producers .....                                    | 390    | 284         | 334      | 294        | 995   | 549   |
| Farms by number of principal producers:                            |        |             |          |            |       |       |
| 1 producer .....   | 255    | 99          | 119      | 113        | 334   | 212   |
| 2 producers .....  | 79     | 152         | 190      | 147        | 531   | 259   |
| 3 producers .....  | 45     | 13          | 20       | 24         | 71    | 70    |
| 4 producers .....  | 5      | 8           | 5        | 10         | 51    | 4     |
| Total male principal producers .....                               | 354    | 203         | 246      | 229        | 671   | 391   |
| Farms by number of male principal producers:                       |        |             |          |            |       |       |
| 1 producer .....   | 259    | 163         | 209      | 188        | 534   | 284   |
| 2 producers .....  | 57     | 34          | 37       | 31         | 94    | 73    |
| 3 producers .....  | 30     | 4           | -        | 7          | 30    | 34    |
| 4 producers .....  | 2      | 2           | -        | 3          | 9     | -     |
| Total female principal producers .....                             | 36     | 81          | 88       | 65         | 324   | 158   |
| Farms by number of female principal producers:                     |        |             |          |            |       |       |
| 1 producer .....   | 33     | 59          | 69       | 64         | 303   | 139   |
| 2 producers .....  | -      | 18          | 19       | 1          | 16    | 19    |
| 3 producers .....  | 3      | -           | -        | -          | 5     | -     |
| 4 producers .....  | -      | -           | -        | -          | -     | -     |
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup></b>              |        |             |          |            |       |       |
| Sex of producers:  |        |             |          |            |       |       |
| Male .....   | 354    | 203         | 246      | 229        | 671   | 391   |
| Female .....   | 36     | 81          | 88       | 65         | 324   | 158   |
| Hired managers (see text) .....                                    | 42     | 21          | -        | 28         | 27    | 49    |
| Primary occupation:  |        |             |          |            |       |       |
| Farming .....  | 227    | 112         | 95       | 157        | 440   | 287   |
| Other .....  | 163    | 172         | 239      | 137        | 555   | 262   |
| Place of residence:  |        |             |          |            |       |       |
| On farm operated .....   | 233    | 222         | 286      | 238        | 852   | 407   |
| Not on farm operated .....   | 157    | 62          | 48       | 56         | 143   | 142   |
| Days worked off farm:  |        |             |          |            |       |       |
| None .....   | 211    | 103         | 132      | 127        | 409   | 240   |
| Any .....  | 179    | 181         | 202      | 167        | 586   | 309   |
| 1 to 49 days .....   | 35     | 21          | 33       | 21         | 60    | 27    |
| 50 to 99 days .....  | 11     | 14          | 32       | 13         | 43    | 35    |
| 100 to 199 days .....  | 18     | 25          | 13       | 14         | 78    | 52    |
| 200 days or more .....   | 115    | 121         | 124      | 119        | 405   | 195   |
| Years on present farm:   |        |             |          |            |       |       |
| 2 years or less .....  | 10     | 31          | 26       | 8          | 40    | 38    |
| 3 or 4 years .....   | 38     | 35          | 29       | 11         | 86    | 49    |
| 5 to 9 years .....   | 41     | 24          | 30       | 45         | 149   | 82    |
| 10 years or more .....   | 301    | 194         | 249      | 230        | 720   | 380   |
| Average years on present farm .....                                | 25.5   | 21.6        | 23.0     | 23.0       | 21.2  | 22.6  |
| Years operating any farm (see text):                               |        |             |          |            |       |       |
| 5 years or less .....  | 48     | 56          | 54       | 16         | 128   | 94    |
| 6 to 10 years .....  | 44     | 24          | 34       | 45         | 97    | 51    |
| 11 years or more .....   | 298    | 204         | 246      | 233        | 770   | 404   |
| Average years on any farm .....                                    | 27.1   | 25.2        | 24.0     | 25.7       | 24.0  | 24.7  |
| Age group:   |        |             |          |            |       |       |
| Under 25 years .....   | -      | -           | 8        | 1          | 5     | 9     |
| 25 to 34 years .....   | 41     | 2           | 8        | 4          | 49    | 22    |
| 35 to 44 years .....   | 31     | 24          | 38       | 33         | 86    | 76    |
| 45 to 54 years .....   | 61     | 51          | 82       | 61         | 216   | 83    |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | New Hanover | Northampton | Onslow | Orange | Pamlico | Pasquotank |
|---|-------------|-------------|--------|--------|---------|------------|
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>                   |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Age group: - Con.   |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Average age .....   | 53.8        | 59.4        | 58.3   | 57.5   | 56.6    | 56.1       |
| Young producers (see text) .....                                      | 15          | 45          | 22     | 132    | 19      | 19         |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....     | -           | 4           | 21     | 20     | -       | 4          |
| Producers by race:  |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....                                | 6           | -           | -      | 3      | -       | -          |
| Asian .....   | 7           | -           | -      | 10     | 1       | -          |
| Black or African American .....                                       | -           | 47          | 25     | 73     | -       | 24         |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....                       | -           | -           | -      | 1      | -       | -          |
| White .....   | 94          | 364         | 483    | 1,101  | 148     | 162        |
| More than one race reported .....                                     | -           | 8           | 1      | 13     | 1       | -          |
| Military service (see text):  |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Never served .....  | 94          | 388         | 405    | 1,072  | 131     | 174        |
| Served .....  | 13          | 31          | 104    | 129    | 19      | 12         |
| Number of persons living in<br>producers' households (see text) ..... | 220         | 856         | 913    | 2,211  | 295     | 381        |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):                     |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 85          | 358         | 461    | 1,045  | 128     | 164        |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....                                  | 76          | 295         | 394    | 964    | 122     | 155        |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 55          | 145         | 326    | 780    | 61      | 79         |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....                      | 70          | 318         | 388    | 858    | 115     | 148        |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....                          | 52          | 210         | 293    | 603    | 87      | 74         |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS <sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b>    |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Total principal producers .....number                                 | 84          | 331         | 444    | 920    | 123     | 139        |
| Farms by number of principal producers:                               |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| 1 producer .....  | 19          | 170         | 203    | 286    | 63      | 81         |
| 2 producers .....   | 46          | 109         | 188    | 467    | 44      | 40         |
| 3 producers .....   | 19          | 23          | 27     | 112    | 7       | 15         |
| 4 producers .....   | -           | 21          | 24     | 26     | 2       | 3          |
| Total male principal producers .....number                            | 59          | 283         | 324    | 579    | 90      | 119        |
| Farms by number of male principal producers:                          |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| 1 producer .....  | 21          | 181         | 264    | 437    | 66      | 98         |
| 2 producers .....   | 32          | 89          | 56     | 113    | 10      | 19         |
| 3 producers .....   | 6           | 5           | 2      | 27     | 6       | 1          |
| 4 producers .....   | -           | -           | -      | 2      | 1       | 1          |
| Total female principal producers .....number                          | 25          | 48          | 120    | 341    | 33      | 20         |
| Farms by number of female principal producers:                        |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| 1 producer .....  | 25          | 34          | 106    | 281    | 33      | 16         |
| 2 producers .....   | -           | 1           | 14     | 45     | -       | 4          |
| 3 producers .....   | -           | 13          | -      | 9      | -       | -          |
| 4 producers .....   | -           | -           | -      | 6      | -       | -          |
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b>                |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Sex of producers:   |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Male .....  | 59          | 283         | 324    | 579    | 90      | 119        |
| Female .....  | 25          | 48          | 120    | 341    | 33      | 20         |
| Hired managers (see text) .....                                       | 15          | 19          | 21     | 78     | 10      | 9          |
| Primary occupation:   |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Farming .....   | 32          | 192         | 273    | 430    | 57      | 83         |
| Other .....   | 52          | 139         | 171    | 490    | 66      | 56         |
| Place of residence:   |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| On farm operated .....  | 38          | 137         | 323    | 731    | 87      | 83         |
| Not on farm operated .....  | 46          | 194         | 121    | 189    | 36      | 56         |
| Days worked off farm:   |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| None .....  | 28          | 178         | 201    | 400    | 54      | 74         |
| Any .....   | 56          | 153         | 243    | 520    | 69      | 65         |
| 1 to 49 days .....  | 7           | 26          | 42     | 51     | 5       | 9          |
| 50 to 99 days .....   | 13          | 8           | 12     | 26     | 8       | 8          |
| 100 to 199 days .....   | 6           | 18          | 39     | 64     | 13      | 11         |
| 200 days or more .....  | 30          | 101         | 150    | 379    | 43      | 37         |
| Years on present farm:  |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| 2 years or less .....   | -           | 20          | 39     | 40     | 8       | 2          |
| 3 or 4 years .....  | 28          | 13          | 14     | 85     | 16      | 12         |
| 5 to 9 years .....  | 3           | 39          | 68     | 143    | 27      | 18         |
| 10 years or more .....  | 53          | 259         | 323    | 652    | 72      | 107        |
| Average years on present farm .....                                   | 18.2        | 26.2        | 21.7   | 21.7   | 17.0    | 25.1       |
| Years operating any farm (see text):                                  |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| 5 years or less .....   | 26          | 32          | 58     | 128    | 19      | 21         |
| 6 to 10 years .....   | 5           | 39          | 53     | 118    | 17      | 13         |
| 11 years or more .....  | 53          | 260         | 333    | 674    | 87      | 105        |
| Average years on any farm .....                                       | 19.9        | 27.6        | 25.0   | 23.5   | 21.1    | 26.8       |
| Age group:  |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Under 25 years .....  | -           | -           | -      | 5      | 1       | -          |
| 25 to 34 years .....  | 9           | 22          | 14     | 58     | 16      | 8          |
| 35 to 44 years .....  | 7           | 20          | 56     | 83     | 4       | 11         |
| 45 to 54 years .....  | 15          | 34          | 85     | 166    | 24      | 26         |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Pender | Perquimans | Person | Pitt  | Polk | Randolph |
|--|--------|------------|--------|-------|------|----------|
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>                 |        |            |        |       |      |          |
| Age group: - Con.  |        |            |        |       |      |          |
| Average age .....  | 57.9   | 58.9       | 54.7   | 56.0  | 57.7 | 57.2     |
| Young producers (see text) .....                                   | 32     | 14         | 71     | 107   | 55   | 198      |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....  | 23     | 9          | -      | 2     | -    | 12       |
| Producers by race:   |        |            |        |       |      |          |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....                             | -      | -          | 8      | 1     | -    | 9        |
| Asian .....  | -      | -          | -      | 11    | -    | 6        |
| Black or African American .....                                    | 44     | 9          | 27     | 14    | -    | 13       |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....                    | -      | -          | -      | -     | -    | -        |
| White .....  | 466    | 219        | 570    | 740   | 498  | 2,031    |
| More than one race reported .....                                  | -      | -          | 4      | 4     | -    | 18       |
| Military service (see text):                                       |        |            |        |       |      |          |
| Never served .....   | 454    | 208        | 543    | 670   | 410  | 1,833    |
| Served .....   | 56     | 20         | 66     | 100   | 88   | 244      |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) ..... | 977    | 458        | 1,187  | 1,716 | 908  | 4,031    |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):                  |        |            |        |       |      |          |
| Day-to-day decisions .....   | 458    | 210        | 545    | 666   | 441  | 1,843    |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....                               | 401    | 185        | 440    | 588   | 365  | 1,575    |
| Livestock decisions .....  | 306    | 101        | 333    | 402   | 335  | 1,534    |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....                   | 386    | 190        | 443    | 603   | 333  | 1,602    |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....                       | 251    | 92         | 347    | 442   | 257  | 1,135    |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS<sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b>  |        |            |        |       |      |          |
| Total principal producers .....                                    | 427    | 185        | 498    | 615   | 396  | 1,714    |
| Farms by number of principal producers:                            |        |            |        |       |      |          |
| 1 producer .....   | 184    | 84         | 212    | 264   | 86   | 756      |
| 2 producers .....  | 211    | 79         | 229    | 240   | 278  | 812      |
| 3 producers .....  | 28     | 18         | 50     | 68    | 19   | 104      |
| 4 producers .....  | -      | 4          | 7      | 38    | 13   | 33       |
| Total male principal producers .....                               | 276    | 151        | 390    | 468   | 247  | 1,290    |
| Farms by number of male principal producers:                       |        |            |        |       |      |          |
| 1 producer .....   | 237    | 103        | 306    | 358   | 208  | 1,093    |
| 2 producers .....  | 33     | 39         | 53     | 76    | 37   | 175      |
| 3 producers .....  | 3      | 9          | 31     | 31    | 2    | 20       |
| 4 producers .....  | 1      | -          | -      | -     | -    | -        |
| Total female principal producers .....                             | 151    | 34         | 108    | 147   | 149  | 424      |
| Farms by number of female principal producers:                     |        |            |        |       |      |          |
| 1 producer .....   | 130    | 33         | 99     | 127   | 132  | 393      |
| 2 producers .....  | 21     | 1          | 9      | 10    | 14   | 26       |
| 3 producers .....  | -      | -          | -      | 10    | 3    | 5        |
| 4 producers .....  | -      | -          | -      | -     | -    | -        |
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup></b>              |        |            |        |       |      |          |
| Sex of producers:  |        |            |        |       |      |          |
| Male .....   | 276    | 151        | 390    | 468   | 247  | 1,290    |
| Female .....   | 151    | 34         | 108    | 147   | 149  | 424      |
| Hired managers (see text) .....                                    | 19     | 10         | 27     | 53    | 12   | 31       |
| Primary occupation:  |        |            |        |       |      |          |
| Farming .....  | 219    | 153        | 280    | 343   | 189  | 743      |
| Other .....  | 208    | 32         | 218    | 272   | 207  | 971      |
| Place of residence:  |        |            |        |       |      |          |
