Dear Readers,

North Carolina agriculture and agribusiness continue to be the backbone of our state’s economy, proving the nearly $85 billion industry and its farmers are resilient and persevering.

I am proud of everything agriculture and agribusinesses contribute to our state, nation and world. This industry provides us with everyday essentials – food, clothing and shelter – while also creating jobs for more than 686,000 employees or 16 percent of North Carolina’s workforce.

In many rural areas of our state, agriculture and agribusiness often represent the main industry for local communities, with agricultural dollars trickling down through all facets of the economy.

This book is a compilation of agricultural production in North Carolina, highlighting the rich diversity of farm commodities produced here from livestock to row crops and ornamental plants.

We have a lot to celebrate and be proud of agriculturally in North Carolina. Of the 48,000 farms across the state, more than 1,800 are part of the Century Family Farm Program, meaning they have been in continuous family ownership for 100 years or more. In 2017, we began recognizing Bicentennial Family Farms for farms with 200 years of continuous family ownership. To date, nearly 30 farms have received this prestigious honor.

I am reminded as I look over the information in this book that each of our farms represent a small business that helps ensure access to a safe and affordable food supply. I applaud the hard work and determination of these farmers and their families.

Sincerely,

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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE

Mission
The National Agricultural Statistics Service provides timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture.

Overview
The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) conducts hundreds of surveys every year and prepares reports covering virtually every aspect of U.S. agriculture. Production and supplies of food and fiber, prices paid and received by farmers, farm labor and wages, farm finances, chemical use, and changes in the demographics of U.S. producers are only a few examples.

NASS is committed to providing timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture.

To uphold our continuing commitment, NASS will:

• Report the facts on American agriculture, facts needed by people working in and depending upon U.S. agriculture.
• Provide objective and unbiased statistics on a preannounced schedule that is fair and impartial to all market participants.
• Conduct the Census of Agriculture every five years, providing the only source of consistent, comparable, and detailed agricultural data for every county in America.
• Serve the needs of our data users and customers at a local level through our network of State field offices and our cooperative relationship with universities and State Departments of Agriculture.
• Safeguard the privacy of farmers, ranchers, and other data providers, with a guarantee that confidentiality and data security continue to be our top priorities.

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Mission
To provide services that promote and improve agriculture, agribusiness and forests; protect consumers and businesses; and conserve farmland and natural resources for the prosperity of all North Carolinians.

Overview
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