



North Carolina 8th District

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017

	2017
Number of farms	3,054
Land in farms (acres)	428,078
Average size of farm (acres)	140
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Total	(\$)
Market value of products sold	617,584,000
Government payments	3,163,000
Farm-related income	19,244,000
Total farm production expenses	439,489,000
Net cash farm income	200,502,000
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Per farm average	(\$)
Market value of products sold	202,221
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	6,816
Farm-related income	19,016
Total farm production expenses	143,906
Net cash farm income	65,652

5 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	21
Livestock, poultry, and products	79

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	49
Pastureland	16
Woodland	28
Other	7

Acres irrigated: 9,553

2% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	14
Reduced till	3
Intensive till	7
Cover crop	8

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	1,278	42
\$2,500 to \$4,999	379	12
\$5,000 to \$9,999	402	13
\$10,000 to \$24,999	358	12
\$25,000 to \$49,999	160	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	93	3
\$100,000 or more	384	13

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	329	11
10 to 49 acres	1,246	41
50 to 179 acres	1,002	33
180 to 499 acres	314	10
500 to 999 acres	83	3
1,000 + acres	80	3

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	CDs Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	CDs Producing Item
Total	617,584	8	13	145	431
Crops	127,090	10	13	204	431
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	45,141	6	13	150	381
Tobacco	12,721	8	12	21	68
Cotton and cottonseed	11,646	6	9	62	108
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	14,889	6	13	136	418
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	2,907	7	13	215	416
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	32,892	6	13	124	425
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	22	6	11	200	326
Other crops and hay	6,872	11	13	223	395
Livestock, poultry, and products	490,494	7	13	108	422
Poultry and eggs	387,476	7	13	41	404
Cattle and calves	19,758	7	13	206	396
Milk from cows	4,213	8	13	196	312
Hogs and pigs	77,228	6	13	49	367
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	556	6	13	191	393
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	929	9	13	217	393
Aquaculture	7	13	13	171	328
Other animals and animal products	328	10	13	229	413

Total Producers ^c	5,037	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	76
Male	3,317		
Female	1,720	Farm organically	(Z)
Age		Sell directly to consumers	9
<35	392		
35 – 64	2,904	Hire farm labor	23
65 and older	1,741	Are family farms	96
Race			
American Indian/Alaska Native	43		
Asian	44		
Black or African American	93		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1		
White	4,825		
More than one race	31		
Other characteristics			
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	49		
With military service	684		
New and beginning farmers	1,477		
			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens
			13,876,895
			Cattle and calves
			57,199
			Goats
			6,022
			Hogs and pigs
			215,831
			Horses and ponies
			3,962
			Layers
			249,522
			Pullets
			168,070
			Sheep and lambs
			2,348
			Turkeys
			643,267

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

^a May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^b Among CDs whose rank can be displayed. ^c Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

^d Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^e Position below the line does not indicate rank.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.