| On farm operated .....   | 323    | 148        | 393    | 371   | 351  | 1,393    |
| Not on farm operated .....   | 104    | 37         | 105    | 244   | 45   | 321      |
| Days worked off farm:  |        |            |        |       |      |          |
| None .....   | 204    | 137        | 221    | 302   | 177  | 644      |
| Any .....  | 223    | 48         | 277    | 313   | 219  | 1,070    |
| 1 to 49 days .....   | 24     | 12         | 40     | 30    | 30   | 137      |
| 50 to 99 days .....  | 32     | 4          | 20     | 41    | 15   | 53       |
| 100 to 199 days .....  | 35     | 14         | 49     | 42    | 23   | 127      |
| 200 days or more .....   | 132    | 18         | 168    | 200   | 151  | 753      |
| Years on present farm:   |        |            |        |       |      |          |
| 2 years or less .....  | 35     | 1          | 34     | 20    | 17   | 63       |
| 3 or 4 years .....   | 59     | -          | 61     | 54    | 40   | 126      |
| 5 to 9 years .....   | 67     | 31         | 113    | 109   | 47   | 186      |
| 10 years or more .....   | 266    | 153        | 290    | 432   | 292  | 1,339    |
| Average years on present farm .....                                | 17.4   | 27.5       | 19.0   | 21.5  | 18.9 | 23.4     |
| Years operating any farm (see text):                               |        |            |        |       |      |          |
| 5 years or less .....  | 90     | 7          | 96     | 97    | 47   | 188      |
| 6 to 10 years .....  | 64     | 31         | 81     | 79    | 49   | 181      |
| 11 years or more .....   | 273    | 147        | 321    | 439   | 300  | 1,345    |
| Average years on any farm .....                                    | 19.4   | 29.1       | 22.2   | 23.7  | 21.2 | 25.0     |
| Age group:   |        |            |        |       |      |          |
| Under 25 years .....   | 1      | 1          | 4      | 18    | 5    | 20       |
| 25 to 34 years .....   | 18     | 4          | 45     | 43    | 19   | 102      |
| 35 to 44 years .....   | 35     | 20         | 80     | 68    | 27   | 193      |
| 45 to 54 years .....   | 91     | 33         | 83     | 90    | 86   | 315      |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Richmond | Robeson | Rockingham | Rowan | Rutherford | Sampson |
|--|----------|---------|------------|-------|------------|---------|
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>                |          |         |            |       |            |         |
| Age group: - Con.  |          |         |            |       |            |         |
| Average age .....  | 57.2     | 58.5    | 58.0       | 57.1  | 58.6       | 57.2    |
| Young producers (see text) .....                                   | 43       | 69      | 128        | 146   | 72         | 135     |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....  | 2        | 15      | 20         | 11    | 11         | 27      |
| Producers by race:   |          |         |            |       |            |         |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....                             | 4        | 405     | 2          | -     | 14         | 11      |
| Asian .....  | 12       | 17      | -          | 2     | 2          | -       |
| Black or African American .....                                    | 3        | 60      | 11         | 15    | 2          | 82      |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....                    | -        | -       | -          | -     | -          | -       |
| White .....  | 380      | 623     | 1,390      | 1,454 | 942        | 1,413   |
| More than one race reported .....                                  | -        | 12      | 1          | 11    | 9          | -       |
| Military service (see text):                                       |          |         |            |       |            |         |
| Never served .....   | 361      | 966     | 1,249      | 1,306 | 841        | 1,355   |
| Served .....   | 38       | 151     | 155        | 176   | 128        | 151     |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) ..... |          |         |            |       |            |         |
|  | 776      | 2,348   | 2,550      | 2,706 | 1,716      | 3,174   |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):                  |          |         |            |       |            |         |
| Day-to-day decisions .....   | 321      | 924     | 1,212      | 1,307 | 863        | 1,309   |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....                               | 252      | 804     | 1,056      | 1,122 | 684        | 1,153   |
| Livestock decisions .....  | 195      | 502     | 854        | 1,040 | 654        | 787     |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....                   | 281      | 793     | 1,038      | 1,105 | 712        | 1,165   |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....                       | 200      | 528     | 773        | 829   | 501        | 779     |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS <sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b> |          |         |            |       |            |         |
| Total principal producers .....                                    | 316      | 932     | 1,103      | 1,168 | 800        | 1,226   |
| Farms by number of principal producers:                            |          |         |            |       |            |         |
| 1 producer .....   | 118      | 420     | 386        | 467   | 326        | 540     |
| 2 producers .....  | 136      | 367     | 556        | 575   | 386        | 489     |
| 3 producers .....  | 21       | 89      | 113        | 67    | 64         | 99      |
| 4 producers .....  | 27       | 34      | 42         | 31    | 15         | 69      |
| Total male principal producers .....                               | 211      | 715     | 845        | 861   | 561        | 974     |
| Farms by number of male principal producers:                       |          |         |            |       |            |         |
| 1 producer .....   | 149      | 542     | 646        | 693   | 482        | 720     |
| 2 producers .....  | 49       | 112     | 141        | 137   | 66         | 191     |
| 3 producers .....  | 13       | 54      | 53         | 28    | 12         | 44      |
| 4 producers .....  | -        | 3       | 5          | 3     | 1          | 11      |
| Total female principal producers .....                             | 105      | 217     | 258        | 307   | 239        | 252     |
| Farms by number of female principal producers:                     |          |         |            |       |            |         |
| 1 producer .....   | 78       | 179     | 228        | 279   | 221        | 211     |
| 2 producers .....  | 21       | 23      | 28         | 26    | 7          | 23      |
| 3 producers .....  | 6        | 15      | 2          | 2     | 2          | 18      |
| 4 producers .....  | -        | -       | -          | -     | 9          | -       |
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b>             |          |         |            |       |            |         |
| Sex of producers:  |          |         |            |       |            |         |
| Male .....   | 211      | 715     | 845        | 861   | 561        | 974     |
| Female .....   | 105      | 217     | 258        | 307   | 239        | 252     |
| Hired managers (see text) .....                                    | 22       | 33      | 40         | 53    | 19         | 122     |
| Primary occupation:  |          |         |            |       |            |         |
| Farming .....  | 149      | 472     | 478        | 472   | 376        | 692     |
| Other .....  | 167      | 460     | 625        | 696   | 424        | 534     |
| Place of residence:  |          |         |            |       |            |         |
| On farm operated .....   | 240      | 606     | 911        | 948   | 657        | 733     |
| Not on farm operated .....   | 76       | 326     | 192        | 220   | 143        | 493     |
| Days worked off farm:  |          |         |            |       |            |         |
| None .....   | 173      | 417     | 442        | 438   | 338        | 565     |
| Any .....  | 143      | 515     | 661        | 730   | 462        | 661     |
| 1 to 49 days .....   | 11       | 53      | 74         | 70    | 61         | 76      |
| 50 to 99 days .....  | 6        | 48      | 51         | 36    | 46         | 36      |
| 100 to 199 days .....  | 25       | 72      | 75         | 96    | 62         | 82      |
| 200 days or more .....   | 101      | 342     | 461        | 528   | 293        | 467     |
| Years on present farm:   |          |         |            |       |            |         |
| 2 years or less .....  | 26       | 56      | 42         | 43    | 48         | 54      |
| 3 or 4 years .....   | 15       | 64      | 82         | 104   | 78         | 69      |
| 5 to 9 years .....   | 38       | 108     | 142        | 151   | 94         | 174     |
| 10 years or more .....   | 237      | 704     | 837        | 870   | 580        | 929     |
| Average years on present farm .....                                | 20.1     | 22.1    | 23.1       | 22.3  | 21.0       | 22.6    |
| Years operating any farm (see text):                               |          |         |            |       |            |         |
| 5 years or less .....  | 33       | 94      | 128        | 135   | 109        | 142     |
| 6 to 10 years .....  | 45       | 129     | 103        | 147   | 91         | 138     |
| 11 years or more .....   | 238      | 709     | 872        | 886   | 600        | 946     |
| Average years on any farm .....                                    | 21.0     | 24.3    | 25.6       | 24.4  | 23.4       | 24.6    |
| Age group:   |          |         |            |       |            |         |
| Under 25 years .....   | -        | -       | 12         | 3     | 2          | -       |
| 25 to 34 years .....   | 19       | 25      | 63         | 65    | 36         | 65      |
| 35 to 44 years .....   | 19       | 122     | 95         | 130   | 63         | 150     |
| 45 to 54 years .....   | 55       | 155     | 230        | 239   | 154        | 223     |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Scotland | Stanly | Stokes | Surry | Swain | Transylvania |
|--|----------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------------|
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>                 |          |        |        |       |       |              |
| Age group: - Con.  |          |        |        |       |       |              |
| Average age .....  | 58.8     | 57.9   | 59.4   | 58.2  | 58.4  | 58.3         |
| Young producers (see text) .....                                   | 8        | 72     | 88     | 135   | 12    | 39           |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....  | 3        | 5      | 6      | 20    | 2     | 9            |
| Producers by race:   |          |        |        |       |       |              |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....                             | 5        | 4      | 6      | 2     | 17    | -            |
| Asian .....  | 11       | 14     | -      | -     | -     | -            |
| Black or African American .....                                    | 3        | 3      | 4      | 12    | -     | -            |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....                    | -        | 1      | -      | -     | -     | -            |
| White .....  | 148      | 1,076  | 1,382  | 1,706 | 124   | 356          |
| More than one race reported .....                                  | -        | 5      | 2      | 3     | 1     | 2            |
| Military service (see text):                                       |          |        |        |       |       |              |
| Never served .....   | 146      | 1,001  | 1,273  | 1,510 | 117   | 323          |
| Served .....   | 21       | 102    | 121    | 213   | 25    | 35           |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) ..... | 315      | 2,047  | 2,489  | 3,309 | 284   | 672          |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):                  |          |        |        |       |       |              |
| Day-to-day decisions .....   | 140      | 938    | 1,223  | 1,534 | 125   | 303          |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....                               | 121      | 714    | 1,042  | 1,278 | 114   | 254          |
| Livestock decisions .....  | 103      | 689    | 865    | 1,122 | 84    | 215          |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....                   | 123      | 804    | 1,023  | 1,308 | 113   | 269          |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....                       | 81       | 542    | 753    | 898   | 82    | 194          |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS<sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b>  |          |        |        |       |       |              |
| Total principal producers .....                                    | 125      | 887    | 1,155  | 1,423 | 121   | 294          |
| Farms by number of principal producers:                            |          |        |        |       |       |              |
| 1 producer .....   | 52       | 338    | 394    | 513   | 59    | 95           |
| 2 producers .....  | 68       | 422    | 639    | 732   | 55    | 161          |
| 3 producers .....  | 5        | 49     | 63     | 78    | 7     | 36           |
| 4 producers .....  | -        | 44     | 57     | 71    | -     | 2            |
| Total male principal producers .....                               | 102      | 649    | 817    | 1,124 | 82    | 203          |
| Farms by number of male principal producers:                       |          |        |        |       |       |              |
| 1 producer .....   | 89       | 507    | 671    | 869   | 71    | 176          |
| 2 producers .....  | 8        | 107    | 132    | 177   | 4     | 21           |
| 3 producers .....  | 5        | 25     | 9      | 69    | 7     | 6            |
| 4 producers .....  | -        | 4      | 5      | 9     | -     | -            |
| Total female principal producers .....                             | 23       | 238    | 338    | 299   | 39    | 91           |
| Farms by number of female principal producers:                     |          |        |        |       |       |              |
| 1 producer .....   | 23       | 198    | 305    | 265   | 36    | 81           |
| 2 producers .....  | -        | 38     | 25     | 34    | 3     | 2            |
| 3 producers .....  | -        | -      | 8      | -     | -     | 8            |
| 4 producers .....  | -        | -      | -      | -     | -     | -            |
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup></b>              |          |        |        |       |       |              |
| Sex of producers:  |          |        |        |       |       |              |
| Male .....   | 102      | 649    | 817    | 1,124 | 82    | 203          |
| Female .....   | 23       | 238    | 338    | 299   | 39    | 91           |
| Hired managers (see text) .....                                    | 11       | 30     | 11     | 42    | 5     | 12           |
| Primary occupation:  |          |        |        |       |       |              |
| Farming .....  | 74       | 336    | 489    | 649   | 69    | 118          |
| Other .....  | 51       | 551    | 666    | 774   | 52    | 176          |
| Place of residence:  |          |        |        |       |       |              |
| On farm operated .....   | 93       | 652    | 960    | 1,066 | 90    | 230          |
| Not on farm operated .....   | 32       | 235    | 195    | 357   | 31    | 64           |
| Days worked off farm:  |          |        |        |       |       |              |
| None .....   | 69       | 322    | 415    | 557   | 43    | 85           |
| Any .....  | 56       | 565    | 740    | 866   | 78    | 209          |
| 1 to 49 days .....   | 7        | 76     | 99     | 91    | 27    | 27           |
| 50 to 99 days .....  | 2        | 36     | 34     | 61    | 6     | 12           |
| 100 to 199 days .....  | 1        | 63     | 116    | 114   | 11    | 34           |
| 200 days or more .....   | 46       | 390    | 491    | 600   | 34    | 136          |
| Years on present farm:   |          |        |        |       |       |              |
| 2 years or less .....  | 3        | 104    | 65     | 47    | 7     | 41           |
| 3 or 4 years .....   | 6        | 50     | 59     | 96    | 3     | 30           |
| 5 to 9 years .....   | 10       | 116    | 142    | 147   | 10    | 27           |
| 10 years or more .....   | 106      | 617    | 889    | 1,133 | 101   | 196          |
| Average years on present farm .....                                | 21.3     | 21.1   | 23.3   | 24.7  | 21.9  | 18.3         |
| Years operating any farm (see text):                               |          |        |        |       |       |              |
| 5 years or less .....  | 11       | 169    | 142    | 162   | 12    | 64           |
| 6 to 10 years .....  | 10       | 95     | 155    | 99    | 7     | 33           |
| 11 years or more .....   | 104      | 623    | 858    | 1,162 | 102   | 197          |
| Average years on any farm .....                                    | 23.2     | 22.1   | 24.8   | 26.2  | 23.8  | 21.2         |
| Age group:   |          |        |        |       |       |              |
| Under 25 years .....   | -        | 5      | 4      | 8     | 6     | 3            |
| 25 to 34 years .....   | 2        | 34     | 46     | 86    | 3     | 23           |
| 35 to 44 years .....   | 13       | 100    | 89     | 107   | 6     | 22           |
| 45 to 54 years .....   | 23       | 180    | 214    | 292   | 16    | 27           |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Tyrrell | Union | Vance | Wake  | Warren | Washington |
|--|---------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------------|
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>                |         |       |       |       |        |            |
