



Ashe County North Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

| | 2017 | % change since 2012 |
|---|-------------|---------------------|
| Number of farms | 864 | -24 |
| Land in farms (acres) | 109,790 | -2 |
| Average size of farm (acres) | 127 | +29 |
| Total | (\$) | |
| Market value of products sold | 57,141,000 | +5 |
| Government payments | 76,000 | -65 |
| Farm-related income | 2,771,000 | -15 |
| Total farm production expenses | 51,620,000 | +7 |
| Net cash farm income | 8,367,000 | -13 |
| Per farm average | (\$) | |
| Market value of products sold | 66,136 | +38 |
| Government payments (average per farm receiving) | 4,737 | +161 |
| Farm-related income | 10,866 | -6 |
| Total farm production expenses | 59,746 | +41 |
| Net cash farm income | 9,684 | +14 |

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Crops | 77 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 23 |

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

| | |
|-------------|----|
| Cropland | 33 |
| Pastureland | 29 |
| Woodland | 34 |
| Other | 4 |

Acres irrigated: 84

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

| | |
|----------------|---|
| No till | 9 |
| Reduced till | 1 |
| Intensive till | 7 |
| Cover crop | 6 |

Farms by Value of Sales

| | Number | Percent of Total ^a |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$2,500 | 316 | 37 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 79 | 9 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 135 | 16 |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 144 | 17 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 48 | 6 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 48 | 6 |
| \$100,000 or more | 94 | 11 |

Farms by Size

| | Number | Percent of Total ^a |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1 to 9 acres | 62 | 7 |
| 10 to 49 acres | 301 | 35 |
| 50 to 179 acres | 344 | 40 |
| 180 to 499 acres | 116 | 13 |
| 500 to 999 acres | 25 | 3 |
| 1,000 + acres | 16 | 2 |

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 | 57,141 | 53 | 100 | 1,649 | 3,077 |
| Crops | 43,957 | 29 | 100 | 1,181 | 3,073 |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas | 95 | 92 | 99 | 2,450 | 2,916 |
| Tobacco | 34 | 58 | 62 | 246 | 323 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | - | - | 52 | - | 647 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes | 3,224 | 28 | 100 | 437 | 2,821 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, berries | 226 | 46 | 98 | 963 | 2,748 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod | 1,764 | 47 | 98 | 681 | 2,601 |
| Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops | 37,098 | 1 | 38 | 2 | 1,384 |
| Other crops and hay | 1,515 | 38 | 98 | 1,499 | 3,040 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 13,184 | 66 | 100 | 1,947 | 3,073 |
| Poultry and eggs | 20 | 79 | 98 | 1,575 | 3,007 |
| Cattle and calves | 12,814 | 3 | 100 | 1,086 | 3,055 |
| Milk from cows | (D) | 40 | 49 | (D) | 1,892 |
| Hogs and pigs | 9 | 75 | 95 | 1,584 | 2,856 |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk | 116 | 17 | 95 | 1,164 | 2,984 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys | 49 | 55 | 92 | 1,812 | 2,970 |
| Aquaculture | (D) | (D) | 54 | (D) | 1,251 |
| Other animals and animal products | 48 | 23 | 97 | 1,003 | 2,878 |

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Total Producers ^c | 1,469 | Percent of farms that: | Top Crops in Acres ^d |
| Sex | | Have internet access | Cultivated Christmas trees 14,970 |
| Male | 965 | 74 | Forage (hay/haylage), all 12,124 |
| Female | 504 | | Vegetables harvested, all 400 |
| Age | | Farm organically | Pumpkins 309 |
| <35 | 103 | 1 | Vegetable transplants (D) |
| 35 – 64 | 851 | | |
| 65 and older | 515 | | |
| Race | | Sell directly to consumers | Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017) |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | - | 6 | Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D) |
| Asian | 3 | | Cattle and calves 17,354 |
| Black or African American | 2 | | Goats 1,018 |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | - | Hire farm labor | Hogs and pigs (D) |
| White | 1,455 | 26 | Horses and ponies 608 |
| More than one race | 9 | | Layers 1,333 |
| Other characteristics | | Are family farms | Pullets 163 |
| Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin | 35 | 97 | Sheep and lambs 1,089 |
| With military service | 145 | | Turkeys 22 |
| New and beginning farmers | 300 | | |

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.