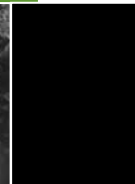




Section 3:

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LIVESTOCK, DAIRY, AND POULTRY

Record Highs and Lows

Species	Date Series Began	Record High		Record Low	
		Year	Number	Year	Number
			<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Thousands</i>
Cattle and Calves - Inventory, Jan 1	1867	1985	1,175	1927	490
Beef Cows - Inventory, Jan 1	1920	1996	476	1930	18
Milk Cows - Inventory, Jan 1	1867	1945	400	2024	38
Milk Production (Lbs)	1924	1985	1,748,000	2010	866,000
Sheep and Lambs - Inventory, Jan 1	1920	1921	95	1979	7
Hogs - Inventory, Dec 1	1866	2007	10,200	1929	830
Chickens - Inventory, Dec 1	1924	2023	25,075	1931	8,670
Egg Production	1924	2023	4,167,200	1930	542,000
Commercial Broilers	1934	2022	976,200	1934	900
Turkeys - Total Raised	1929	1992	62,000	1931	198

NOTE: In some cases, the production or inventory is identical for more than one year. In such cases, the year shown is the latest year or occurrence.



LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY INVENTORY

Species and Classification	North Carolina		United States	
	Number on Farms January 1		Number on Farms January 1	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>Thousand Head</i>	
Cattle - Total ¹	730	750	88,841	87,157
Cows & Heifers that have calved	380	390	38,337	37,580
Beef Cows	341	352	28,939	28,223
Milk Cows	39	38	9,398	9,357
Heifers 500 pounds and over	94	92	18,761	18,483
For Beef Cow replacement	59	56	4,930	4,858
For Milk Cow replacement	16	14	4,074	4,059
Other Heifers	19	22	9,758	9,566
Steers 500 pounds and over	33	39	16,057	15,789
Bulls 500 pounds and over	28	29	2,029	2,021
Calves under 500 pounds	195	200	13,658	13,285
Sheep - Total	30	32	5,130	5,030
Breeding Sheep & Lambs	23	25	3,740	3,670
Replacement Lambs	4	5	644	635
Ewes 1 year plus	17	18	2,930	2,870
Rams 1 year plus	2	3	167	165
Market Sheep & Lambs	7	7	1,390	1,360
Goats - Total ²	-	-	2,527	2,470
Angora Goats ²	-	-	107	105
Milk Goats	9	9	410	415
Meat and Other Goats	40	42	2,010	1,950
	Number on Farms December 1		Number on Farms December 1	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>Thousand Head</i>	
All Hogs and Pigs	8,300	7,900	74,995.5	75,461.3
Breeding Hogs	800	780	6,203.5	5,998.7
Market Hogs	7,500	7,120	68,752.0	69,462.6
Under 50 Pounds	2,950	2,760	21,788.2	21,571.0
50-119 Pounds	1,700	1,520	19,133.5	19,154.2
120-179 Pounds	1,430	1,370	14,801.2	14,908.1
180 Pounds and above	1,420	1,470	13,029.1	13,829.3
Chickens - Total ³	23,846	25,075	517,331	522,578
Layers	15,518	16,296	383,017	386,408

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding. ² North Carolina not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. ³ Does not include commercial broilers.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY INVENTORY VALUES

Year	All Cattle and Calves January 1		All Hogs and Pigs December 1		All Chickens December 1		All Sheep and Lambs January 1	
	Farm Value per Head	Total Value	Farm Value per Head	Total Value	Farm Value per Head	Total Value	Farm Value per Head	Total Value
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Thousand Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Thousand Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Thousand Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Thousand Dollars</i>
2020	740	599,400	94	827,200	10.00	240,580	196	5,880
2021	780	624,000	105	840,000	11.00	263,934	201	5,628
2022	850	663,000	130	1,079,000	13.00	309,998	203	5,887
2023	910	664,000	120	936,000	13.00	325,975	234	7,020
2024	1,200	900,000	-	-	-	-	244	7,808

MEAT ANIMALS

Numbers, Production, Disposition, Price, and Income

Species	2020	2021	2022	2023
Hogs and Pigs	<i>Thousands</i>			
Number:				
Beginning Inventory: (Dec 1 preceding year)	9,300.0	8,800.0	8,000.0	8,300.0
Pig Crop: (December - November)	19,366.0	17,985.0	18,024.0	18,324.0
Inshipments	479.0	692.0	691.0	428.0
Marketings ¹	17,979.0	17,396.0	16,248.0	17,031.0
Farm Slaughter ²	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0
Deaths	2,365.0	2,080.0	2,165.0	2,120.0
Production (Lbs) ³	4,573,337	4,243,907	4,185,023	4,469,101
Marketings (Lbs) ⁴	4,661,004	4,398,107	4,233,162	4,533,652
Value of Production (\$)	1,830,198	3,085,323	3,150,715	2,469,509
Cash Receipts from Sales (\$) ⁵	1,929,657	2,920,343	3,115,607	2,656,721
Value of Home Consumption (\$)	539	873	962	591
Gross Income (\$)	1,930,196	2,921,216	3,116,569	2,657,312
Ending Inventory December 1	8,800.0	8,000.0	8,300.0	7,900.0
Cattle and Calves				
Number:				
On hand January 1 (Total)	810.0	800.0	780.0	730.0
Calves Born	375.0	370.0	350.0	360.0
Inshipments	5.0	11.0	15.0	5.0
Marketings: ¹				
Cattle	215.5	225.5	238.5	186.5
Calves	133.5	143.5	144.0	125.0
Farm Slaughter: ²	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5
Deaths:				
Cattle	17.0	13.0	14.0	14.0
Calves	23.0	18.0	17.0	18.0
Production: ³				
Total Cattle and Calves (Lbs)	267,673	321,665	273,615	282,896
Marketings (Lbs) ⁴	298,150	312,220	320,520	256,240
Value of Production (\$)	191,787	284,689	263,635	355,727
Cash Receipts from Sales (\$) ⁵	235,944	263,292	312,281	326,852
Value of Home Consumption (\$)	2,731	2,932	4,184	5,235
Gross Income (\$)	238,675	266,224	316,465	332,087
Ending Inventory (Total) (January 1 succeeding year)	800.0	780.0	730.0	750.0