| Age group: - Con.  |         |       |       |       |        |            |
| Average age .....  | 58.2    | 58.0  | 60.7  | 57.7  | 59.1   | 57.7       |
| Young producers (see text) .....                                   | 8       | 101   | 17    | 98    | 44     | 10         |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....  | -       | 9     | -     | 22    | -      | 3          |
| Producers by race:   |         |       |       |       |        |            |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....                             | -       | 2     | -     | 16    | 8      | 1          |
| Asian .....  | -       | 13    | 2     | 5     | 2      | -          |
| Black or African American .....                                    | 2       | 3     | 16    | 86    | 62     | 16         |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....                    | -       | -     | 6     | -     | -      | -          |
| White .....  | 99      | 1,468 | 345   | 1,109 | 374    | 182        |
| More than one race reported .....                                  | -       | 2     | -     | 3     | 2      | 3          |
| Military service (see text):                                       |         |       |       |       |        |            |
| Never served .....   | 90      | 1,333 | 306   | 1,088 | 400    | 187        |
| Served .....   | 11      | 155   | 63    | 131   | 48     | 15         |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) ..... | 180     | 2,837 | 693   | 2,400 | 776    | 466        |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):                  |         |       |       |       |        |            |
| Day-to-day decisions .....   | 87      | 1,301 | 318   | 1,018 | 362    | 170        |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....                               | 60      | 1,037 | 265   | 847   | 317    | 176        |
| Livestock decisions .....  | 14      | 957   | 201   | 662   | 244    | 76         |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....                   | 67      | 1,091 | 265   | 890   | 322    | 166        |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....                       | 39      | 794   | 216   | 663   | 268    | 115        |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS <sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b> |         |       |       |       |        |            |
| Total principal producers .....number                              | 80      | 1,238 | 311   | 926   | 316    | 174        |
| Farms by number of principal producers:                            |         |       |       |       |        |            |
| 1 producer .....   | 39      | 514   | 129   | 298   | 118    | 97         |
| 2 producers .....  | 31      | 581   | 143   | 439   | 161    | 45         |
| 3 producers .....  | 10      | 80    | 25    | 107   | 29     | 27         |
| 4 producers .....  | -       | 51    | 14    | 66    | 5      | 5          |
| Total male principal producers .....number                         | 71      | 888   | 212   | 654   | 241    | 142        |
| Farms by number of male principal producers:                       |         |       |       |       |        |            |
| 1 producer .....   | 65      | 698   | 184   | 483   | 191    | 112        |
| 2 producers .....  | 2       | 164   | 20    | 130   | 44     | 14         |
| 3 producers .....  | 4       | 22    | -     | 35    | 6      | 16         |
| 4 producers .....  | -       | 3     | 8     | -     | -      | -          |
| Total female principal producers .....number                       | 9       | 350   | 99    | 272   | 75     | 32         |
| Farms by number of female principal producers:                     |         |       |       |       |        |            |
| 1 producer .....   | 5       | 319   | 73    | 216   | 60     | 32         |
| 2 producers .....  | 4       | 28    | 24    | 48    | 9      | -          |
| 3 producers .....  | -       | 3     | 2     | -     | 3      | -          |
| 4 producers .....  | -       | -     | -     | -     | -      | -          |
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup></b>             |         |       |       |       |        |            |
| Sex of producers:  |         |       |       |       |        |            |
| Male .....   | 71      | 888   | 212   | 654   | 241    | 142        |
| Female .....   | 9       | 350   | 99    | 272   | 75     | 32         |
| Hired managers (see text) .....                                    | 3       | 44    | 7     | 63    | 9      | 5          |
| Primary occupation:  |         |       |       |       |        |            |
| Farming .....  | 41      | 589   | 136   | 362   | 139    | 103        |
| Other .....  | 39      | 649   | 175   | 564   | 177    | 71         |
| Place of residence:  |         |       |       |       |        |            |
| On farm operated .....   | 45      | 954   | 255   | 672   | 193    | 103        |
| Not on farm operated .....   | 35      | 284   | 56    | 254   | 123    | 71         |
| Days worked off farm:  |         |       |       |       |        |            |
| None .....   | 47      | 537   | 119   | 314   | 149    | 104        |
| Any .....  | 33      | 701   | 192   | 612   | 167    | 70         |
| 1 to 49 days .....   | 7       | 80    | 17    | 90    | 27     | 3          |
| 50 to 99 days .....  | 3       | 25    | 16    | 58    | 22     | 12         |
| 100 to 199 days .....  | 4       | 113   | 15    | 79    | 16     | 6          |
| 200 days or more .....   | 19      | 483   | 144   | 385   | 102    | 49         |
| Years on present farm:   |         |       |       |       |        |            |
| 2 years or less .....  | -       | 70    | 15    | 87    | 22     | 17         |
| 3 or 4 years .....   | 1       | 102   | 30    | 87    | 26     | 8          |
| 5 to 9 years .....   | 8       | 191   | 30    | 146   | 52     | 18         |
| 10 years or more .....   | 71      | 875   | 236   | 606   | 216    | 131        |
| Average years on present farm .....                                | 27.6    | 21.8  | 22.6  | 20.4  | 21.3   | 23.6       |
| Years operating any farm (see text):                               |         |       |       |       |        |            |
| 5 years or less .....  | 1       | 166   | 37    | 173   | 47     | 19         |
| 6 to 10 years .....  | 6       | 170   | 43    | 111   | 41     | 16         |
| 11 years or more .....   | 73      | 902   | 231   | 642   | 228    | 139        |
| Average years on any farm .....                                    | 29.3    | 23.7  | 23.7  | 22.8  | 23.0   | 25.4       |
| Age group:   |         |       |       |       |        |            |
| Under 25 years .....   | -       | 5     | -     | 15    | 2      | -          |
| 25 to 34 years .....   | 6       | 53    | 6     | 40    | 24     | 10         |
| 35 to 44 years .....   | 8       | 118   | 42    | 96    | 20     | 24         |
| 45 to 54 years .....   | 9       | 293   | 37    | 192   | 46     | 38         |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item   | Watauga | Wayne | Wilkes | Wilson | Yadkin | Yancey |
|--|---------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>                 |         |       |        |        |        |        |
| Age group: - Con.  |         |       |        |        |        |        |
| Average age .....  | 59.7    | 57.1  | 58.2   | 57.1   | 56.9   | 57.2   |
| Young producers (see text) .....                                   | 89      | 83    | 122    | 52     | 151    | 46     |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....  | 8       | 13    | 11     | 7      | 9      | 5      |
| Producers by race:   |         |       |        |        |        |        |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....                             | 2       | -     | -      | -      | 1      | 3      |
| Asian .....  | 6       | -     | -      | 3      | -      | 9      |
| Black or African American .....                                    | 2       | 25    | 4      | 39     | 4      | -      |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....                    | -       | 6     | -      | -      | -      | -      |
| White .....  | 847     | 830   | 1,438  | 430    | 1,259  | 572    |
| More than one race reported .....                                  | 9       | -     | 5      | -      | 4      | 3      |
| Military service (see text):                                       |         |       |        |        |        |        |
| Never served .....   | 740     | 762   | 1,316  | 412    | 1,124  | 525    |
| Served .....   | 126     | 99    | 131    | 60     | 144    | 62     |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) ..... | 1,492   | 1,742 | 2,742  | 985    | 2,447  | 1,171  |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):                  |         |       |        |        |        |        |
| Day-to-day decisions .....   | 730     | 753   | 1,245  | 394    | 1,122  | 518    |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....                               | 647     | 664   | 1,091  | 329    | 955    | 452    |
| Livestock decisions .....  | 555     | 469   | 1,008  | 189    | 828    | 359    |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....                   | 621     | 654   | 1,050  | 322    | 917    | 469    |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....                       | 467     | 427   | 740    | 222    | 717    | 322    |
| <b>NUMBER OF TOTAL PRINCIPAL PRODUCERS<sup>1</sup> (SEE TEXT)</b>  |         |       |        |        |        |        |
| Total principal producers .....                                    | 677     | 713   | 1,186  | 384    | 1,043  | 503    |
| Farms by number of principal producers:                            |         |       |        |        |        |        |
| 1 producer .....   | 259     | 296   | 490    | 128    | 448    | 181    |
| 2 producers .....  | 313     | 333   | 575    | 184    | 469    | 267    |
| 3 producers .....  | 56      | 51    | 98     | 22     | 89     | 31     |
| 4 producers .....  | 45      | 23    | 19     | 15     | 31     | 12     |
| Total male principal producers .....                               | 487     | 560   | 888    | 300    | 814    | 385    |
| Farms by number of male principal producers:                       |         |       |        |        |        |        |
| 1 producer .....   | 403     | 386   | 740    | 187    | 622    | 295    |
| 2 producers .....  | 69      | 134   | 129    | 62     | 166    | 77     |
| 3 producers .....  | 15      | 32    | 14     | 19     | 24     | 13     |
| 4 producers .....  | -       | 4     | 1      | 4      | 2      | -      |
| Total female principal producers .....                             | 190     | 153   | 298    | 84     | 229    | 118    |
| Farms by number of female principal producers:                     |         |       |        |        |        |        |
| 1 producer .....   | 162     | 146   | 274    | 72     | 196    | 111    |
| 2 producers .....  | 21      | 7     | 22     | 5      | 30     | -      |
| 3 producers .....  | 7       | -     | 2      | 1      | -      | 7      |
| 4 producers .....  | -       | -     | -      | -      | -      | -      |
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup></b>              |         |       |        |        |        |        |
| Sex of producers:  |         |       |        |        |        |        |
| Male .....   | 487     | 560   | 888    | 300    | 814    | 385    |
| Female .....   | 190     | 153   | 298    | 84     | 229    | 118    |
| Hired managers (see text) .....                                    | 25      | 69    | 40     | 42     | 17     | 16     |
| Primary occupation:  |         |       |        |        |        |        |
| Farming .....  | 264     | 419   | 589    | 212    | 481    | 195    |
| Other .....  | 413     | 294   | 597    | 172    | 562    | 308    |
| Place of residence:  |         |       |        |        |        |        |
| On farm operated .....   | 577     | 532   | 937    | 247    | 814    | 411    |
| Not on farm operated .....   | 100     | 181   | 249    | 137    | 229    | 92     |
| Days worked off farm:  |         |       |        |        |        |        |
| None .....   | 247     | 355   | 559    | 213    | 437    | 161    |
| Any .....  | 430     | 358   | 627    | 171    | 606    | 342    |
| 1 to 49 days .....   | 58      | 63    | 77     | 26     | 74     | 57     |
| 50 to 99 days .....  | 67      | 24    | 30     | 7      | 32     | 38     |
| 100 to 199 days .....  | 63      | 37    | 82     | 13     | 67     | 57     |
| 200 days or more .....   | 242     | 234   | 438    | 125    | 433    | 190    |
| Years on present farm:   |         |       |        |        |        |        |
| 2 years or less .....  | 6       | 24    | 41     | 20     | 58     | 18     |
| 3 or 4 years .....   | 61      | 32    | 65     | 35     | 82     | 47     |
| 5 to 9 years .....   | 63      | 77    | 178    | 60     | 116    | 44     |
| 10 years or more .....   | 547     | 580   | 902    | 269    | 787    | 394    |
| Average years on present farm .....                                | 24.9    | 25.8  | 22.5   | 22.1   | 23.4   | 24.0   |
| Years operating any farm (see text):                               |         |       |        |        |        |        |
| 5 years or less .....  | 75      | 53    | 101    | 62     | 133    | 58     |
| 6 to 10 years .....  | 68      | 66    | 167    | 51     | 122    | 62     |
| 11 years or more .....   | 534     | 594   | 918    | 271    | 788    | 383    |
| Average years on any farm .....                                    | 26.3    | 28.1  | 24.4   | 23.5   | 24.6   | 25.9   |
| Age group:   |         |       |        |        |        |        |
| Under 25 years .....   | 2       | 5     | 4      | -      | 34     | 4      |
| 25 to 34 years .....   | 19      | 41    | 41     | 31     | 88     | 25     |
| 35 to 44 years .....   | 41      | 60    | 137    | 49     | 75     | 74     |
| 45 to 54 years .....   | 105     | 115   | 244    | 68     | 187    | 95     |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | North Carolina | Alamance | Alexander | Alleghany | Anson  |
|---|----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>  |                |          |           |           |        |
| Age group: - Con.   |                |          |           |           |        |
| 55 to 64 years .....  | 16,397         | 303      | 199       | 142       | 128    |
| 65 to 74 years .....  | 15,431         | 232      | 178       | 152       | 129    |
| 75 years and over .....   | 7,755          | 112      | 63        | 104       | 77     |
| Average age .....   | 59.2           | 58.8     | 57.0      | 59.9      | 60.1   |
| Young producers (see text) .....  | 4,034          | 48       | 54        | 40        | 19     |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....   | 574            | 2        | 8         | -         | 3      |
| Producers by race:  |                |          |           |           |        |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....  | 628            | 4        | 2         | -         | 7      |
| Asian .....   | 315            | 8        | -         | -         | 31     |
| Black or African American .....   | 1,699          | 47       | 2         | -         | 17     |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....   | 15             | -        | -         | -         | -      |
| White .....   | 57,360         | 921      | 694       | 593       | 442    |
| More than one race reported .....   | 271            | -        | 14        | 1         | 4      |
| Military service (see text):  |                |          |           |           |        |
| Never served .....  | 52,188         | 885      | 622       | 504       | 430    |
| Served .....  | 8,100          | 95       | 90        | 90        | 71     |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....  | 125,700        | 1,831    | 1,612     | 1,208     | 1,124  |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):   |                |          |           |           |        |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 56,196         | 941      | 685       | 556       | 440    |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....  | 48,725         | 762      | 566       | 495       | 338    |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 39,425         | 687      | 585       | 385       | 313    |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....  | 48,249         | 807      | 572       | 474       | 393    |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....  | 35,078         | 578      | 428       | 359       | 313    |
| <b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>   |                |          |           |           |        |
| Farms with-   |                |          |           |           |        |
| Internet access .....   | 34,905         | 550      | 387       | 323       | 287    |
| Dial-up service .....   | 1,249          | 17       | 26        | 13        | 20     |
| DSL service .....   | 11,942         | 224      | 122       | 90        | 134    |
| Cable modem service .....   | 10,113         | 176      | 77        | 46        | 51     |
| Fiber-optic service .....   | 3,534          | 25       | 19        | 164       | 10     |
| Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....                                     | 12,093         | 198      | 138       | 100       | 103    |
| Satellite .....   | 3,286          | 62       | 63        | 7         | 23     |
| Don't know (see text) .....   | 2,087          | 31       | 17        | 10        | 15     |
| Other Internet service .....  | 311            | 6        | 2         | 6         | 8      |
| <b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>  |                |          |           |           |        |
| Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....      |                |          |           |           |        |
| farms   | 44,509         | 707      | 539       | 437       | 387    |
