



Macon County North Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	340	+4
Land in farms (acres)	19,775	-13
Average size of farm (acres)	58	-16
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Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	7,842,000	+39
Government payments	132,000	+45
Farm-related income	482,000	+31
Total farm production expenses	6,417,000	(D)
Net cash farm income	2,038,000	+790
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Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	23,064	+33
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	1,942	-32
Farm-related income	8,449	+72
Total farm production expenses	18,874	(D)
Net cash farm income	5,995	+762

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	21
Livestock, poultry, and products	79

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	26
Pastureland	28
Woodland	38
Other	7

Acres irrigated: 22

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	4
Reduced till	3
Intensive till	4
Cover crop	6

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	167	49
\$2,500 to \$4,999	45	13
\$5,000 to \$9,999	56	16
\$10,000 to \$24,999	51	15
\$25,000 to \$49,999	7	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8	2
\$100,000 or more	6	2

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	34	10
10 to 49 acres	203	60
50 to 179 acres	76	22
180 to 499 acres	26	8
500 to 999 acres	1	(Z)
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	7,842	92	100	2,737	3,077
Crops	1,675	96	100	2,723	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	90	99	(D)	2,916
Tobacco	-	-	62	-	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	52	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	122	87	100	1,471	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	175	53	98	1,082	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	(D)	84	98	(D)	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	644	8	38	65	1,384
Other crops and hay	552	74	98	2,282	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	6,167	75	100	2,354	3,073
Poultry and eggs	45	73	98	1,289	3,007
Cattle and calves	(D)	53	100	(D)	3,055
Milk from cows	-	-	49	-	1,892
Hogs and pigs	9	76	95	1,592	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	68	26	95	1,537	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	12	72	92	2,277	2,970
Aquaculture	(D)	2	54	66	1,251
Other animals and animal products	64	20	97	899	2,878

Total Producers ^c

Sex	
Male	349
Female	210
Age	
<35	32
35 – 64	289
65 and older	238
Race	
American Indian/Alaska Native	1
Asian	-
Black or African American	-
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-
White	555
More than one race	3
Other characteristics	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	12
With military service	64
New and beginning farmers	184

Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	68
Farm organically	-
Sell directly to consumers	14
Hire farm labor	14
Are family farms	98

Top Crops in Acres ^d

Forage (hay/haylage), all	3,322
Soybeans for beans	(D)
Cultivated Christmas trees	91
Corn for silage or greenchop	(D)
Vegetables harvested, all	34

Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,260
Cattle and calves	3,123
Goats	247
Hogs and pigs	123
Horses and ponies	181
Layers	1,771
Pullets	46
Sheep and lambs	801
Turkeys	11

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.