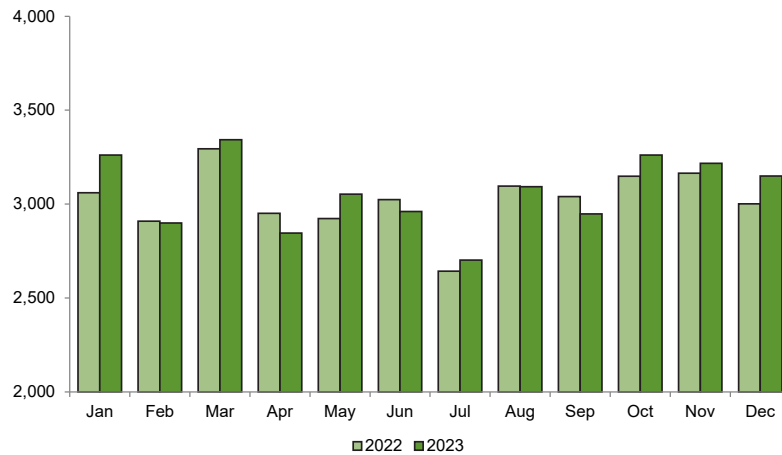
¹ Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within the State. ² Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments. ³ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and inshipments. ⁴ Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State. ⁵ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. Also includes allowance for higher average price of State inshipments and outshipments of feeder pigs.

NORTH CAROLINA COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, 2023 ¹

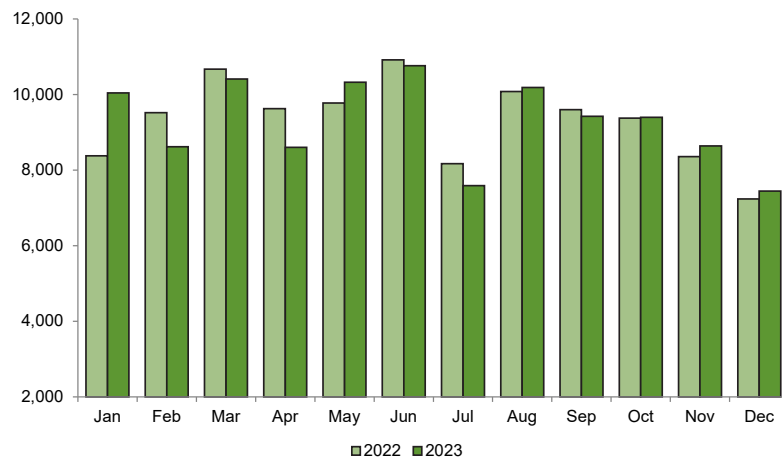
Month	Cattle All Species		Calves		Hogs		Sheep & Lambs	
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight
	<i>Thousand Head</i>	<i>Thousand Pounds</i>	<i>Thousand Head</i>	<i>Thousand Pounds</i>	<i>Thousand Head</i>	<i>Thousand Pounds</i>	<i>Thousand Head</i>	<i>Thousand Pounds</i>
January	8.2	10,043	0.1	32	(D)	(D)	1.9	122
February	7.0	8,619	0.1	35	(D)	(D)	1.7	112
March	8.5	10,412	0.2	38	(D)	(D)	2.5	166
April	7.0	8,601	0.1	30	(D)	(D)	2.0	127
May	8.4	10,326	0.1	18	(D)	(D)	1.9	122
June	8.7	10,762	0.1	18	(D)	(D)	2.9	180
July	6.2	7,587	0.1	30	(D)	(D)	2.1	129
August	8.3	10,189	0.2	41	(D)	(D)	2.5	159
September	7.7	9,424	0.2	39	(D)	(D)	2.6	173
October	7.6	9,395	0.2	43	(D)	(D)	2.9	195
November	7.0	8,641	0.2	40	(D)	(D)	3.4	213
December	6.0	7,444	0.1	44	(D)	(D)	3.6	232
Annual Total ²	90.5	111,444	1.6	409	(D)	(D)	30.2	1,930

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ¹ Includes slaughter under federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. ² Months may not add to totals due to rounding.

UNITED STATES COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER Total Live Weight (Million Pounds)



NORTH CAROLINA COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER Total Live Weight (Thousand Pounds)



COMMERCIAL BROILERS

Production and Value

Year	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Value of Production
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousand Dollars
2019	916,100	7,420,400	3,606,314
2020	961,300	7,882,700	2,822,007
2021	971,400	8,062,600	4,289,303
2022	976,200	8,102,500	6,887,125
2023	941,100	7,905,200	5,636,408
US 2023 ¹	9,155,000	59,699,500	42,565,744

¹ Excludes states producing less than 500,000 broilers.