| acres   | 7,509,609      | 77,646   | 53,990    | 67,161    | 75,887 |
| Limited Liability Company .....   | 3,354          | 57       | 59        | 36        | 26     |
| farms   | 1,024,121      | 8,776    | 8,453     | 6,906     | 5,192  |
| acres   |                |          |           |           |        |
| <b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>  |                |          |           |           |        |
| Family or individual .....  |                |          |           |           |        |
| farms   | 39,452         | 643      | 488       | 405       | 349    |
| acres   | 5,326,485      | 69,020   | 44,433    | (D)       | (D)    |
| Partnership .....   | 2,949          | 33       | 36        | 25        | 21     |
| farms   | 1,362,942      | 5,393    | 6,380     | 8,411     | 6,783  |
| acres   |                |          |           |           |        |
| Corporation:  |                |          |           |           |        |
| Family held .....   | 2,995          | 27       | 17        | 16        | 32     |
| farms   | 1,460,107      | 4,401    | (D)       | 6,323     | 12,320 |
| acres   | 386            | 5        | 3         | -         | 8      |
| Other than family held .....  | 174,129        | (D)      | (D)       | -         | 2,763  |
| farms   |                |          |           |           |        |
| acres   |                |          |           |           |        |
| Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) ..... |                |          |           |           |        |
| farms   | 636            | 12       | -         | 2         | 2      |
| acres   | 106,859        | (D)      | -         | (D)       | (D)    |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | Ashe    | Avery  | Beaufort | Bertie  | Bladen  | Brunswick |
|---|---------|--------|----------|---------|---------|-----------|
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>   |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| Age group: - Con.   |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| 55 to 64 years .....  | 331     | 128    | 102      | 171     | 131     | 71        |
| 65 to 74 years .....  | 327     | 111    | 103      | 103     | 203     | 90        |
| 75 years and over .....   | 131     | 99     | 28       | 42      | 69      | 41        |
| Average age .....   | 59.8    | 60.8   | 57.1     | 60.1    | 58.3    | 58.9      |
| Young producers (see text) .....  | 50      | 41     | 24       | 18      | 47      | 36        |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....   | 14      | -      | 2        | 1       | 9       | 6         |
| Producers by race:  |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....  | -       | -      | -        | -       | 6       | 2         |
| Asian .....   | -       | -      | -        | -       | 6       | -         |
| Black or African American .....   | 2       | 2      | 10       | 106     | 55      | 44        |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....   | -       | -      | -        | -       | -       | -         |
| White .....   | 1,145   | 498    | 391      | 310     | 580     | 250       |
| More than one race reported .....   | 9       | -      | 6        | -       | 2       | 4         |
| Military service (see text):  |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| Never served .....  | 1,030   | 425    | 367      | 377     | 527     | 226       |
| Served .....  | 126     | 75     | 40       | 39      | 122     | 74        |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....  | 2,357   | 1,023  | 948      | 866     | 1,515   | 554       |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):   |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 1,103   | 461    | 383      | 360     | 591     | 273       |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....  | 967     | 449    | 308      | 311     | 540     | 219       |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 752     | 212    | 157      | 137     | 335     | 158       |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....  | 891     | 410    | 312      | 336     | 518     | 232       |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....  | 673     | 283    | 240      | 242     | 376     | 186       |
| <b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>   |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| Farms with-   |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| Internet access .....   | 640     | 260    | 228      | 223     | 398     | 192       |
| Dial-up service .....   | 5       | 1      | 6        | 14      | 11      | -         |
| DSL service .....   | 162     | 64     | 55       | 70      | 177     | 93        |
| Cable modem service .....   | 83      | 65     | 51       | 61      | 85      | 79        |
| Fiber-optic service .....   | 379     | 41     | 53       | 10      | 26      | 3         |
| Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....                                     | 224     | 75     | 75       | 78      | 161     | 44        |
| Satellite .....   | 29      | 57     | 20       | 30      | 24      | 1         |
| Don't know (see text) .....   | 37      | 18     | 23       | 14      | 14      | 12        |
| Other Internet service .....  | -       | -      | -        | 1       | 2       | -         |
| <b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>  |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....      |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| farms   | 838     | 328    | 284      | 303     | 488     | 224       |
| acres   | 100,183 | 26,297 | 117,754  | 133,762 | 162,959 | 36,942    |
| Limited Liability Company .....   | 67      | 37     | 35       | 24      | 50      | 27        |
| farms   | 14,326  | 2,325  | 16,988   | 3,292   | 22,381  | 3,978     |
| acres   |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| <b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>  |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| Family or individual .....  |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| farms   | 759     | 265    | 219      | 249     | 392     | 186       |
| acres   | 83,698  | 20,070 | 58,651   | 67,216  | 78,134  | (D)       |
| Partnership .....   |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| farms   | 48      | 34     | 30       | 25      | 41      | 16        |
| acres   | 14,513  | 3,347  | 34,853   | 37,302  | 22,450  | 3,937     |
| Corporation:  |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| Family held .....   |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| farms   | 42      | 33     | 46       | 39      | 70      | 24        |
| acres   | 9,219   | 4,478  | 31,604   | 42,830  | 68,011  | 11,472    |
| Other than family held .....  |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| farms   | 2       | 8      | 6        | 3       | 5       | 3         |
| acres   | (D)     | 296    | 14,006   | 333     | 11,721  | 342       |
| Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) ..... |         |        |          |         |         |           |
| farms   | 13      | 11     | 9        | 7       | 4       | 2         |
| acres   | (D)     | 488    | 361      | 432     | 24      | (D)       |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | Buncombe | Burke  | Cabarrus | Caldwell | Camden | Carteret |
|---|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|----------|
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>  |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| Age group: - Con.   |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| 55 to 64 years .....  | 355      | 183    | 246      | 141      | 32     | 59       |
| 65 to 74 years .....  | 369      | 148    | 207      | 124      | 27     | 50       |
| 75 years and over .....   | 215      | 83     | 104      | 56       | 15     | 24       |
| Average age .....   | 59.5     | 57.6   | 58.7     | 58.0     | 58.1   | 59.8     |
| Young producers (see text) .....  | 95       | 48     | 76       | 25       | 6      | 14       |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....   | 21       | 8      | 17       | 6        | 8      | 6        |
| Producers by race:  |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....  | 4        | 8      | -        | -        | -      | 1        |
| Asian .....   | 3        | 5      | 8        | 4        | -      | 2        |
| Black or African American .....   | 2        | -      | 29       | -        | 2      | -        |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....   | -        | -      | -        | -        | -      | -        |
| White .....   | 1,426    | 667    | 799      | 513      | 116    | 194      |
| More than one race reported .....   | 2        | 8      | 5        | 8        | -      | 4        |
| Military service (see text):  |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| Never served .....  | 1,249    | 631    | 725      | 469      | 100    | 157      |
| Served .....  | 188      | 57     | 116      | 56       | 18     | 44       |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....  | 2,850    | 1,385  | 1,649    | 1,082    | 254    | 375      |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):   |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 1,351    | 667    | 787      | 502      | 109    | 178      |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....  | 1,158    | 569    | 647      | 415      | 94     | 161      |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 1,095    | 469    | 585      | 351      | 61     | 130      |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....  | 1,132    | 534    | 678      | 389      | 100    | 153      |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....  | 815      | 444    | 532      | 308      | 60     | 101      |
| <b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>   |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| Farms with-   |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| Internet access .....   | 842      | 383    | 473      | 318      | 52     | 119      |
| Dial-up service .....   | 14       | 4      | 25       | 9        | -      | 7        |
| DSL service .....   | 196      | 101    | 196      | 87       | 20     | 22       |
| Cable modem service .....   | 396      | 155    | 179      | 146      | 10     | 54       |
| Fiber-optic service .....   | 55       | 20     | 10       | 8        | 6      | 27       |
| Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....                                     | 262      | 120    | 164      | 89       | 17     | 53       |
| Satellite .....   | 85       | 38     | 33       | 22       | 8      | 7        |
| Don't know (see text) .....   | 45       | 12     | 22       | 19       | 4      | 2        |
| Other Internet service .....  | 8        | 2      | -        | 2        | -      | 1        |
| <b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>  |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....      |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| farms   | 1,038    | 484    | 604      | 397      | 74     | 150      |
| acres   | 63,134   | 33,775 | 59,868   | 34,360   | 34,947 | 60,142   |
| Limited Liability Company .....   | 82       | 34     | 46       | 35       | 3      | 9        |
| farms   | 6,825    | 1,855  | 8,305    | 7,108    | (D)    | 3,037    |
| acres   |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| <b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>  |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| Family or individual .....  |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| farms   | 934      | 419    | 562      | 343      | 66     | 123      |
| acres   | 54,639   | 28,396 | 48,594   | 28,117   | (D)    | (D)      |
| Partnership .....   |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| farms   | 49       | 41     | 27       | 36       | 1      | 8        |
| acres   | 5,501    | 3,276  | 10,456   | 7,950    | (D)    | 2,870    |
| Corporation:  |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| Family held .....   |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| farms   | 62       | 34     | 25       | 26       | 13     | 21       |
| acres   | 9,747    | 4,193  | 3,985    | 1,614    | 39,610 | (D)      |
| Other than family held .....  |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| farms   | 6        | 6      | -        | 4        | 1      | 3        |
| acres   | (D)      | 1,212  | -        | (D)      | (D)    | (D)      |
| Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) ..... |          |        |          |          |        |          |
| farms   | 22       | 8      | 15       | 2        | -      | 3        |
| acres   | (D)      | 1,564  | 632      | (D)      | -      | 18       |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | Caswell | Catawba | Chatham | Cherokee | Chowan | Clay   |
|---|---------|---------|---------|----------|--------|--------|
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>   |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| Age group: - Con.   |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| 55 to 64 years .....  | 168     | 222     | 334     | 101      | 41     | 60     |
| 65 to 74 years .....  | 184     | 192     | 404     | 118      | 34     | 59     |
| 75 years and over .....   | 118     | 104     | 185     | 32       | 9      | 33     |
| Average age .....   | 62.8    | 59.3    | 59.2    | 58.7     | 57.9   | 61.1   |
| Young producers (see text) .....  | 26      | 39      | 115     | 24       | 3      | 14     |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....   | 5       | 9       | 6       | 1        | 1      | 5      |
| Producers by race:  |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....  | -       | -       | 1       | 20       | -      | 4      |
| Asian .....   | -       | 15      | 3       | 2        | -      | -      |
| Black or African American .....   | 95      | 22      | 24      | 2        | 4      | -      |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....   | -       | -       | -       | -        | -      | -      |
| White .....   | 537     | 777     | 1,416   | 339      | 122    | 190    |
| More than one race reported .....   | -       | 1       | 6       | 3        | -      | 4      |
| Military service (see text):  |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| Never served .....  | 531     | 677     | 1,287   | 320      | 115    | 165    |
| Served .....  | 101     | 138     | 163     | 46       | 11     | 33     |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....  | 1,254   | 1,718   | 2,950   | 689      | 317    | 427    |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):   |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 593     | 777     | 1,352   | 341      | 126    | 184    |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....  | 487     | 680     | 1,181   | 319      | 110    | 167    |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 388     | 621     | 1,117   | 283      | 32     | 156    |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....  | 508     | 692     | 1,186   | 306      | 103    | 166    |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....  | 379     | 479     | 878     | 234      | 59     | 118    |
| <b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>   |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| Farms with-   |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| Internet access .....   | 359     | 481     | 878     | 226      | 77     | 107    |
| Dial-up service .....   | 22      | 11      | 37      | 3        | 5      | 12     |
| DSL service .....   | 192     | 129     | 461     | 85       | 27     | 40     |
| Cable modem service .....   | 63      | 166     | 127     | 30       | 10     | 9      |
| Fiber-optic service .....   | 16      | 20      | 60      | 19       | -      | 14     |
| Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....                                     | 110     | 187     | 331     | 26       | 39     | 36     |
| Satellite .....   | 38      | 30      | 56      | 61       | 13     | 30     |
| Don't know (see text) .....   | 16      | 42      | 53      | 16       | -      | 2      |
| Other Internet service .....  | 1       | 2       | 2       | 7        | 5      | 2      |
| <b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>  |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....      |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| farms   | 482     | 609     | 1,092   | 272      | 85     | 160    |
| acres   | 101,384 | 60,506  | 104,695 | 24,975   | 44,881 | 12,345 |
| Limited Liability Company .....   | 27      | 64      | 46      | 13       | 11     | 14     |
| farms   | 14,742  | 10,478  | 5,527   | 4,840    | 7,291  | 1,575  |
| acres   |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| <b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>  |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| Family or individual .....  |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| farms   | 451     | 529     | 984     | 252      | 70     | 147    |
| acres   | 88,514  | 45,816  | 87,116  | 20,120   | (D)    | 9,083  |
| Partnership .....   | 17      | 67      | 64      | 8        | 7      | 5      |
| farms   | 10,063  | 11,821  | 12,438  | 2,933    | 10,372 | (D)    |
| acres   |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| Corporation:  |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| Family held .....   | 15      | 33      | 52      | 13       | 18     | 8      |
| farms   | 5,273   | 5,445   | 5,102   | 315      | 13,547 | 1,380  |
| acres   | 1       | 5       | 6       | 4        | 1      | 1      |
| Other than family held .....  | (D)     | 366     | 79      | 2,868    | (D)    | (D)    |
| farms   |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| acres   |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) ..... |         |         |         |          |        |        |
| farms   | 9       | 4       | 10      | -        | 1      | 3      |
| acres   | (D)     | 82      | 1,260   | -        | (D)    | 407    |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | Cleveland | Columbus | Craven | Cumberland | Currituck | Dare  |
