



## Catawba County North Carolina

### Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	638	-9
Land in farms (acres)	63,530	-5
Average size of farm (acres)	100	+4
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	77,281,000	+15
Government payments	620,000	+39
Farm-related income	1,466,000	+2
Total farm production expenses	53,600,000	-11
Net cash farm income	25,767,000	+180
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	121,130	+26
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	11,486	+188
Farm-related income	9,397	+9
Total farm production expenses	84,012	-2
Net cash farm income	40,388	+206

**1** Percent of state agriculture sales

#### Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	28
Livestock, poultry, and products	72

#### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

Cropland	54
Pastureland	26
Woodland	15
Other	5

**Acres irrigated: 742**

1% of land in farms

#### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	17
Reduced till	2
Intensive till	5
Cover crop	8

### Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	228	36
\$2,500 to \$4,999	95	15
\$5,000 to \$9,999	96	15
\$10,000 to \$24,999	91	14
\$25,000 to \$49,999	42	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23	4
\$100,000 or more	63	10

### Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	87	14
10 to 49 acres	256	40
50 to 179 acres	219	34
180 to 499 acres	59	9
500 to 999 acres	10	2
1,000 + acres	7	1

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>77,281</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,389</b>	<b>3,077</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>21,796</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	8,400	47	99	1,446	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	62	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	52	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	3,222	29	100	438	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	102	62	98	1,290	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	9,018	14	98	264	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	38	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,055	51	98	1,829	3,040
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>55,485</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>3,073</b>
Poultry and eggs	44,814	30	98	277	3,007
Cattle and calves	6,209	17	100	1,561	3,055
Milk from cows	2,348	21	49	785	1,892
Hogs and pigs	49	62	95	1,105	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	141	13	95	1,034	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	1,873	2	92	80	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	54	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	51	22	97	983	2,878

**Total Producers <sup>c</sup>**

**1,029**

**Sex**

Male	702
Female	327

**Age**

<35	91
35 – 64	610
65 and older	328

**Race**

American Indian/Alaska Native	-
Asian	34
Black or African American	22
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	971
More than one race	2

**Other characteristics**

Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	10
With military service	154
New and beginning farmers	354

**Percent of farms that:**

Have internet access **75**

Farm organically **(Z)**

Sell directly to consumers **6**

Hire farm labor **22**

Are family farms **95**

**Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>**

Soybeans for beans	12,004
Forage (hay/haylage), all	11,786
Corn for grain	4,638
Wheat for grain, all	3,700
Vegetables harvested, all	817

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)**

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,770,054
Cattle and calves	14,170
Goats	665
Hogs and pigs	301
Horses and ponies	1,044
Layers	69,831
Pullets	499
Sheep and lambs	484
Turkeys	(D)

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

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

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> 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.