TURKEYS

Production and Value

Year	Number Raised	Pounds Produced	Value of Production
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousand Dollars
2019	30,000	1,128,000	653,112
2020	29,000	1,096,200	777,206
2021	29,500	1,147,550	942,139
2022	28,000	1,033,200	1,102,424
2023	29,000	1,070,100	1,005,894
US 2023	218,000	6,985,916	6,566,760

EGGS

Production and Value

Year	Average Number Layers During Year	Average Eggs Laid Annually per Layer	Eggs Produced	Value of Production
	Thousands	Number	Millions	Thousand Dollars
2019	14,986	253	3,791	443,693
2020	15,656	261	4,080	504,920
2021	15,729	261	4,098	513,312
2022	15,717	259	4,067	753,086
2023	15,869	263	4,167	797,069
US 2023	382,338	286	109,526	17,859,735

CHICKENS

Lost, Sold, and Value of Sales ¹

Year	Number Lost ²	Number Sold	Pounds Sold	Value of Sales
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousand Dollars
2019	3,866	13,224	97,066	5,242
2020	4,034	15,272	109,809	2,745
2021	4,443	14,996	108,874	2,069
2022	4,246	15,647	111,560	10,710
2023	4,536	15,715	113,779	8,647
US 2023	154,378	177,758	1,043,095	61,984

¹ Excludes commercial broilers. ² Includes rendered, died, destroyed, composted, or disappeared for any reason except sold during the 12-month period.

HONEY

Production, Stocks, and Value

Year	Honey Producing Colonies ¹	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks December 15 ²	Average Price per Pound ³	Value of Production ⁴
	Thousands	Pounds	Thousand Pounds	Thousand Pounds	Dollars	Thousand Dollars
2019	14	42	588	118	4.11	2,417
2020	12	38	456	123	5.50	2,508
2021	13	39	507	96	6.69	3,392
2022	13	39	507	198	6.93	3,514
2023	11	44	484	179	6.02	2,914
US 2023 ⁵	2,509	55.2	138,571	44,016	2.52	349,199

¹ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was harvested during the year. It is possible to harvest honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year. ² Stocks held by producers. ³ Average price per pound based on expanded sales. ⁴ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound. ⁵ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production United States value of production will not equal summation of States.

CATFISH OPERATIONS

State	Water Surface Acres During Jan 1–Jun 30		Total Sales All Sizes	
	2023	2024	2022	2023
	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Thousand Dollars</i>	
Alabama	14,100	13,700	103,969	112,884
Arkansas	3,400	3,100	26,671	24,590
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	33,100	31,700	277,944	259,546
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	1,500	1,600	21,724	22,797
Other States ¹	3,755	3,445	16,731	17,574
United States	55,855	53,545	447,039	437,391

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ¹ Other States include state estimates not shown and states suppressed due to disclosure.

CATFISH FARMS and SALES

2022 Census of Agriculture

State	Number of Farms	Sales
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Thousand Dollars</i>
Alabama	89	100,571
Arkansas	34	30,188
California	19	10,692
Georgia	26	1,629
Louisiana	15	3,832
Mississippi	142	245,936
North Carolina	16	2,031
Texas	62	24,177
United States	646	428,754

VALUE OF TROUT SOLD AND DISTRIBUTED

State	Total Value of Fish Sold		Total Value of Distributed Fish	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
	<i>Thousand Dollars</i>			
Arkansas	-	-	1,738	2,899
California	(D)	(D)	9,001	7,983
Colorado	(D)	(D)	8,333	7,393
Georgia	(D)	552	702	1,107
Idaho	43,414	36,948	14,100	(D)
Michigan	1,105	1,173	6,024	5,341
Missouri	3,568	(D)	4,051	4,176
New York	(D)	(D)	5,258	4,635
North Carolina	8,767	8,827	1,846	1,797
Oregon	(D)	(D)	8,946	10,880
Pennsylvania	7,368	7,392	16,757	13,444
Utah	1,419	816	6,888	9,712
Virginia	2,219	2,119	2,666	2,560
Washington	(D)	(D)	19,746	18,264
West Virginia	1,193	1,167	2,635	3,008
Wisconsin	1,778	1,452	3,455	3,322
Other States ¹	35,204	39,814	28,817	48,144
United States ²	106,035	100,260	140,963	144,665
United States ³	119,093	112,742	(NA)	(NA)

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (N/A) Not available. ¹ Other States include state estimates not listed and states suppressed due to disclosure. ² Excludes value of eggs. ³ Includes value of eggs.

