



Gaston County North Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	522	(Z)
Land in farms (acres)	37,695	-10
Average size of farm (acres)	72	-10
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Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	23,164,000	+36
Government payments	271,000	+46
Farm-related income	1,488,000	+129
Total farm production expenses	19,455,000	+11
Net cash farm income	5,467,000	+1183
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Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	44,376	+35
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	3,515	+40
Farm-related income	11,534	+166
Total farm production expenses	37,271	+11
Net cash farm income	10,474	+1178

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	24
Livestock, poultry, and products	76

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	41
Pastureland	25
Woodland	27
Other	7

Acres irrigated: 157

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	7
Reduced till	1
Intensive till	4
Cover crop	7

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	259	50
\$2,500 to \$4,999	61	12
\$5,000 to \$9,999	61	12
\$10,000 to \$24,999	82	16
\$25,000 to \$49,999	15	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	16	3
\$100,000 or more	28	5

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	96	18
10 to 49 acres	210	40
50 to 179 acres	169	32
180 to 499 acres	39	7
500 to 999 acres	6	1
1,000 + acres	2	(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	23,164	80	100	2,296	3,077
Crops	5,660	89	100	2,310	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	1,653	74	99	1,990	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	62	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	52	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	85	100	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	253	41	98	914	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	2,499	41	98	568	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	22	38	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	1,104	50	98	1,782	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	17,504	60	100	1,756	3,073
Poultry and eggs	12,643	53	98	511	3,007
Cattle and calves	1,320	47	100	2,322	3,055
Milk from cows	(D)	18	49	(D)	1,892
Hogs and pigs	30	68	95	1,264	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	69	25	95	1,522	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	647	8	92	324	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	54	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	798	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	78
Male	506		
Female	292		
Age		Farm organically	-
<35	69		
35 – 64	455		
65 and older	274		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	7
American Indian/Alaska Native	7		
Asian	2		
Black or African American	3		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		
White	786	Hire farm labor	18
More than one race	-		
Other characteristics		Are family farms	99
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	3		
With military service	81		
New and beginning farmers	253		
		Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)	
		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	611,532
		Cattle and calves	6,611
		Goats	872
		Hogs and pigs	154
		Horses and ponies	907
		Layers	1,809
		Pullets	441
		Sheep and lambs	531
		Turkeys	36

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.