|---|-----------|----------|--------|------------|-----------|-------|
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>  |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| Age group: - Con.   |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| 55 to 64 years .....  | 317       | 171      | 101    | 129        | 38        | 18    |
| 65 to 74 years .....  | 341       | 174      | 81     | 110        | 24        | 8     |
| 75 years and over .....   | 182       | 85       | 29     | 50         | 14        | 7     |
| Average age .....   | 59.6      | 60.0     | 58.5   | 57.6       | 58.4      | 54.6  |
| Young producers (see text) .....  | 59        | 26       | 22     | 44         | 9         | 14    |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....   | 20        | 6        | 2      | 12         | -         | -     |
| Producers by race:  |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....  | -         | 31       | -      | 10         | 2         | -     |
| Asian .....   | 5         | -        | 6      | 2          | 4         | -     |
| Black or African American .....   | 13        | 41       | 4      | 22         | -         | -     |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....   | -         | 1        | -      | -          | -         | -     |
| White .....   | 1,272     | 558      | 303    | 434        | 113       | 49    |
| More than one race reported .....   | 10        | 2        | -      | 6          | -         | -     |
| Military service (see text):  |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| Never served .....  | 1,103     | 531      | 272    | 361        | 102       | 42    |
| Served .....  | 197       | 102      | 41     | 113        | 17        | 7     |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....  | 2,809     | 1,375    | 656    | 1,005      | 272       | 71    |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):   |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 1,219     | 570      | 294    | 439        | 99        | 47    |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....  | 1,048     | 491      | 286    | 390        | 77        | 25    |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 978       | 259      | 172    | 297        | 46        | 24    |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....  | 1,051     | 481      | 260    | 372        | 76        | 20    |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....  | 804       | 304      | 190    | 283        | 67        | 25    |
| <b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>   |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| Farms with-   |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| Internet access .....   | 758       | 344      | 189    | 268        | 78        | 25    |
| Dial-up service .....   | 21        | 14       | 12     | 13         | 3         | -     |
| DSL service .....   | 212       | 66       | 59     | 50         | 35        | 5     |
| Cable modem service .....   | 274       | 113      | 45     | 109        | 25        | 8     |
| Fiber-optic service .....   | 18        | 49       | 3      | 36         | 9         | 3     |
| Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....                                     | 282       | 130      | 98     | 111        | 26        | 6     |
| Satellite .....   | 85        | 32       | 20     | 16         | 7         | 14    |
| Don't know (see text) .....   | 32        | 31       | 15     | 17         | 2         | -     |
| Other Internet service .....  | 11        | 2        | -      | 9          | -         | -     |
| <b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>  |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....      |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| farms   | 974       | 483      | 229    | 314        | 82        | 27    |
| acres   | 109,269   | 133,545  | 72,404 | 55,989     | 32,188    | 5,307 |
| Limited Liability Company .....   | 47        | 30       | 27     | 34         | 11        | 2     |
| farms   |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| acres   | 10,629    | 11,016   | 9,918  | 8,161      | 1,857     | (D)   |
| <b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>  |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| Family or individual .....  |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| farms   | 908       | 443      | 193    | 269        | 69        | 20    |
| acres   | 92,334    | 110,669  | 40,726 | 42,097     | (D)       | 4,851 |
| Partnership .....   |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| farms   | 40        | 22       | 18     | 29         | 13        | 4     |
| acres   | 9,267     | 8,659    | 21,778 | 7,725      | 14,373    | 243   |
| Corporation:  |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| Family held .....   |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| farms   | 42        | 23       | 27     | 28         | 6         | 3     |
| acres   | 9,937     | 14,077   | 17,753 | 14,121     | 9,296     | 213   |
| Other than family held .....  |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| farms   | 5         | 10       | -      | 3          | 1         | 3     |
| acres   | 1,423     | 4,570    | -      | (D)        | (D)       | (D)   |
| Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) ..... |           |          |        |            |           |       |
| farms   | 10        | 16       | 7      | 7          | -         | 2     |
| acres   | 380       | 3,105    | 1,103  | (D)        | -         | (D)   |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | Davidson | Davie  | Duplin  | Durham | Edgecombe | Forsyth |
|---|----------|--------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>   |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| Age group: - Con.   |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| 55 to 64 years .....  | 352      | 160    | 306     | 62     | 104       | 195     |
| 65 to 74 years .....  | 343      | 245    | 280     | 63     | 74        | 213     |
| 75 years and over .....   | 190      | 95     | 121     | 45     | 54        | 116     |
| Average age .....   | 60.6     | 60.9   | 59.2    | 56.7   | 59.8      | 60.2    |
| Young producers (see text) .....  | 97       | 37     | 76      | 26     | 30        | 69      |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....   | -        | 3      | 7       | 10     | -         | 8       |
| Producers by race:  |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....  | -        | -      | 4       | -      | -         | 8       |
| Asian .....   | 2        | -      | 6       | -      | -         | 5       |
| Black or African American .....   | 4        | 25     | 96      | 10     | 19        | 10      |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....   | -        | -      | -       | -      | -         | -       |
| White .....   | 1,241    | 701    | 934     | 301    | 308       | 736     |
| More than one race reported .....   | 4        | 2      | 2       | 5      | 2         | 2       |
| Military service (see text):  |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| Never served .....  | 1,084    | 615    | 910     | 276    | 290       | 681     |
| Served .....  | 167      | 113    | 132     | 40     | 39        | 80      |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....  | 2,679    | 1,472  | 2,198   | 588    | 723       | 1,500   |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):   |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 1,164    | 695    | 972     | 304    | 277       | 702     |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....  | 1,087    | 610    | 827     | 249    | 223       | 662     |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 856      | 553    | 653     | 222    | 117       | 485     |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....  | 1,018    | 594    | 889     | 245    | 237       | 626     |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....  | 774      | 460    | 606     | 170    | 183       | 490     |
| <b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>   |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| Farms with-   |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| Internet access .....   | 770      | 426    | 652     | 187    | 153       | 394     |
| Dial-up service .....   | 15       | 16     | 30      | 11     | 2         | 9       |
| DSL service .....   | 169      | 115    | 202     | 54     | 69        | 56      |
| Cable modem service .....   | 440      | 110    | 179     | 87     | 36        | 256     |
| Fiber-optic service .....   | 43       | 177    | 11      | 5      | 18        | 32      |
| Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....                                     | 271      | 98     | 213     | 77     | 52        | 157     |
| Satellite .....   | 19       | 10     | 90      | 18     | 17        | 25      |
| Don't know (see text) .....   | 37       | 20     | 51      | 7      | 10        | 9       |
| Other Internet service .....  | 2        | 1      | 3       | -      | 1         | 1       |
| <b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>  |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....      |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| farms   | 981      | 578    | 772     | 235    | 216       | 547     |
| acres   | 86,066   | 72,422 | 219,448 | 16,776 | 112,245   | 33,887  |
| Limited Liability Company .....   | 51       | 38     | 67      | 38     | 26        | 35      |
| farms   |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| acres   | 10,447   | 19,855 | 34,838  | 2,650  | 35,615    | 3,357   |
| <b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>  |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| Family or individual .....  |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| farms   | 907      | 547    | 642     | 202    | 163       | 497     |
| acres   | 74,797   | 65,490 | 147,633 | 13,817 | (D)       | 27,340  |
| Partnership .....   |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| farms   | 47       | 23     | 57      | 11     | 27        | 30      |
| acres   | 10,294   | 7,975  | 33,952  | 1,226  | 35,058    | 3,556   |
| Corporation:  |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| Family held .....   |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| farms   | 39       | 20     | 102     | 20     | 55        | 22      |
| acres   | 5,881    | (D)    | 54,053  | 1,857  | 41,462    | 2,663   |
| Other than family held .....  |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| farms   | 1        | 1      | 12      | 2      | 3         | -       |
| acres   | (D)      | (D)    | 6,820   | (D)    | 611       | -       |
| Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) ..... |          |        |         |        |           |         |
| farms   | 9        | -      | 7       | 6      | 1         | 8       |
| acres   | (D)      | -      | 640     | (D)    | (D)       | 1,242   |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | Franklin | Gaston | Gates  | Graham | Granville | Greene |
|---|----------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>   |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Age group: - Con.   |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| 55 to 64 years .....  | 177      | 191    | 62     | 45     | 191       | 99     |
| 65 to 74 years .....  | 180      | 138    | 35     | 30     | 167       | 61     |
| 75 years and over .....   | 118      | 96     | 26     | 28     | 115       | 24     |
| Average age .....   | 60.5     | 58.0   | 58.9   | 58.5   | 60.6      | 58.5   |
| Young producers (see text) .....  | 23       | 61     | 14     | 8      | 30        | 22     |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....   | 4        | 3      | 1      | -      | -         | -      |
| Producers by race:  |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....  | -        | 7      | 2      | -      | 6         | -      |
| Asian .....   | -        | 2      | 2      | -      | -         | -      |
| Black or African American .....   | 62       | 3      | 2      | -      | 20        | 6      |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....   | -        | -      | -      | -      | -         | -      |
| White .....   | 655      | 675    | 189    | 164    | 659       | 258    |
| More than one race reported .....   | 3        | -      | -      | -      | 4         | -      |
| Military service (see text):  |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Never served .....  | 615      | 619    | 157    | 154    | 592       | 246    |
| Served .....  | 105      | 68     | 38     | 10     | 97        | 18     |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....  | 1,398    | 1,376  | 440    | 331    | 1,431     | 579    |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):   |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 669      | 640    | 178    | 164    | 652       | 254    |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....  | 547      | 536    | 110    | 137    | 573       | 232    |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 493      | 486    | 85     | 120    | 440       | 145    |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....  | 538      | 522    | 147    | 128    | 523       | 228    |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....  | 443      | 376    | 106    | 99     | 429       | 153    |
| <b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>   |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Farms with-   |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Internet access .....   | 388      | 406    | 116    | 80     | 441       | 160    |
| Dial-up service .....   | 7        | 11     | 6      | 8      | 31        | 17     |
| DSL service .....   | 162      | 135    | 58     | 28     | 147       | 73     |
| Cable modem service .....   | 100      | 169    | 11     | 15     | 122       | 3      |
| Fiber-optic service .....   | 11       | 13     | 5      | -      | 18        | 6      |
| Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....                                     | 153      | 135    | 32     | 19     | 131       | 70     |
| Satellite .....   | 35       | 20     | 18     | 18     | 65        | 10     |
| Don't know (see text) .....   | 30       | 30     | 8      | 2      | 23        | 20     |
| Other Internet service .....  | 2        | 6      | -      | -      | -         | -      |
| <b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>  |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....      |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| farms   | 511      | 515    | 137    | 119    | 535       | 188    |
| acres   | 96,719   | 37,062 | 47,142 | 10,822 | 109,863   | 77,653 |
| Limited Liability Company .....   | 48       | 44     | 2      | 3      | 30        | 20     |
| farms   | 19,245   | 2,701  | (D)    | 60     | 12,936    | 6,613  |
| acres   |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| <b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>  |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Family or individual .....  |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| farms   | 479      | 480    | 120    | 108    | 491       | 141    |
| acres   | 79,467   | 32,335 | (D)    | 10,619 | 87,815    | (D)    |
| Partnership .....   | 31       | 23     | 16     | 10     | 20        | 31     |
| farms   | 17,969   | 2,922  | 28,737 | (D)    | 9,310     | 11,745 |
| acres   |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Corporation:  |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Family held .....   | 24       | 18     | 5      | 4      | 41        | 30     |
| farms   | 9,638    | (D)    | (D)    | 31     | (D)       | 31,668 |
| acres   | 1        | 1      | -      | -      | 1         | 4      |
| Other than family held .....  | (D)      | (D)    | -      | -      | (D)       | (D)    |
| farms   |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| acres   |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) ..... |          |        |        |        |           |        |
| farms   | 3        | -      | -      | 1      | 4         | 1      |
| acres   | (D)      | -      | -      | (D)    | (D)       | (D)    |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | Guilford | Halifax | Harnett | Haywood | Henderson | Hertford |
|---|----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>   |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Age group: - Con.   |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| 55 to 64 years .....  | 307      | 102     | 228     | 181     | 174       | 54       |
| 65 to 74 years .....  | 264      | 151     | 226     | 141     | 140       | 38       |
| 75 years and over .....   | 160      | 76      | 85      | 84      | 73        | 16       |
| Average age .....   | 59.8     | 62.5    | 59.1    | 57.2    | 58.4      | 59.5     |
| Young producers (see text) .....  | 81       | 14      | 47      | 54      | 45        | 7        |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....   | 4        | 1       | -       | 4       | 6         | 8        |
| Producers by race:  |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....  | -        | 4       | -       | -       | 2         | -        |
| Asian .....   | 4        | -       | 4       | -       | 6         | -        |
| Black or African American .....   | 29       | 77      | 22      | -       | 4         | 10       |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....   | -        | -       | -       | -       | -         | -        |
| White .....   | 1,063    | 361     | 789     | 682     | 598       | 137      |
| More than one race reported .....   | 3        | 3       | -       | 3       | -         | 6        |
| Military service (see text):  |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Never served .....  | 975      | 357     | 672     | 605     | 527       | 136      |