TROUT

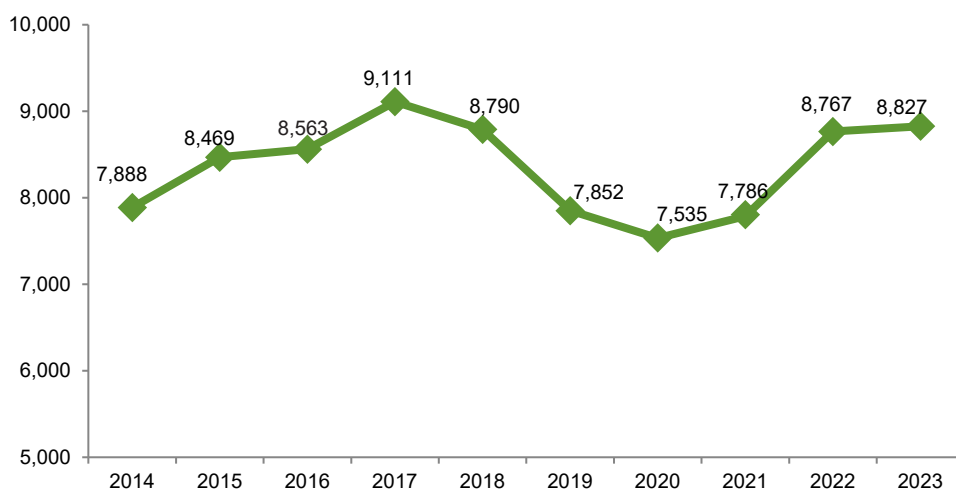
Sales of Foodsize Fish or Larger ¹

Year	Number Sold	Pounds Sold	Price per Pound	Value of Sales
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
				<i>Thousand Dollars</i>
2019	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
2020	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
2021	3,100	3,450	1.96	6,762
2022	2,910	3,250	2.31	7,508
2023	2,810	3,100	2.49	7,719
US 2023	27,215	43,041	2.16	93,093

¹ Twelve inches or longer.

TROUT SALES

(Thousand Dollars)



HOGS AND PIGS

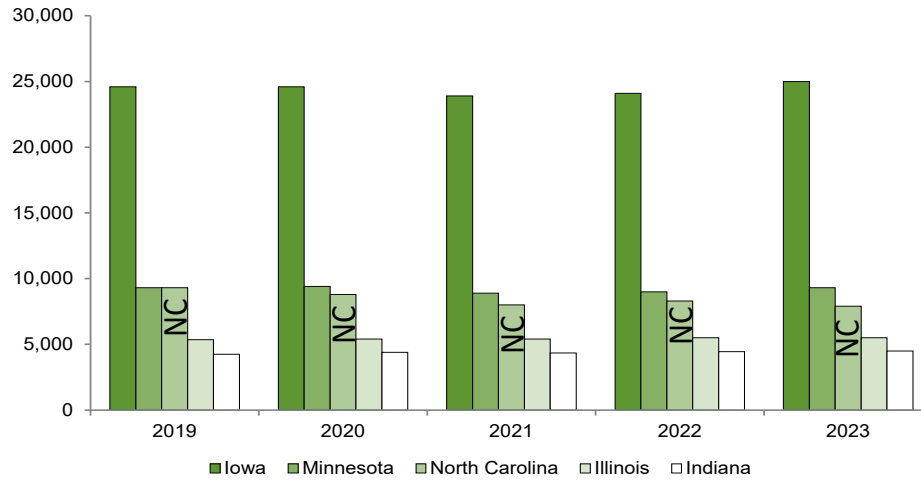
Number on Farms, December 1

Year	Total	By Class		Market Hogs and Pigs, By Weight Group ¹					
		Breeding Hogs	Market Hogs and Pigs	Under 60 Pounds	60-119 Pounds	Under 50 Pounds	50-119 Pounds	120-179 Pounds	180 Pounds and Over
<i>Thousands</i>									
2004	9,900	1,020	8,880	3,520	2,150	-	-	1,700	1,510
2005	9,800	1,010	8,790	3,450	2,130	-	-	1,720	1,490
2006	9,500	1,010	8,490	3,390	1,970	-	-	1,680	1,450
2007	10,200	1,020	9,180	3,430	2,220	-	-	1,890	1,640
2008	9,600	980	8,620	-	-	3,020	2,290	1,700	1,610
2009	9,600	930	8,670	-	-	3,090	2,200	1,760	1,620
2010	8,900	840	8,060	-	-	2,950	1,970	1,640	1,500
2011	8,900	850	8,050	-	-	3,050	1,870	1,560	1,570
2012	8,900	860	8,040	-	-	3,020	1,960	1,615	1,445
2013	8,500	870	7,630	-	-	2,600	1,800	1,630	1,600
2014	8,800	880	7,920	-	-	3,010	1,830	1,580	1,500
2015	8,900	870	8,030	-	-	3,050	1,880	1,590	1,510
2016	9,300	880	8,420	-	-	3,160	1,950	1,680	1,630
2017	9,000	900	8,100	-	-	3,190	1,790	1,570	1,550
2018	9,200	900	8,300	-	-	3,240	1,760	1,650	1,650
2019	9,300	900	8,400	-	-	3,270	2,010	1,610	1,510
2020	8,800	840	7,960	-	-	2,990	1,845	1,605	1,520
2021	8,000	810	7,190	-	-	2,890	1,460	1,355	1,485
2022	8,300	800	7,500	-	-	2,950	1,700	1,430	1,420
2023	7,900	780	7,120	-	-	2,760	1,520	1,370	1,470

¹ Market hog weight groups have changed. The market weight group under 60 pounds has been changed to under 50 pounds. The market weight group 60-119 pounds has been changed to 50-119 pounds. Estimates have been made for these new weight groups dating back to March of 2008 at the US and state level using slaughter data and current import and export data.

