



Buncombe County North Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	1,073	+1
Land in farms (acres)	72,284	+1
Average size of farm (acres)	67	(Z)
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	48,013,000	-12
Government payments	357,000	-76
Farm-related income	4,535,000	+113
Total farm production expenses	45,394,000	-12
Net cash farm income	7,512,000	+19
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	44,747	-13
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	2,707	-66
Farm-related income	16,314	+100
Total farm production expenses	42,306	-13
Net cash farm income	7,001	+17

(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	25
Pastureland	28
Woodland	37
Other	10

Acres irrigated: 844

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	11
Reduced till	4
Intensive till	7
Cover crop	16

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	476	44
\$2,500 to \$4,999	167	16
\$5,000 to \$9,999	150	14
\$10,000 to \$24,999	144	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	63	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	34	3
\$100,000 or more	39	4

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	250	23
10 to 49 acres	472	44
50 to 179 acres	280	26
180 to 499 acres	53	5
500 to 999 acres	13	1
1,000 + acres	5	(Z)

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	48,013	60	100	1,786	3,077
Crops	37,180	35	100	1,294	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	635	81	99	2,212	2,916
Tobacco	15	59	62	254	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	52	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	6,142	19	100	299	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	569	21	98	619	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	28,292	2	98	105	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	272	12	38	142	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,254	48	98	1,667	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	10,834	68	100	2,052	3,073
Poultry and eggs	788	66	98	752	3,007
Cattle and calves	3,925	25	100	1,828	3,055
Milk from cows	3,603	14	49	693	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	59	95	903	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	413	1	95	411	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	122	39	92	1,317	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	31	54	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	1,845	4	97	100	2,878

Total Producers ^c	1,849	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Forage (hay/haylage), all 11,497
Male	1,134	78	Corn for silage or greenchop 887
Female	715		Vegetables harvested, all 846
Age		Farm organically	Corn for grain 429
<35	155	1	Tomatoes in the open 358
35 – 64	984		
65 and older	710		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	4	16	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 2,944
Asian	10		Cattle and calves 13,764
Black or African American	8	Hire farm labor	Goats 1,489
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	21	Hogs and pigs 743
White	1,825		Horses and ponies 1,209
More than one race	2		Layers 15,863
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets 1,256
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	31	97	Sheep and lambs 1,550
With military service	200		Turkeys 14
New and beginning farmers	597		

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.