



Wilkes County North Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	932	-4
Land in farms (acres)	106,710	-4
Average size of farm (acres)	114	(Z)
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	335,124,000	+18
Government payments	81,000	-75
Farm-related income	3,636,000	+17
Total farm production expenses	216,422,000	-10
Net cash farm income	122,418,000	+162
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	359,576	+23
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	2,069	-60
Farm-related income	13,984	+21
Total farm production expenses	232,213	-7
Net cash farm income	131,350	+173

3 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	4
Livestock, poultry, and products	96

Land in Farms by Use (%) ^a

Cropland	39
Pastureland	29
Woodland	27
Other	5

Acres irrigated: 61

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	10
Reduced till	2
Intensive till	5
Cover crop	7

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
Less than \$2,500	322	35
\$2,500 to \$4,999	122	13
\$5,000 to \$9,999	135	14
\$10,000 to \$24,999	122	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	43	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	38	4
\$100,000 or more	150	16

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^a
1 to 9 acres	71	8
10 to 49 acres	348	37
50 to 179 acres	363	39
180 to 499 acres	119	13
500 to 999 acres	22	2
1,000 + acres	9	1

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	335,124	7	100	213	3,077
Crops	14,838	67	100	1,837	3,073
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	6,064	54	99	1,570	2,916
Tobacco	(D)	41	62	(D)	323
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	52	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	2,821
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	2,542	5	98	288	2,748
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	689	66	98	954	2,601
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	35	38	(D)	1,384
Other crops and hay	2,291	24	98	1,089	3,040
Livestock, poultry, and products	320,286	6	100	92	3,073
Poultry and eggs	302,792	4	98	21	3,007
Cattle and calves	11,092	4	100	1,172	3,055
Milk from cows	5,630	5	49	574	1,892
Hogs and pigs	5	80	95	1,697	2,856
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	52	35	95	1,721	2,984
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	671	7	92	310	2,970
Aquaculture	-	-	54	-	1,251
Other animals and animal products	44	27	97	1,045	2,878

Total Producers ^c	1,447	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^d
Sex		Have internet access	Forage (hay/haylage), all
Male	981	70	20,831
Female	466		Corn for grain
Age		Farm organically	6,557
<35	100	1	Corn for silage or greenchop
35 – 64	831		3,573
65 and older	516	Sell directly to consumers	1,824
Race		6	1,602
American Indian/Alaska Native	-		Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)
Asian	-	Hire farm labor	Broilers and other meat-type chickens
Black or African American	4	23	11,112,089
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		Cattle and calves
White	1,438	Are family farms	30,335
More than one race	5	96	894
Other characteristics			Goats
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	11		Hogs and pigs
With military service	131		55
New and beginning farmers	347		Horses and ponies
			695
			Layers
			421,297
			Pullets
			319,100
			Sheep and lambs
			358
			Turkeys
			14

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.