| Served .....  | 124      | 88      | 143     | 80      | 83        | 17       |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....  | 2,185    | 912     | 1,769   | 1,520   | 1,215     | 350      |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):   |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 1,018    | 385     | 763     | 652     | 578       | 128      |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....  | 894      | 342     | 639     | 584     | 474       | 114      |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 779      | 156     | 502     | 572     | 357       | 46       |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....  | 898      | 321     | 670     | 577     | 487       | 127      |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....  | 724      | 226     | 477     | 406     | 340       | 90       |
| <b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>   |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Farms with-   |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Internet access .....   | 643      | 231     | 492     | 388     | 325       | 95       |
| Dial-up service .....   | 11       | 11      | 21      | 10      | 3         | 4        |
| DSL service .....   | 196      | 70      | 203     | 106     | 113       | 44       |
| Cable modem service .....   | 262      | 46      | 120     | 153     | 88        | 20       |
| Fiber-optic service .....   | 45       | 3       | 18      | 14      | 33        | 4        |
| Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....                                     | 251      | 87      | 169     | 134     | 144       | 29       |
| Satellite .....   | 38       | 32      | 53      | 41      | 40        | 14       |
| Don't know (see text) .....   | 32       | 29      | 46      | 10      | 12        | 6        |
| Other Internet service .....  | 8        | 1       | 9       | 12      | 4         | -        |
| <b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>  |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....      |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| farms   | 824      | 303     | 619     | 521     | 432       | 111      |
| acres   | 73,822   | 180,378 | 97,475  | 48,076  | 35,805    | 62,457   |
| Limited Liability Company .....   | 63       | 24      | 44      | 30      | 51        | 15       |
| farms   |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| acres   | 7,322    | 27,124  | 9,808   | 1,889   | 7,510     | 13,172   |
| <b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>  |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Family or individual .....  |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| farms   | 750      | 246     | 583     | 479     | 380       | 73       |
| acres   | 58,584   | 118,484 | 80,516  | 41,754  | 23,271    | (D)      |
| Partnership .....   |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| farms   | 31       | 31      | 25      | 25      | 23        | 24       |
| acres   | 7,815    | 42,010  | 11,139  | 4,178   | 2,585     | 21,880   |
| Corporation:  |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| Family held .....   |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| farms   | 46       | 41      | 21      | 24      | 36        | 27       |
| acres   | 6,925    | 36,107  | 12,145  | 4,526   | 8,546     | 29,786   |
| Other than family held .....  |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| farms   | 7        | 12      | 7       | -       | 1         | 1        |
| acres   | 1,757    | 4,775   | 2,164   | -       | (D)       | (D)      |
| Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) ..... |          |         |         |         |           |          |
| farms   | 20       | 6       | 7       | 13      | 15        | 1        |
| acres   | 1,271    | 7,697   | 298     | 1,786   | (D)       | (D)      |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | Hoke   | Hyde   | Iredell | Jackson | Johnston | Jones  |
|---|--------|--------|---------|---------|----------|--------|
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>   |        |        |         |         |          |        |
| Age group: - Con.   |        |        |         |         |          |        |
| 55 to 64 years .....  | 80     | 40     | 337     | 83      | 309      | 67     |
| 65 to 74 years .....  | 57     | 29     | 367     | 122     | 335      | 67     |
| 75 years and over .....   | 35     | 24     | 231     | 35      | 146      | 13     |
| Average age .....   | 60.3   | 52.9   | 60.3    | 62.7    | 58.4     | 56.5   |
| Young producers (see text) .....  | 18     | 32     | 100     | 11      | 92       | 27     |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....   | -      | -      | 8       | -       | 8        | 3      |
| Producers by race:  |        |        |         |         |          |        |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....  | 17     | -      | -       | 3       | 2        | -      |
| Asian .....   | 3      | -      | 6       | 2       | 8        | 8      |
| Black or African American .....   | 17     | -      | 10      | 2       | 12       | 8      |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....   | -      | -      | -       | -       | -        | -      |
| White .....   | 198    | 195    | 1,375   | 294     | 1,276    | 207    |
| More than one race reported .....   | -      | -      | 2       | -       | 6        | -      |
| Military service (see text):  |        |        |         |         |          |        |
| Never served .....  | 159    | 184    | 1,190   | 247     | 1,134    | 181    |
| Served .....  | 76     | 11     | 203     | 54      | 170      | 42     |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....  | 540    | 499    | 2,931   | 576     | 2,859    | 487    |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):   |        |        |         |         |          |        |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 201    | 144    | 1,283   | 298     | 1,178    | 213    |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....  | 180    | 159    | 1,065   | 266     | 1,083    | 190    |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 159    | 19     | 1,022   | 194     | 874      | 145    |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....  | 173    | 144    | 1,087   | 258     | 1,028    | 211    |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....  | 113    | 75     | 792     | 179     | 681      | 121    |
| <b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>   |        |        |         |         |          |        |
| Farms with-   |        |        |         |         |          |        |
| Internet access .....   | 151    | 89     | 743     | 162     | 819      | 154    |
| Dial-up service .....   | -      | 1      | 20      | 3       | 12       | 15     |
| DSL service .....   | 67     | 24     | 266     | 96      | 317      | 54     |
| Cable modem service .....   | 47     | 19     | 171     | 4       | 288      | 36     |
| Fiber-optic service .....   | 4      | 11     | 127     | -       | 23       | 5      |
| Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....                                     | 52     | 39     | 272     | 37      | 304      | 31     |
| Satellite .....   | 10     | 15     | 55      | 30      | 55       | 13     |
| Don't know (see text) .....   | 3      | 13     | 45      | 12      | 28       | 14     |
| Other Internet service .....  | 6      | 1      | 3       | 1       | 1        | 8      |
| <b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>  |        |        |         |         |          |        |
| Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....      |        |        |         |         |          |        |
| farms   | 172    | 114    | 1,026   | 205     | 1,027    | 159    |
| acres   | 45,242 | 92,410 | 126,387 | 14,210  | 173,726  | 49,722 |
| Limited Liability Company .....   | 14     | 23     | 68      | 13      | 53       | 25     |
| farms   | 4,652  | 25,993 | 29,749  | 1,874   | 27,171   | 18,690 |
| acres   |        |        |         |         |          |        |
| <b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>  |        |        |         |         |          |        |
| Family or individual .....  |        |        |         |         |          |        |
| farms   | 150    | 84     | 894     | 168     | 921      | 129    |
| acres   | (D)    | (D)    | 83,969  | 9,476   | 132,611  | 25,841 |
| Partnership .....   | 17     | 31     | 86      | 21      | 48       | 21     |
| farms   | 5,909  | 44,622 | 31,264  | 1,645   | 23,333   | 32,235 |
| acres   |        |        |         |         |          |        |
| Corporation:  |        |        |         |         |          |        |
| Family held .....   | 15     | 18     | 56      | 18      | 67       | 16     |
| farms   | 17,339 | 16,866 | 16,650  | 4,436   | 25,134   | 6,975  |
| acres   | 6      | 4      | 6       | 3       | 12       | 11     |
| Other than family held .....  | 2,868  | 3,558  | 256     | (D)     | 1,089    | 598    |
| farms   |        |        |         |         |          |        |
| acres   |        |        |         |         |          |        |
| Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) ..... |        |        |         |         |          |        |
| farms   | 1      | 1      | 13      | 5       | 15       | -      |
| acres   | (D)    | (D)    | 1,207   | (D)     | 1,114    | -      |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | Lee    | Lenoir | Lincoln | McDowell | Macon  | Madison |
|---|--------|--------|---------|----------|--------|---------|
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>   |        |        |         |          |        |         |
| Age group: - Con.   |        |        |         |          |        |         |
| 55 to 64 years .....  | 80     | 137    | 212     | 110      | 96     | 174     |
| 65 to 74 years .....  | 96     | 117    | 186     | 134      | 128    | 248     |
| 75 years and over .....   | 47     | 69     | 92      | 58       | 80     | 121     |
| Average age .....   | 60.0   | 59.4   | 58.4    | 59.0     | 61.7   | 58.8    |
| Young producers (see text) .....  | 19     | 39     | 59      | 27       | 22     | 80      |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....   | -      | 1      | 15      | 2        | 9      | 9       |
| Producers by race:  |        |        |         |          |        |         |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....  | 2      | -      | 2       | -        | 1      | 5       |
| Asian .....   | -      | 6      | 1       | 18       | 6      | 6       |
| Black or African American .....   | 7      | 6      | 2       | -        | -      | -       |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....   | -      | -      | -       | -        | -      | -       |
| White .....   | 322    | 466    | 781     | 440      | 433    | 846     |
| More than one race reported .....   | 1      | -      | 2       | -        | 3      | 11      |
| Military service (see text):  |        |        |         |          |        |         |
| Never served .....  | 250    | 411    | 677     | 394      | 379    | 756     |
| Served .....  | 82     | 67     | 111     | 64       | 58     | 112     |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....  | 640    | 1,060  | 1,668   | 906      | 822    | 1,669   |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):   |        |        |         |          |        |         |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 303    | 443    | 758     | 428      | 410    | 815     |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....  | 270    | 389    | 629     | 379      | 373    | 753     |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 248    | 225    | 593     | 333      | 292    | 647     |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....  | 294    | 418    | 628     | 353      | 331    | 705     |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....  | 216    | 267    | 449     | 273      | 227    | 498     |
| <b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>   |        |        |         |          |        |         |
| Farms with-   |        |        |         |          |        |         |
| Internet access .....   | 201    | 298    | 462     | 244      | 232    | 454     |
| Dial-up service .....   | 17     | 33     | 7       | 11       | 3      | 12      |
| DSL service .....   | 88     | 99     | 108     | 54       | 135    | 149     |
| Cable modem service .....   | 66     | 56     | 168     | 60       | 18     | 104     |
| Fiber-optic service .....   | 12     | 13     | 52      | 12       | 6      | 20      |
| Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....                                     | 55     | 148    | 176     | 61       | 60     | 169     |
| Satellite .....   | 17     | 18     | 41      | 67       | 33     | 87      |
| Don't know (see text) .....   | 20     | 23     | 31      | 16       | 16     | 25      |
| Other Internet service .....  | 3      | -      | 8       | 5        | 3      | 10      |
| <b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>  |        |        |         |          |        |         |
| Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....      |        |        |         |          |        |         |
| .....farms  | 247    | 350    | 601     | 319      | 333    | 633     |
| .....acres  | 34,998 | 98,943 | 50,372  | 21,678   | 19,211 | 56,014  |
| Limited Liability Company .....   | 25     | 36     | 29      | 13       | 20     | 27      |
| .....farms  | 7,814  | 15,654 | 3,109   | 2,501    | 1,424  | 4,979   |
| .....acres  |        |        |         |          |        |         |
| <b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>  |        |        |         |          |        |         |
| Family or individual .....  |        |        |         |          |        |         |
| .....farms  | 232    | 297    | 556     | 294      | 305    | 610     |
| .....acres  | 29,402 | 64,399 | 42,040  | 18,800   | 17,317 | 53,036  |
| Partnership .....   |        |        |         |          |        |         |
| .....farms  | 9      | 26     | 23      | 17       | 18     | 21      |
| .....acres  | 4,203  | 9,590  | 5,251   | 2,452    | 994    | 2,688   |
| Corporation:  |        |        |         |          |        |         |
| Family held .....   | 8      | 53     | 27      | 16       | 9      | 3       |
| .....farms  | (D)    | 33,476 | 5,431   | 1,070    | 1,071  | 350     |
| .....acres  | -      | 1      | 4       | 2        | -      | -       |
| Other than family held .....  | -      | (D)    | 268     | (D)      | -      | -       |
| .....farms  |        |        |         |          |        |         |
| .....acres  |        |        |         |          |        |         |
| Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) ..... |        |        |         |          |        |         |
| .....farms  | 1      | 9      | 4       | 4        | 8      | 5       |
| .....acres  | (D)    | (D)    | 1,090   | (D)      | 393    | 687     |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | Martin  | Mecklenburg | Mitchell | Montgomery | Moore  | Nash    |
|---|---------|-------------|----------|------------|--------|---------|
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>  |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| Age group: - Con.   |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| 55 to 64 years .....  | 99      | 91          | 75       | 98         | 287    | 130     |
| 65 to 74 years .....  | 106     | 79          | 81       | 64         | 231    | 166     |
| 75 years and over .....   | 52      | 37          | 42       | 33         | 121    | 63      |
| Average age .....   | 59.1    | 61.3        | 58.3     | 59.6       | 58.9   | 59.3    |
| Young producers (see text) .....  | 42      | 2           | 17       | 8          | 61     | 33      |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....   | 1       | 9           | -        | 2          | 11     | 3       |
| Producers by race:  |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....  | -       | -           | -        | -          | 9      | 3       |
| Asian .....   | -       | 4           | -        | 5          | 7      | 2       |
| Black or African American .....   | 38      | -           | -        | 2          | 2      | 33      |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....   | -       | -           | -        | -          | -      | -       |
| White .....   | 352     | 276         | 334      | 287        | 975    | 511     |
| More than one race reported .....   | -       | 4           | -        | -          | 2      | -       |
| Military service (see text):  |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| Never served .....  | 324     | 250         | 301      | 268        | 827    | 498     |
| Served .....  | 66      | 34          | 33       | 26         | 168    | 51      |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....  | 891     | 620         | 656      | 657        | 2,013  | 1,092   |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):   |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 359     | 273         | 315      | 288        | 930    | 506     |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....  | 330     | 230         | 291      | 248        | 822    | 466     |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 137     | 198         | 221      | 210        | 735    | 308     |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....  | 348     | 229         | 246      | 233        | 780    | 455     |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....  | 241     | 186         | 198      | 165        | 597    | 333     |
| <b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>   |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| Farms with-   |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| Internet access .....   | 231     | 167         | 193      | 180        | 580    | 305     |
| Dial-up service .....   | 9       | 5           | 3        | 8          | 36     | 1       |
| DSL service .....   | 78      | 43          | 46       | 85         | 247    | 89      |
| Cable modem service .....   | 39      | 81          | 89       | 29         | 101    | 66      |
