



Alexander County North Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	544	-10
Land in farms (acres)	54,146	-8
Average size of farm (acres)	100	+2
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	176,342,000	-6
Government payments	170,000	-4
Farm-related income	2,592,000	+133
Total farm production expenses	107,589,000	-29
Net cash farm income	71,515,000	+92
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	324,157	+4
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	5,682	+32
Farm-related income	11,727	+109
Total farm production expenses	197,774	-21
Net cash farm income	131,461	+113

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	5
Livestock, poultry, and products	95

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	42
Pastureland	30
Woodland	19
Other	8

Acres irrigated: 334

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	13
Reduced till	2
Intensive till	5
Cover crop	5

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	157	29
\$2,500 to \$4,999	42	8
\$5,000 to \$9,999	66	12
\$10,000 to \$24,999	72	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	34	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	10	2
\$100,000 or more	163	30

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	45	8
10 to 49 acres	227	42
50 to 179 acres	203	37
180 to 499 acres	52	10
500 to 999 acres	12	2
1,000 + acres	5	1

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^b	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^b	Counties Producing Item
Total	176,342	22	100	625	3,077
Crops	8,475	82	100	2,126	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	2,175	72	99	1,912	2,916
Tobacco	1,996	42	62	123	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	52	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	1,137	50	100	719	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	1,164	12	98	435	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	959	61	98	867	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	38	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,045	53	98	1,832	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	167,867	16	100	253	3,073
Poultry and eggs	154,639	11	98	74	3,007
Cattle and calves	8,856	8	100	1,334	3,055
Milk from cows	4,159	12	49	665	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	86	95	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	42	42	95	1,844	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	137	34	92	1,235	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	54	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	34	97	1,152	2,878

Total Producers ^c	888	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d	
Sex		Have internet access	71	
Male	602			
Female	286			
Age		Farm organically	-	
<35	66			
35 – 64	543			
65 and older	279			
Race		Sell directly to consumers	5	
American Indian/Alaska Native	2			
Asian	-			
Black or African American	2			
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-			
White	869	Hire farm labor	28	
More than one race	15			
Other characteristics		Are family farms	99	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	9			
With military service	106			
New and beginning farmers	234			
			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)	
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens	4,460,440
			Cattle and calves	18,727
			Goats	395
			Hogs and pigs	91
			Horses and ponies	693
			Layers	756,772
			Pullets	1,123,305
			Sheep and lambs	96
			Turkeys	30

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

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

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

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