HOGS AND PIGS

Leading States, December 1 (Thousand Head)



HOGS

Number on Farms, December 1

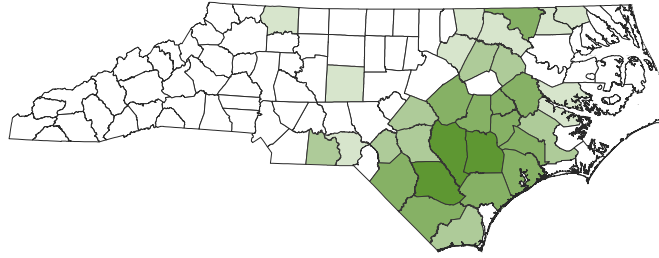
Counties	2022	2023	Counties	2022	2023
Alamance	(D)	200	Mitchell	(D)	(D)
Alexander	(D)	100	Montgomery	(D)	(D)
Alleghany	(D)	100	Moore	(D)	(D)
Anson	55,000	52,000	Nash	54,000	59,000
Ashe	(D)	(D)	New Hanover	*	*
Avery	(D)	(D)	Northampton	115,000	125,000
Beaufort	23,000	24,000	Onslow	145,000	130,000
Bertie	(D)	(D)	Orange	(D)	(D)
Bladen	690,000	630,000	Pamlico	*	*
Brunswick	60,000	65,000	Pasquotank	(D)	(D)
Buncombe	(D)	400	Pender	250,000	240,000
Burke	(D)	100	Perquimans	(D)	(D)
Cabarrus	(D)	4,500	Person	4,100	4,600
Caldwell	(D)	(D)	Pitt	260,000	245,000
Camden	(D)	*	Polk	(D)	100
Carteret	(D)	(D)	Randolph	12,000	13,000
Caswell	(D)	100	Richmond	45,000	46,000
Catawba	(D)	300	Robeson	335,000	330,000
Chatham	(D)	(D)	Rockingham	(D)	500
Cherokee	(D)	100	Rowan	(D)	(D)
Chowan	(D)	(D)	Rutherford	(D)	200
Clay	(D)	(D)	Sampson	1,900,000	1,750,000
Cleveland	(D)	100	Scotland	(D)	(D)
Columbus	220,000	215,000	Stanly	(D)	400
Craven	67,000	59,000	Stokes	(D)	200
Cumberland	90,000	95,000	Surry	(D)	21,000
Currituck	(D)	*	Swain	(D)	(D)
Dare	*	*	Transylvania	(D)	(D)
Davidson	(D)	200	Tyrrell	(D)	(D)
Davie	(D)	(D)	Union	(D)	(D)
Duplin	1,900,000	1,800,000	Vance	(D)	(D)
Durham	(D)	200	Wake	(D)	(D)
Edgecombe	90,000	80,000	Warren	20,000	20,000
Forsyth	(D)	100	Washington	(D)	(D)
Franklin	13,000	13,000	Watauga	(D)	(D)
Gaston	(D)	(D)	Wayne	410,000	395,000
Gates	22,000	24,000	Wilkes	(D)	100
Graham	(D)	(D)	Wilson	(D)	(D)
Granville	1,200	500	Yadkin	(D)	*
Greene	340,000	365,000	Yancey	(D)	100
Guilford	2,500	900	Other Counties	351,200	266,100
Halifax	40,000	34,000			
Harnett	85,000	95,000	State Total	8,300,000	7,900,000
Haywood	(D)	300			
Henderson	(D)	(D)			
Hertford	(D)	45,000			
Hoke	80,000	75,000			
Hyde	*	*			
Iredell	(D)	200			
Jackson	(D)	(D)			
Johnston	145,000	125,000			
Jones	225,000	200,000			
Lee	(D)	3,500			
Lenoir	250,000	245,000			
Lincoln	(D)	500			
McDowell	(D)	200			
Macon	(D)	(D)			
Madison	(D)	100			
Martin	(D)	(D)			
Mecklenburg	(D)	(D)			

* Less than 1,000 head. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

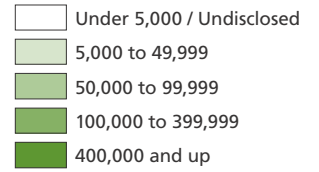
HOGS

Number on Farms, December 1, 2023

Leading Counties ¹	Number
Duplin	1,800,000
Sampson	1,750,000
Bladen	630,000
Wayne	395,000
Greene	365,000
Robeson	330,000
Lenoir ²	245,000
Pitt ²	245,000
Pender	240,000
Columbus	215,000



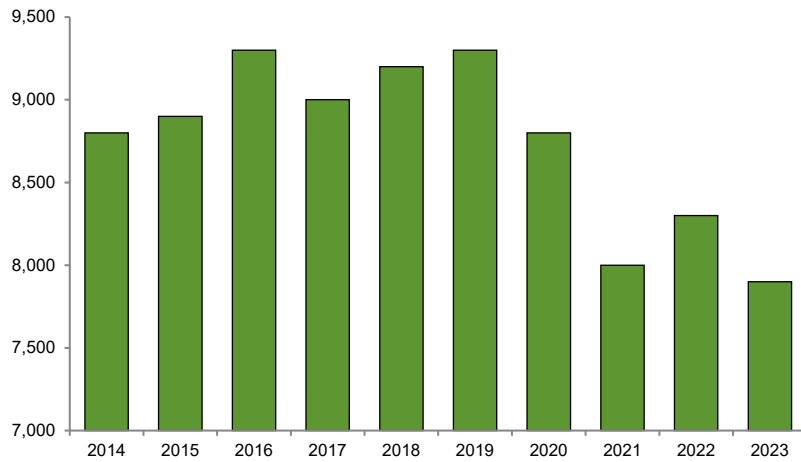
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Number on Farms, December 1 (*Thousand Head*)



