

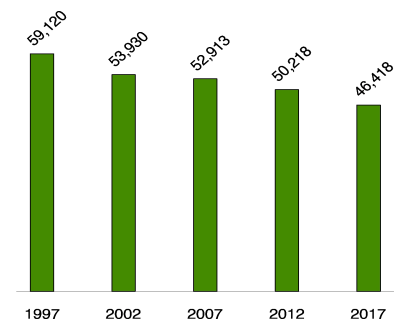


## North Carolina

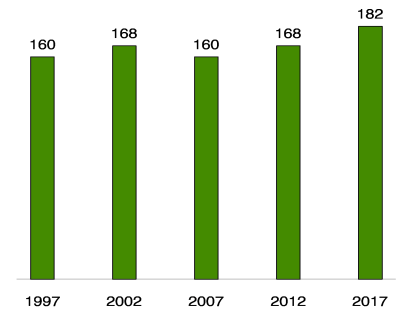
### Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

	2017	% change since 2012
Number of farms	46,418	-8
Land in farms (acres)	8,430,522	(Z)
Average size of farm (acres)	182	+8
<b>Total (\$)</b>		
Market value of products sold	12,900,674,000	+2
Government payments	107,565,000	-10
Farm-related income	295,024,000	+36
Total farm production expenses	9,281,373,000	-8
Net cash farm income	4,021,890,000	+40
<b>Per farm average (\$)</b>		
Market value of products sold	277,924	+11
Government payments (average per farm receiving)	10,746	+29
Farm-related income	18,304	+42
Total farm production expenses	199,952	(Z)
Net cash farm income	86,645	+52

### Number of Farms, 1997-2017



### Average Farm Size, 1997-2017 (acres)



### Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
Less than \$2,500	18,113	39
\$2,500 to \$4,999	5,053	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5,658	12
\$10,000 to \$24,999	5,645	12
\$25,000 to \$49,999	2,514	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,716	4
\$100,000 or more	7,719	17

### Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>a</sup>
1 to 9 acres	5,112	11
10 to 49 acres	17,132	37
50 to 179 acres	15,321	33
180 to 499 acres	5,341	12
500 to 999 acres	1,762	4
1,000 + acres	1,750	4

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in U.S. <sup>b</sup>	States Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,900,674</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>3,734,980</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>50</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	1,244,092	19	50
Tobacco	731,657	1	18
Cotton and cottonseed	239,587	8	17
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	553,449	7	50
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	109,139	15	50
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	552,043	7	50
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	86,834	2	50
Other crops and hay	218,179	23	50
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>9,165,694</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>50</b>
Poultry and eggs	5,413,591	2	50
Cattle and calves	275,175	35	50
Milk from cows	184,855	27	50
Hogs and pigs	3,216,902	2	50
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	7,001	31	50
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	21,811	17	50
Aquaculture	30,948	15	50
Other animals and animal products	15,412	22	50

**3** Percent of U.S. agriculture sales

**Share of Sales by Type (%)**

Crops	29
Livestock, poultry, and products	71

**Land in Farms by Use (acres)**

Cropland	5,000,685
Pastureland	947,028
Woodland	2,014,540
Other	468,269

**Top Counties: Land in Farms (acres)**

Sampson	301,248
Robeson	263,740
Duplin	243,098
Halifax	209,073
Union	186,626

**Total Producers <sup>c</sup>**

**74,062**

<b>Sex</b>	
Male	49,955
Female	24,107
<b>Age</b>	
<35	5,572
35 – 64	41,716
65 and older	26,774
<b>Race</b>	
American Indian/Alaska Native	745
Asian	418
Black or African American	2,041
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	18
White	70,504
More than one race	336
<b>Other characteristics</b>	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	769
With military service	8,923
New and beginning farmers	20,298

**Percent of farms that:**

Have internet access	<b>75</b>
Farm organically	<b>1</b>
Sell directly to consumers	<b>9</b>
Hire farm labor	<b>27</b>
Are family farms	<b>96</b>

**Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup>**

Soybeans for beans	1,740,536
Corn for grain	843,969
Forage (hay/haylage), all	672,976
Wheat for grain, all	413,534
Cotton, all	368,821

**Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)**

Broilers and other meat-type chickens	160,376,938
Cattle and calves	776,271
Goats	57,717
Hogs and pigs	8,899,459
Horses and ponies	51,279
Layers	14,160,452
Pullets	7,238,854
Sheep and lambs	32,729
Turkeys	15,933,732

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among states whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> 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.