



Columbus County North Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	514	-30
Land in farms (acres)	141,080	-11
Average size of farm (acres)	274	+26
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	162,008,000	-18
Government payments	2,708,000	-20
Farm-related income	4,727,000	+22
Total farm production expenses	115,783,000	-29
Net cash farm income	53,660,000	+30
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	315,190	+17
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	11,623	+41
Farm-related income	21,294	+54
Total farm production expenses	225,258	+1
Net cash farm income	104,398	+84

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	36
Livestock, poultry, and products	64

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	80
Pastureland	4
Woodland	12
Other	3

Acres irrigated: 2,121

2% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	29
Reduced till	9
Intensive till	39
Cover crop	10

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	149	29
\$2,500 to \$4,999	44	9
\$5,000 to \$9,999	47	9
\$10,000 to \$24,999	86	17
\$25,000 to \$49,999	44	9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	18	4
\$100,000 or more	126	25

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	37	7
10 to 49 acres	137	27
50 to 179 acres	188	37
180 to 499 acres	71	14
500 to 999 acres	38	7
1,000 + acres	43	8

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	162,008	26	100	694	3,077
Crops	58,462	23	100	993	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	34,378	9	99	934	2,916
Tobacco	8,908	29	62	51	323
Cotton and cottonseed	749	35	52	450	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	7,277	17	100	264	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	369	33	98	753	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,492	52	98	735	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	38	-	1,384
Other crops and hay	5,289	13	98	470	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	103,546	27	100	490	3,073
Poultry and eggs	13,553	52	98	499	3,007
Cattle and calves	1,566	43	100	2,261	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	49	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	88,352	10	95	70	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	25	56	95	2,111	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	39	61	92	1,923	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	54	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Sex	734
Male	549
Female	185
Age	
<35	27
35 – 64	423
65 and older	284
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	31
Asian	-
Black or African American	42
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1
White	658
More than one race	2
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	6
With military service	119
New and beginning farmers	191

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	67
Farm organically	(Z)
Sell directly to consumers	7
Hire farm labor	32
Are family farms	94

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Soybeans for beans	49,224
Corn for grain	33,984
Wheat for grain, all	6,702
Peanuts for nuts	6,574
Forage (hay/haylage), all	3,032

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	440,305
Cattle and calves	5,369
Goats	202
Hogs and pigs	230,315
Horses and ponies	220
Layers	1,606
Pullets	259
Sheep and lambs	100
Turkeys	(D)

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.