ALL CATTLE

Number on Farms, January 1

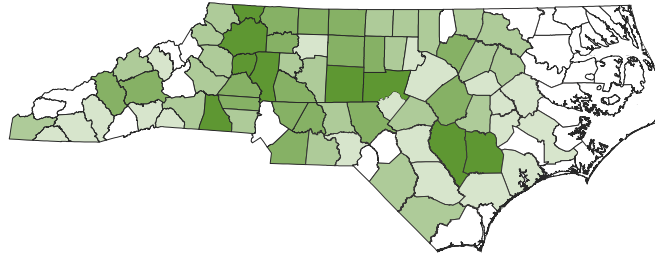
Counties	2023	2024	Counties	2023	2024
	<i>Head</i>			<i>Head</i>	
Alamance	12,000	12,500	Mitchell	1,800	1,800
Alexander	21,000	22,000	Montgomery	6,200	6,300
Alleghany	20,000	20,500	Moore	12,000	12,400
Anson	9,100	9,400	Nash	5,100	5,300
Ashe	9,500	9,800	New Hanover	*	*
Avery	1,100	1,000	Northampton	800	800
Beaufort	700	700	Onslow	2,000	2,000
Bertie	400	400	Orange	6,600	6,500
Bladen	4,400	4,600	Pamlico	200	200
Brunswick	1,700	1,700	Pasquotank	400	400
Buncombe	14,100	14,100	Pender	3,100	3,000
Burke	5,600	5,500	Perquimans	400	400
Cabarrus	10,300	10,500	Person	6,800	7,000
Caldwell	5,100	5,200	Pitt	3,400	3,500
Camden	300	200	Polk	2,700	2,800
Carteret	400	400	Randolph	44,000	46,000
Caswell	8,900	9,000	Richmond	3,700	3,800
Catawba	11,600	11,800	Robeson	7,800	8,000
Chatham	31,000	31,500	Rockingham	10,700	11,000
Cherokee	6,700	6,900	Rowan	18,500	19,000
Chowan	900	900	Rutherford	11,500	11,000
Clay	4,100	4,300	Sampson	19,000	20,500
Cleveland	21,000	22,000	Scotland	800	900
Columbus	5,500	5,700	Stanly	13,000	13,500
Craven	3,300	3,300	Stokes	11,200	11,500
Cumberland	2,900	2,900	Surry	18,500	19,000
Currituck	(D)	(D)	Swain	400	400
Dare	*	*	Transylvania	1,300	1,200
Davidson	9,600	9,800	Tyrrell	200	200
Davie	8,900	9,100	Union	17,300	18,000
Duplin	22,000	23,000	Vance	1,300	1,000
Durham	3,000	2,900	Wake	3,800	3,900
Edgecombe	5,400	5,400	Warren	6,900	7,000
Forsyth	2,500	2,500	Washington	600	700
Franklin	10,200	10,500	Watauga	5,800	5,700
Gaston	7,300	7,500	Wayne	7,300	7,500
Gates	1,400	1,600	Wilkes	34,500	36,000
Graham	400	400	Wilson	3,200	3,400
Granville	7,300	7,400	Yadkin	17,400	17,500
Greene	2,400	2,500	Yancey	3,400	3,400
Guilford	10,000	10,200	Other Counties	300	200
Halifax	6,300	6,600	State Total	730,000	750,000
Harnett	5,000	5,000			
Haywood	11,000	11,000			
Henderson	2,500	2,500			
Hertford	300	300			
Hoke	1,600	1,600			
Hyde	300	300			
Iredell	40,000	42,000			
Jackson	2,000	2,000			
Johnston	9,700	10,000			
Jones	600	600			
Lee	2,500	2,400			
Lenoir	4,300	4,500			
Lincoln	14,500	15,000			
McDowell	1,800	1,900			
Macon	3,900	4,000			
Madison	5,400	5,600			
Martin	800	700			
Mecklenburg	1,600	1,700			

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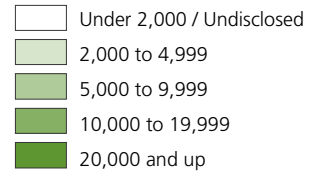
ALL CATTLE

Number on Farms, January 1, 2024

Leading Counties ¹	Number
Randolph	46,000
Iredell	42,000
Wilkes	36,000
Chatham	31,500
Duplin	23,000
Alexander ²	22,000
Cleveland ²	22,000
Alleghany ³	20,500
Sampson ³	20,500
Rowan ⁴	19,000
Surry ⁴	19,000