| Fiber-optic service .....   | 17      | 14          | 41       | 14         | 89     | 20      |
| Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....                                     | 99      | 53          | 42       | 62         | 229    | 122     |
| Satellite .....   | 40      | 8           | 10       | 19         | 42     | 36      |
| Don't know (see text) .....   | 16      | 11          | 3        | 10         | 35     | 29      |
| Other Internet service .....  | 1       | -           | 1        | 4          | 9      | 1       |
| <b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>  |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....      |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| farms   | 322     | 198         | 244      | 231        | 711    | 400     |
| acres   | 131,886 | 8,568       | 14,603   | 31,121     | 83,493 | 106,313 |
| Limited Liability Company .....   | 19      | 21          | 5        | 11         | 81     | 53      |
| farms   | 8,569   | 1,387       | 174      | 1,103      | 13,498 | 15,717  |
| acres   |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| <b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>  |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| Family or individual .....  |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| farms   | 269     | 166         | 229      | 198        | 646    | 330     |
| acres   | 89,233  | 6,604       | 13,235   | 20,516     | 75,110 | 52,475  |
| Partnership .....   |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| farms   | 26      | 22          | 9        | 20         | 24     | 44      |
| acres   | 22,093  | 3,770       | 580      | 4,396      | 9,071  | 36,535  |
| Corporation:  |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| Family held .....   |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| farms   | 33      | 21          | 7        | 18         | 33     | 42      |
| acres   | 24,372  | 1,159       | 830      | 7,443      | 2,232  | 36,708  |
| Other than family held .....  |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| farms   | 4       | 3           | 4        | -          | 16     | 4       |
| acres   | 5,282   | (D)         | (D)      | -          | 843    | 3,626   |
| Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) ..... |         |             |          |            |        |         |
| farms   | -       | 4           | 1        | 4          | 14     | 5       |
| acres   | -       | (D)         | (D)      | 1,166      | 2,119  | 134     |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | New Hanover | Northampton | Onslow | Orange | Pamlico | Pasquotank |
|---|-------------|-------------|--------|--------|---------|------------|
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>  |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Age group: - Con.   |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| 55 to 64 years .....  | 20          | 125         | 115    | 269    | 34      | 56         |
| 65 to 74 years .....  | 28          | 81          | 112    | 208    | 37      | 30         |
| 75 years and over .....   | 5           | 49          | 62     | 131    | 7       | 8          |
| Average age .....   | 56.8        | 61.1        | 59.7   | 59.3   | 57.0    | 57.7       |
| Young producers (see text) .....  | 9           | 23          | 14     | 74     | 17      | 9          |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....   | -           | 3           | 21     | 16     | -       | 4          |
| Producers by race:  |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....  | 6           | -           | -      | 3      | -       | -          |
| Asian .....   | 7           | -           | -      | 7      | 1       | -          |
| Black or African American .....   | -           | 41          | 21     | 66     | -       | 18         |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....   | -           | -           | -      | 1      | -       | -          |
| White .....   | 71          | 282         | 422    | 835    | 121     | 121        |
| More than one race reported .....   | -           | 8           | 1      | 8      | 1       | -          |
| Military service (see text):  |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Never served .....  | 73          | 300         | 349    | 801    | 104     | 128        |
| Served .....  | 11          | 31          | 95     | 119    | 19      | 11         |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....  | 184         | 742         | 859    | 1,877  | 261     | 324        |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):   |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 70          | 312         | 411    | 849    | 118     | 137        |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....  | 70          | 257         | 358    | 777    | 112     | 127        |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 41          | 128         | 279    | 626    | 57      | 67         |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....  | 65          | 266         | 348    | 726    | 107     | 126        |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....  | 46          | 187         | 273    | 496    | 74      | 61         |
| <b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>   |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Farms with-   |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Internet access .....   | 48          | 200         | 255    | 606    | 86      | 96         |
| Dial-up service .....   | 1           | 2           | 26     | 15     | -       | -          |
| DSL service .....   | 3           | 55          | 64     | 341    | 31      | 26         |
| Cable modem service .....   | 26          | 48          | 106    | 164    | 19      | 45         |
| Fiber-optic service .....   | -           | 7           | 5      | 19     | 2       | 1          |
| Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....                                     | 19          | 89          | 68     | 192    | 27      | 45         |
| Satellite .....   | 4           | 45          | 19     | 30     | 23      | 4          |
| Don't know (see text) .....   | -           | 3           | 23     | 24     | 5       | 8          |
| Other Internet service .....  | -           | 1           | -      | 8      | 2       | -          |
| <b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>  |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....      |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| farms   | 55          | 245         | 317    | 654    | 89      | 119        |
| acres   | 873         | 156,025     | 44,329 | 60,173 | 35,537  | 65,898     |
| Limited Liability Company .....   | 14          | 22          | 18     | 61     | 21      | 7          |
| farms   | 362         | 20,765      | 1,307  | 7,377  | 8,746   | 10,763     |
| acres   |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| <b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>  |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Family or individual .....  |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| farms   | 31          | 211         | 288    | 507    | 83      | 106        |
| acres   | 245         | 118,964     | 31,713 | 38,631 | (D)     | (D)        |
| Partnership .....   | 14          | 35          | 20     | 76     | 6       | 5          |
| farms   | 362         | 24,072      | 11,838 | 13,446 | 11,328  | 7,876      |
| acres   |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Corporation:  |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Family held .....   | 9           | 19          | 26     | 81     | 9       | 11         |
| farms   | 156         | 21,067      | 8,069  | 12,721 | 13,211  | 15,361     |
| acres   | 1           | 1           | 1      | 18     | 2       | 1          |
| Other than family held .....  | (D)         | (D)         | (D)    | 5,005  | (D)     | (D)        |
| farms   |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| acres   |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) ..... |             |             |        |        |         |            |
| farms   | 4           | 6           | 5      | 4      | -       | 3          |
| acres   | (D)         | (D)         | (D)    | 105    | -       | 3          |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | Pender | Perquimans | Person | Pitt    | Polk   | Randolph |
|---|--------|------------|--------|---------|--------|----------|
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>   |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| Age group: - Con.   |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| 55 to 64 years .....  | 135    | 58         | 134    | 167     | 65     | 470      |
| 65 to 74 years .....  | 110    | 33         | 99     | 168     | 138    | 405      |
| 75 years and over .....   | 37     | 36         | 53     | 61      | 56     | 209      |
| Average age .....   | 59.1   | 61.1       | 55.7   | 57.1    | 60.4   | 58.2     |
| Young producers (see text) .....  | 25     | 5          | 57     | 65      | 26     | 131      |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....   | 20     | 2          | -      | 1       | -      | 12       |
| Producers by race:  |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....  | -      | -          | 8      | 1       | -      | 8        |
| Asian .....   | -      | -          | -      | 3       | -      | 4        |
| Black or African American .....   | 40     | 9          | 23     | 14      | -      | 9        |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....   | -      | -          | -      | -       | -      | -        |
| White .....   | 387    | 176        | 463    | 593     | 396    | 1,678    |
| More than one race reported .....   | -      | -          | 4      | 4       | -      | 15       |
| Military service (see text):  |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| Never served .....  | 378    | 166        | 437    | 523     | 319    | 1,483    |
| Served .....  | 49     | 19         | 61     | 92      | 77     | 231      |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....  | 841    | 419        | 1,061  | 1,441   | 831    | 3,623    |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):   |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 402    | 182        | 478    | 574     | 368    | 1,627    |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....  | 351    | 167        | 397    | 514     | 312    | 1,402    |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 267    | 86         | 286    | 344     | 278    | 1,352    |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....  | 345    | 164        | 398    | 516     | 280    | 1,444    |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....  | 225    | 81         | 302    | 383     | 233    | 1,006    |
| <b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>   |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| Farms with-   |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| Internet access .....   | 265    | 117        | 286    | 391     | 240    | 1,037    |
| Dial-up service .....   | 6      | 5          | 18     | 19      | 5      | 26       |
| DSL service .....   | 46     | 44         | 121    | 123     | 113    | 390      |
| Cable modem service .....   | 118    | 26         | 71     | 73      | 46     | 197      |
| Fiber-optic service .....   | 2      | 1          | 5      | 25      | 22     | 210      |
| Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....                                     | 95     | 48         | 123    | 154     | 82     | 315      |
| Satellite .....   | 57     | 25         | 26     | 24      | 41     | 77       |
| Don't know (see text) .....   | 3      | 4          | 19     | 55      | 2      | 83       |
| Other Internet service .....  | -      | 1          | 5      | 5       | 10     | 8        |
| <b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>  |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....      |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| farms   | 327    | 143        | 380    | 439     | 265    | 1,329    |
| acres   | 56,781 | 74,274     | 69,667 | 167,310 | 27,029 | 142,004  |
| Limited Liability Company .....   | 48     | 15         | 30     | 48      | 31     | 49       |
| farms   |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| acres   | 10,251 | 8,866      | 11,476 | 28,014  | 7,462  | 11,714   |
| <b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>  |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| Family or individual .....  |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| farms   | 273    | 123        | 332    | 345     | 230    | 1,241    |
| acres   | 40,388 | 56,173     | 55,151 | 104,327 | 21,275 | 120,484  |
| Partnership .....   |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| farms   | 16     | 20         | 26     | 46      | 19     | 68       |
| acres   | 5,166  | 17,814     | 14,228 | 33,388  | 3,638  | 17,062   |
| Corporation:  |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| Family held .....   | 34     | 6          | 27     | 66      | 25     | 39       |
| farms   |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| acres   | 13,941 | 6,335      | 11,773 | 38,745  | 3,238  | 9,639    |
| Other than family held .....  | 6      | -          | -      | 13      | 1      | -        |
| farms   |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| acres   | 4,573  | -          | -      | 8,520   | (D)    | -        |
| Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) ..... |        |            |        |         |        |          |
| farms   | 7      | -          | 8      | 8       | 6      | 20       |
| acres   | 416    | -          | 1,042  | 1,432   | (D)    | 596      |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | Richmond | Robeson | Rockingham | Rowan   | Rutherford | Sampson |
|---|----------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>   |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| Age group: - Con.   |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| 55 to 64 years .....  | 111      | 254     | 285        | 296     | 219        | 356     |
| 65 to 74 years .....  | 84       | 255     | 265        | 275     | 219        | 306     |
| 75 years and over .....   | 28       | 121     | 153        | 160     | 107        | 126     |
| Average age .....   | 59.2     | 59.8    | 58.9       | 58.9    | 59.9       | 58.1    |
| Young producers (see text) .....  | 19       | 40      | 75         | 74      | 46         | 85      |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....   | -        | 15      | 16         | 5       | 10         | 20      |
| Producers by race:  |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....  | 4        | 349     | 2          | -       | 8          | 9       |
| Asian .....   | 9        | 13      | -          | 2       | 2          | -       |
| Black or African American .....   | 3        | 50      | 11         | 13      | 2          | 71      |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....   | -        | -       | -          | -       | -          | -       |
| White .....   | 300      | 509     | 1,089      | 1,148   | 779        | 1,146   |
| More than one race reported .....   | -        | 11      | 1          | 5       | 9          | -       |
| Military service (see text):  |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| Never served .....  | 287      | 794     | 965        | 1,018   | 688        | 1,084   |
| Served .....  | 29       | 138     | 138        | 150     | 112        | 142     |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....  | 635      | 2,070   | 2,239      | 2,401   | 1,474      | 2,814   |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):   |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 284      | 834     | 1,021      | 1,115   | 757        | 1,158   |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....  | 221      | 739     | 908        | 958     | 627        | 1,019   |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 180      | 465     | 739        | 882     | 599        | 700     |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....  | 250      | 695     | 853        | 958     | 645        | 1,018   |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....  | 179      | 483     | 663        | 687     | 454        | 684     |
| <b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>   |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| Farms with-   |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| Internet access .....   | 172      | 524     | 603        | 684     | 475        | 750     |
| Dial-up service .....   | 6        | 11      | 24         | 15      | 36         | 27      |
| DSL service .....   | 74       | 142     | 181        | 248     | 200        | 376     |
| Cable modem service .....   | 48       | 127     | 223        | 218     | 37         | 135     |
| Fiber-optic service .....   | -        | 60      | 15         | 25      | 24         | 65      |
| Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....                                     | 56       | 202     | 221        | 269     | 181        | 284     |
| Satellite .....   | 18       | 46      | 74         | 48      | 134        | 60      |
| Don't know (see text) .....   | 6        | 43      | 23         | 43      | 28         | 30      |
| Other Internet service .....  | 6        | 6       | -          | 5       | 18         | 4       |
| <b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>  |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....      |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| farms   | 211      | 663     | 818        | 897     | 605        | 897     |
| acres   | 47,298   | 230,908 | 117,494    | 101,012 | 57,641     | 259,677 |
| Limited Liability Company .....   | 21       | 61      | 48         | 47      | 49         | 77      |
| farms   | 6,845    | 47,136  | 3,428      | 15,896  | 4,181      | 35,745  |
