



Lee County North Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	250	+2
Land in farms (acres)	35,170	-10
Average size of farm (acres)	141	-11
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	54,392,000	+57
Government payments	124,000	-78
Farm-related income	2,060,000	+57
Total farm production expenses	41,101,000	+24
Net cash farm income	15,474,000	+352
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	217,567	+54
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	3,876	-67
Farm-related income	28,612	+70
Total farm production expenses	164,406	+22
Net cash farm income	61,898	+345

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	35
Livestock, poultry, and products	65

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	56
Pastureland	13
Woodland	27
Other	4

Acres irrigated: 1,368

4% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	14
Reduced till	5
Intensive till	15
Cover crop	18

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	106	42
\$2,500 to \$4,999	27	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	55	22
\$10,000 to \$24,999	24	10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	7	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2	1
\$100,000 or more	29	12

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	42	17
10 to 49 acres	82	33
50 to 179 acres	84	34
180 to 499 acres	31	12
500 to 999 acres	3	1
1,000 + acres	8	3

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	54,392	54	100	1,687	3,077
Crops	18,769	58	100	1,691	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	2,778	65	99	1,834	2,916
Tobacco	13,670	21	62	33	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	52	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	701	59	100	854	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	193	51	98	1,038	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,272	57	98	782	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	13	24	38	517	1,384
Other crops and hay	143	91	98	2,650	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	35,623	48	100	1,195	3,073
Poultry and eggs	33,601	40	98	327	3,007
Cattle and calves	718	59	100	2,467	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	49	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	(D)	48	95	(D)	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	131	35	92	1,266	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	54	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	14	49	97	1,411	2,878

Total Producers ^c	418	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Soybeans for beans 7,125
Male	288	80	Tobacco 3,007
Female	130		Forage (hay/haylage), all 2,862
Age		Farm organically	Corn for grain 1,106
<35	34	4	Wheat for grain, all 817
35 – 64	220		
65 and older	164		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	3	18	Broilers and other meat-type chickens 1,526,113
Asian	-		Cattle and calves 3,244
Black or African American	7	Hire farm labor	Goats 228
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	24	Hogs and pigs (D)
White	407		Horses and ponies 290
More than one race	1	Are family farms	Layers (D)
Other characteristics		99	Pullets 420
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	2		Sheep and lambs 170
With military service	85		Turkeys (D)
New and beginning farmers	123		

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.