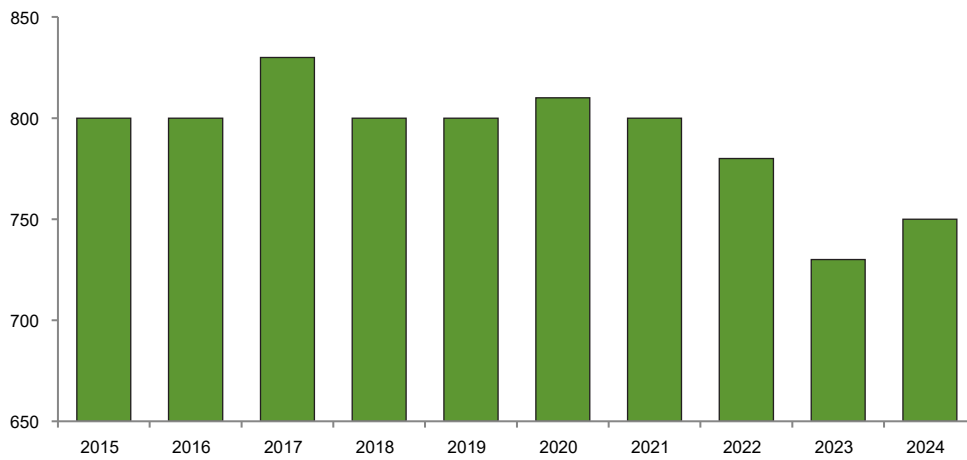
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Number on Farms, January 1 (Thousand Head)



BEEF COWS

Number on Farms, January 1

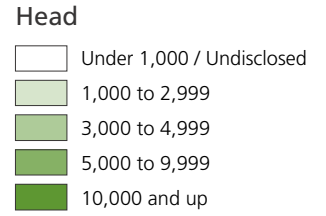
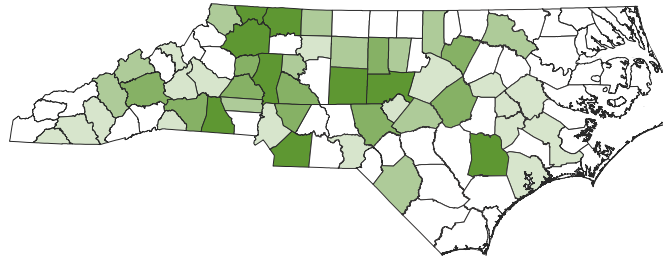
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	<i>Head</i>			<i>Head</i>	
Alamance	6,100	6,300	Mitchell	900	1,000
Alexander	8,000	8,500	Montgomery	(D)	(D)
Alleghany	9,700	10,300	Moore	6,800	6,900
Anson	(D)	(D)	Nash	(D)	(D)
Ashe	4,600	4,600	New Hanover	*	*
Avery	500	500	Northampton	400	400
Beaufort	300	300	Onslow	1,200	1,200
Bertie	200	200	Orange	3,400	3,500
Bladen	(D)	(D)	Pamlico	(D)	(D)
Brunswick	(D)	(D)	Pasquotank	200	200
Buncombe	6,500	6,700	Pender	(D)	(D)
Burke	2,800	2,800	Perquimans	200	200
Cabarrus	5,000	5,000	Person	(D)	(D)
Caldwell	(D)	(D)	Pitt	1,900	1,900
Camden	200	100	Polk	1,600	1,600
Carteret	300	300	Randolph	15,500	16,000
Caswell	(D)	(D)	Richmond	1,800	1,900
Catawba	5,700	5,800	Robeson	4,100	4,200
Chatham	17,400	17,500	Rockingham	(D)	(D)
Cherokee	(D)	(D)	Rowan	8,100	8,300
Chowan	300	300	Rutherford	5,700	5,800
Clay	1,600	1,600	Sampson	(D)	(D)
Cleveland	10,000	10,500	Scotland	500	500
Columbus	(D)	(D)	Stanly	(D)	(D)
Craven	1,300	1,400	Stokes	3,900	4,000
Cumberland	(D)	(D)	Surry	10,200	10,400
Currituck	100	*	Swain	(D)	(D)
Dare	*	*	Transylvania	700	700
Davidson	(D)	(D)	Tyrrell	100	100
Davie	4,700	4,700	Union	10,000	10,500
Duplin	11,500	12,000	Vance	(D)	(D)
Durham	(D)	(D)	Wake	1,600	1,700
Edgecombe	(D)	(D)	Warren	(D)	(D)
Forsyth	1,500	1,500	Washington	200	300
Franklin	5,700	5,700	Watauga	(D)	(D)
Gaston	(D)	(D)	Wayne	(D)	(D)
Gates	600	700	Wilkes	14,800	15,500
Graham	300	300	Wilson	1,500	1,600
Granville	3,600	3,700	Yadkin	(D)	(D)
Greene	1,000	1,100	Yancey	(D)	(D)
Guilford	3,700	3,900	Other Counties	87,600	91,000
Halifax	3,400	3,500	State Total	341,000	352,000
Harnett	3,000	3,000			
Haywood	4,800	4,900			
Henderson	(D)	(D)			
Hertford	100	100			
Hoke	800	800			
Hyde	200	200			
Iredell	10,800	11,200			
Jackson	1,100	1,100			
Johnston	5,500	5,700			
Jones	(D)	(D)			
Lee	1,400	1,400			
Lenoir	2,200	2,300			
Lincoln	4,600	4,700			
McDowell	900	1,000			
Macon	2,300	2,400			
Madison	2,900	3,000			
Martin	(D)	(D)			
Mecklenburg	900	1,000			