| acres   |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| <b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>  |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| Family or individual .....  |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| farms   | 190      | 569     | 753        | 798     | 542        | 664     |
| acres   | (D)      | 146,734 | 105,406    | 76,952  | 50,161     | 132,942 |
| Partnership .....   | 12       | 68      | 31         | 74      | 32         | 97      |
| farms   | 7,430    | 71,498  | 3,755      | 19,588  | 2,342      | 66,547  |
| acres   |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| Corporation:  |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| Family held .....   | 22       | 71      | 35         | 36      | 26         | 169     |
| farms   | 16,121   | 39,372  | 11,165     | 18,643  | 5,330      | 87,368  |
| acres   | 11       | 5       | -          | 5       | 2          | 17      |
| Other than family held .....  | 1,053    | (D)     | -          | 2,400   | (D)        | 12,703  |
| farms   |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| acres   |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) ..... |          |         |            |         |            |         |
| farms   | 2        | 9       | 25         | 12      | 18         | 13      |
| acres   | (D)      | (D)     | 4,287      | 1,331   | (D)        | 1,688   |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | Scotland | Stanly | Stokes | Surry   | Swain | Transylvania |
|---|----------|--------|--------|---------|-------|--------------|
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>  |          |        |        |         |       |              |
| Age group: - Con.   |          |        |        |         |       |              |
| 55 to 64 years .....  | 38       | 224    | 363    | 423     | 36    | 128          |
| 65 to 74 years .....  | 29       | 244    | 289    | 323     | 46    | 56           |
| 75 years and over .....   | 20       | 100    | 150    | 184     | 8     | 35           |
| Average age .....   | 59.9     | 58.9   | 60.3   | 59.2    | 59.8  | 58.9         |
| Young producers (see text) .....  | 5        | 57     | 61     | 95      | 9     | 32           |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....   | 3        | 3      | 5      | 16      | 2     | 9            |
| Producers by race:  |          |        |        |         |       |              |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....  | 4        | 3      | 6      | 2       | 14    | -            |
| Asian .....   | 8        | 11     | -      | -       | -     | -            |
| Black or African American .....   | 3        | 3      | 2      | 9       | -     | -            |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....   | -        | 1      | -      | -       | -     | -            |
| White .....   | 110      | 869    | 1,145  | 1,410   | 106   | 292          |
| More than one race reported .....   | -        | -      | 2      | 2       | 1     | 2            |
| Military service (see text):  |          |        |        |         |       |              |
| Never served .....  | 108      | 795    | 1,039  | 1,216   | 96    | 260          |
| Served .....  | 17       | 92     | 116    | 207     | 25    | 34           |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....  | 272      | 1,793  | 2,214  | 3,025   | 250   | 606          |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):   |          |        |        |         |       |              |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 117      | 820    | 1,079  | 1,359   | 119   | 261          |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....  | 104      | 632    | 943    | 1,162   | 105   | 225          |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 85       | 596    | 796    | 1,006   | 80    | 187          |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....  | 97       | 695    | 928    | 1,165   | 105   | 246          |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....  | 71       | 474    | 685    | 795     | 78    | 166          |
| <b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>   |          |        |        |         |       |              |
| Farms with-   |          |        |        |         |       |              |
| Internet access .....   | 78       | 490    | 646    | 803     | 72    | 160          |
| Dial-up service .....   | 3        | 18     | 22     | 33      | 1     | 17           |
| DSL service .....   | 13       | 183    | 208    | 305     | 33    | 79           |
| Cable modem service .....   | 11       | 145    | 213    | 205     | 11    | 30           |
| Fiber-optic service .....   | 5        | 9      | 55     | 183     | -     | 11           |
| Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....                                     | 34       | 154    | 179    | 268     | 13    | 55           |
| Satellite .....   | 16       | 21     | 67     | 34      | 14    | 5            |
| Don't know (see text) .....   | 5        | 53     | 37     | 55      | 5     | 24           |
| Other Internet service .....  | 7        | 2      | 3      | 5       | 5     | 1            |
| <b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>  |          |        |        |         |       |              |
| Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....      |          |        |        |         |       |              |
| farms   | 104      | 643    | 846    | 1,035   | 92    | 205          |
| acres   | 34,578   | 88,842 | 91,987 | 125,569 | 3,797 | 13,592       |
| Limited Liability Company .....   | 6        | 40     | 30     | 56      | 4     | 23           |
| farms   | 1,418    | 11,228 | 7,764  | 19,037  | 191   | 2,291        |
| acres   |          |        |        |         |       |              |
| <b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>  |          |        |        |         |       |              |
| Family or individual .....  |          |        |        |         |       |              |
| farms   | 94       | 591    | 788    | 949     | 85    | 181          |
| acres   | (D)      | 59,235 | 81,759 | 93,227  | (D)   | 9,153        |
| Partnership .....   | 8        | 31     | 36     | 59      | 3     | 17           |
| farms   | 9,012    | 18,578 | 4,890  | 16,906  | (D)   | 3,715        |
| acres   |          |        |        |         |       |              |
| Corporation:  |          |        |        |         |       |              |
| Family held .....   | 4        | 29     | 26     | 42      | 3     | 5            |
| farms   | (D)      | 16,059 | 5,797  | 24,460  | 165   | 269          |
| acres   | (D)      | (D)    | (D)    | (D)     | (D)   | (D)          |
| Other than family held .....  | 1        | 2      | 4      | 8       | -     | 3            |
| farms   | (D)      | (D)    | (D)    | (D)     | -     | 612          |
| acres   |          |        |        |         |       |              |
| Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) ..... |          |        |        |         |       |              |
| farms   | 1        | 19     | 2      | 6       | 8     | 9            |
| acres   | (D)      | (D)    | (D)    | (D)     | (D)   | 935          |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | Tyrrell | Union   | Vance  | Wake   | Warren | Washington |
|---|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>   |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| Age group: - Con.   |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| 55 to 64 years .....  | 21      | 327     | 69     | 265    | 86     | 36         |
| 65 to 74 years .....  | 23      | 309     | 106    | 191    | 109    | 50         |
| 75 years and over .....   | 13      | 133     | 51     | 127    | 29     | 16         |
| Average age .....   | 60.4    | 58.5    | 62.0   | 58.7   | 59.6   | 57.2       |
| Young producers (see text) .....  | 6       | 71      | 7      | 57     | 27     | 10         |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....   | -       | 7       | -      | 20     | -      | 3          |
| Producers by race:  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....  | -       | -       | -      | 13     | 5      | 1          |
| Asian .....   | -       | 10      | 2      | 5      | 2      | -          |
| Black or African American .....   | 2       | 3       | 14     | 64     | 53     | 16         |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....   | -       | -       | 6      | -      | -      | -          |
| White .....   | 78      | 1,223   | 289    | 841    | 254    | 154        |
| More than one race reported .....   | -       | 2       | -      | 3      | 2      | 3          |
| Military service (see text):  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| Never served .....  | 70      | 1,102   | 255    | 817    | 272    | 160        |
| Served .....  | 10      | 136     | 56     | 109    | 44     | 14         |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....  | 177     | 2,587   | 632    | 2,097  | 662    | 433        |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):   |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 74      | 1,157   | 287    | 849    | 306    | 149        |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....  | 55      | 931     | 245    | 720    | 251    | 157        |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 14      | 850     | 177    | 550    | 203    | 72         |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....  | 59      | 966     | 245    | 737    | 266    | 158        |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....  | 35      | 706     | 200    | 541    | 217    | 114        |
| <b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>   |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| Farms with-   |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| Internet access .....   | 41      | 727     | 187    | 571    | 186    | 111        |
| Dial-up service .....   | 3       | 38      | 9      | 13     | 12     | 12         |
| DSL service .....   | 17      | 293     | 80     | 195    | 74     | 36         |
| Cable modem service .....   | 9       | 251     | 53     | 226    | 40     | 23         |
| Fiber-optic service .....   | 7       | 12      | 6      | 59     | 12     | 10         |
| Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....                                     | 16      | 242     | 65     | 201    | 52     | 43         |
| Satellite .....   | 5       | 60      | 15     | 25     | 23     | 19         |
| Don't know (see text) .....   | -       | 41      | 19     | 36     | 9      | 1          |
| Other Internet service .....  | 1       | 6       | -      | -      | -      | -          |
| <b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....      |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| .....farms  | 65      | 931     | 233    | 640    | 251    | 130        |
| .....acres  | 42,798  | 170,887 | 63,883 | 56,612 | 54,173 | 60,865     |
| Limited Liability Company .....   | 5       | 53      | 13     | 110    | 27     | 5          |
| .....farms  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| .....acres  | 4,881   | 15,512  | 8,952  | 13,064 | 6,583  | 2,392      |
| <b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| Family or individual .....  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| .....farms  | 57      | 828     | 209    | 545    | 222    | 107        |
| .....acres  | (D)     | 107,957 | 56,489 | 44,762 | (D)    | 35,359     |
| Partnership .....   | 5       | 60      | 12     | 65     | 19     | 19         |
| .....farms  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| .....acres  | (D)     | 55,994  | 7,893  | 9,929  | 5,960  | 14,120     |
| Corporation:  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| Family held .....   | 5       | 55      | 17     | 66     | 13     | 12         |
| .....farms  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| .....acres  | 15,591  | 21,915  | 1,775  | 20,282 | 5,045  | 22,076     |
| Other than family held .....  | 1       | 8       | -      | 1      | 9      | 1          |
| .....farms  |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| .....acres  | (D)     | 493     | -      | (D)    | 4,746  | (D)        |
| Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) ..... |         |         |        |        |        |            |
| .....farms  | -       | 6       | -      | 14     | 4      | 2          |
| .....acres  | -       | 267     | -      | (D)    | (D)    | (D)        |

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**Table 45. Selected Operation and Producer Characteristics: 2017 (continued)**

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

| Item  | Watauga | Wayne   | Wilkes  | Wilson  | Yadkin | Yancey |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| <b>PRINCIPAL PRODUCER CHARACTERISTICS <sup>1</sup> - Con.</b>   |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Age group: - Con.   |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| 55 to 64 years .....  | 217     | 256     | 309     | 106     | 279    | 128    |
| 65 to 74 years .....  | 207     | 167     | 285     | 96      | 249    | 115    |
| 75 years and over .....   | 86      | 69      | 166     | 34      | 131    | 62     |
| Average age .....   | 61.5    | 58.4    | 59.4    | 57.8    | 58.1   | 57.6   |
| Young producers (see text) .....  | 30      | 49      | 67      | 34      | 122    | 35     |
| Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin (see text) .....   | 6       | 8       | 10      | 7       | 7      | 5      |
| Producers by race:  |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| American Indian or Alaska Native .....  | 2       | -       | -       | -       | 1      | -      |
| Asian .....   | 6       | -       | -       | 3       | -      | 9      |
| Black or African American .....   | 2       | 21      | 4       | 27      | 2      | -      |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander .....   | -       | 6       | -       | -       | -      | -      |
| White .....   | 661     | 686     | 1,177   | 354     | 1,036  | 491    |
| More than one race reported .....   | 6       | -       | 5       | -       | 4      | 3      |
| Military service (see text):  |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Never served .....  | 567     | 619     | 1,068   | 327     | 906    | 443    |
| Served .....  | 110     | 94      | 118     | 57      | 137    | 60     |
| Number of persons living in producers' households (see text) .....  | 1,292   | 1,531   | 2,533   | 842     | 2,186  | 1,044  |
| On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):   |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Day-to-day decisions .....  | 617     | 666     | 1,082   | 350     | 973    | 466    |
| Land use and/or crop decisions .....  | 556     | 583     | 963     | 295     | 844    | 415    |
| Livestock decisions .....   | 462     | 420     | 903     | 170     | 732    | 334    |
| Record keeping and/or financial management .....  | 526     | 583     | 920     | 287     | 793    | 421    |
| Estate planning or succession planning .....  | 402     | 392     | 663     | 188     | 629    | 284    |
| <b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>   |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Farms with-   |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Internet access .....   | 396     | 440     | 649     | 211     | 579    | 246    |
| Dial-up service .....   | 7       | 24      | 30      | -       | 19     | 2      |
| DSL service .....   | 88      | 124     | 141     | 45      | 182    | 49     |
| Cable modem service .....   | 169     | 152     | 155     | 76      | 156    | 109    |
| Fiber-optic service .....   | 93      | 20      | 294     | 34      | 164    | 33     |
| Mobile internet service for a cell phone or other device (see text) .....                                     | 132     | 153     | 160     | 93      | 174    | 73     |
| Satellite .....   | 30      | 34      | 37      | 22      | 21     | 13     |
| Don't know (see text) .....   | 14      | 21      | 53      | 12      | 30     | 17     |
| Other Internet service .....  | -       | 1       | 4       | -       | 3      | -      |
| <b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>  |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Operation more than 50 percent owned by one producer's household and/or extended family (see text) .....      |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| farms   | 513     | 521     | 893     | 259     | 807    | 361    |
| acres   | 49,185  | 143,642 | 102,304 | 106,346 | 83,751 | 29,558 |
| Limited Liability Company .....   | 24      | 48      | 37      | 41      | 32     | 15     |
| farms   | 2,520   | 22,636  | 8,746   | 39,608  | 5,508  | 640    |
| acres   |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| <b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES</b>  |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Family or individual .....  |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| farms   | 470     | 436     | 845     | 211     | 744    | 301    |
| acres   | 44,745  | (D)     | 91,766  | 43,648  | 67,614 | 22,929 |
| Partnership .....   | 21      | 51      | 38      | 31      | 50     | 26     |
| farms   | 603     | 30,452  | 3,834   | 42,280  | 15,174 | 4,564  |
| acres   |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Corporation:  |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Family held .....   | 23      | 53      | 21      | 28      | 20     | 32     |
| farms   | 3,847   | 44,566  | 7,253   | 33,095  | 4,589  | 2,663  |
| acres   | 3       | 4       | 17      | 3       | -      | -      |
| Other than family held .....  | 135     | 1,442   | 2,168   | 3,920   | -      | -      |
| farms   |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| acres   |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| Other - estate or trust, prison farm, grazing association, American Indian Reservation, etc. (see text) ..... |         |         |         |         |        |        |
| farms   | 3       | 7       | 11      | 3       | 4      | 10     |
| acres   | 284     | (D)     | 1,689   | 3       | 145    | 668    |

<sup>1</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.