



McDowell County North Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	333	(Z)
Land in farms (acres)	22,997	-8
Average size of farm (acres)	69	-7
Total (\$)		
Market value of products sold	24,602,000	-2
Government payments	73,000	-34
Farm-related income	765,000	+17
Total farm production expenses	17,711,000	-28
Net cash farm income	7,728,000	+411
Per farm average (\$)		
Market value of products sold	73,879	-2
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	1,490	-77
Farm-related income	8,693	+22
Total farm production expenses	53,187	-27
Net cash farm income	23,208	+412

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	57
Livestock, poultry, and products	43

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	27
Pastureland	25
Woodland	41
Other	7

Acres irrigated: 266

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	6
Reduced till	8
Intensive till	6
Cover crop	9

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	148	44
\$2,500 to \$4,999	66	20
\$5,000 to \$9,999	44	13
\$10,000 to \$24,999	43	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	7	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3	1
\$100,000 or more	22	7

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	53	16
10 to 49 acres	157	47
50 to 179 acres	100	30
180 to 499 acres	16	5
500 to 999 acres	7	2
1,000 + acres	-	-

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	24,602	77	100	2,263	3,077
Crops	13,929	69	100	1,865	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	110	91	99	2,437	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	62	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	52	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	391	68	100	1,043	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	60	67	98	1,486	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	12,547	10	98	213	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	422	9	38	99	1,384
Other crops and hay	398	79	98	2,419	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	10,673	69	100	2,069	3,073
Poultry and eggs	7,685	59	98	585	3,007
Cattle and calves	590	63	100	2,514	3,055
Milk from cows	1,042	29	49	928	1,892
Hogs and pigs	15	72	95	1,452	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	18	62	95	2,221	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	77	46	92	1,584	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	7	54	(D)	1,251
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	97	(D)	2,878

Total Producers ^c	546	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Forage (hay/haylage), all
Male	347	73	Nursery stock crops
Female	199		Corn for grain
Age		Farm organically	Cultivated Christmas trees
<35	45	1	Short-rotation woody crops
35 – 64	277		
65 and older	224		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
American Indian/Alaska Native	5	15	Broilers and other meat-type chickens
Asian	20		Cattle and calves
Black or African American	6	Hire farm labor	Goats
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	19	Hogs and pigs
White	515		Horses and ponies
More than one race	-		Layers
Other characteristics		Are family farms	Pullets
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	7	96	Sheep and lambs
With military service	73		Turkeys
New and beginning farmers	147		

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.