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BEEF COWS

Number on Farms, January 1, 2024

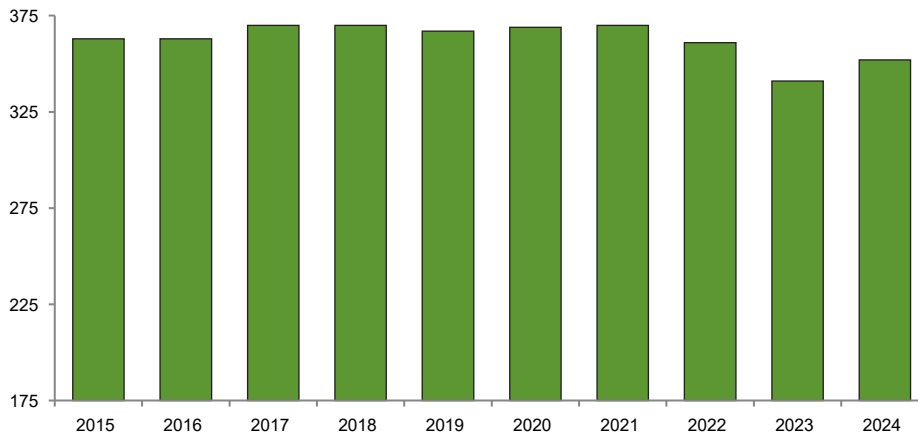
Leading Counties ¹	Number
Chatham	17,500
Randolph	16,000
Wilkes	15,500
Duplin	12,000
Iredell	11,200
Cleveland ²	10,500
Union ²	10,500
Surry	10,400
Alleghany	10,300
Alexander	8,500



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BEEF COWS

Number on Farms, January 1 (Thousand Head)



MILK COWS

Number on Farms, January 1

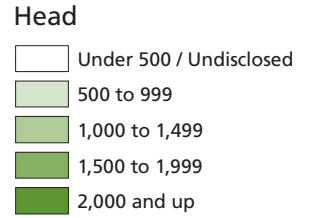
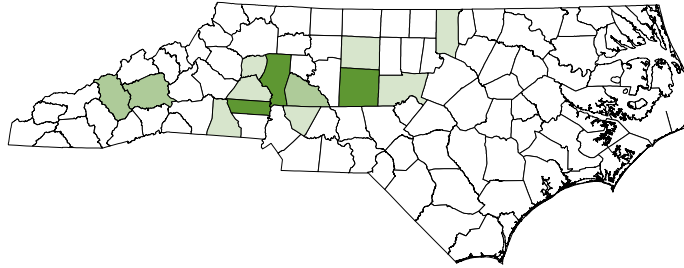
Counties	2023	2024	Counties	2023	2024
	<i>Head</i>			<i>Head</i>	
Alamance	400	400	Mitchell	*	*
Alexander	800	800	Montgomery	*	*
Alleghany	400	300	Moore	*	*
Anson	(D)	(D)	Nash	*	*
Ashe	100	100	New Hanover	*	*
Avery	*	*	Northampton	*	*
Beaufort	*	*	Onslow	*	*
Bertie	*	*	Orange	(D)	*
Bladen	*	*	Pamlico	*	*
Brunswick	*	*	Pasquotank	*	*
Buncombe	1,300	1,200	Pender	*	*
Burke	*	*	Perquimans	*	*
Cabarrus	600	600	Person	(D)	(D)
Caldwell	*	*	Pitt	*	*
Camden	*	*	Polk	(D)	*
Carteret	*	*	Randolph	8,700	8,700
Caswell	(D)	*	Richmond	*	*
Catawba	600	600	Robeson	*	*
Chatham	900	900	Rockingham	(D)	(D)
Cherokee	(D)	*	Rowan	1,200	1,200
Chowan	*	*	Rutherford	*	*
Clay	*	*	Sampson	(D)	(D)
Cleveland	700	600	Scotland	*	*
Columbus	*	*	Stanly	(D)	(D)
Craven	*	*	Stokes	*	*
Cumberland	*	*	Surry	200	200
Currituck	*	*	Swain	*	*
Dare	*	*	Transylvania	*	*
Davidson	(D)	(D)	Tyrrell	*	*
Davie	200	200	Union	100	100
Duplin	*	*	Vance	*	*
Durham	*	*	Wake	400	400
Edgecombe	*	*	Warren	*	*
Forsyth	*	*	Washington	*	*
Franklin	*	*	Watauga	*	*
Gaston	(D)	(D)	Wayne	(D)	(D)
Gates	*	*	Wilkes	300	200
Graham	*	*	Wilson	*	*
Granville	500	500	Yadkin	(D)	(D)
Greene	300	300	Yancey	*	*
Guilford	700	700	Other Counties	6,900	7,000
Halifax	(D)	*	State Total	39,000	38,000
Harnett	*	*			
Haywood	1,200	1,100			
Henderson	(D)	(D)			
Hertford	*	*			
Hoke	*	*			
Hyde	*	*			
Iredell	10,500	10,000			
Jackson	*	*			
Johnston	*	*			
Jones	*	*			
Lee	*	*			
Lenoir	*	*			
Lincoln	2,000	1,900			
McDowell	(D)	*			
Macon	*	*			
Madison	*	*			
Martin	*	*			
Mecklenburg	*	*			

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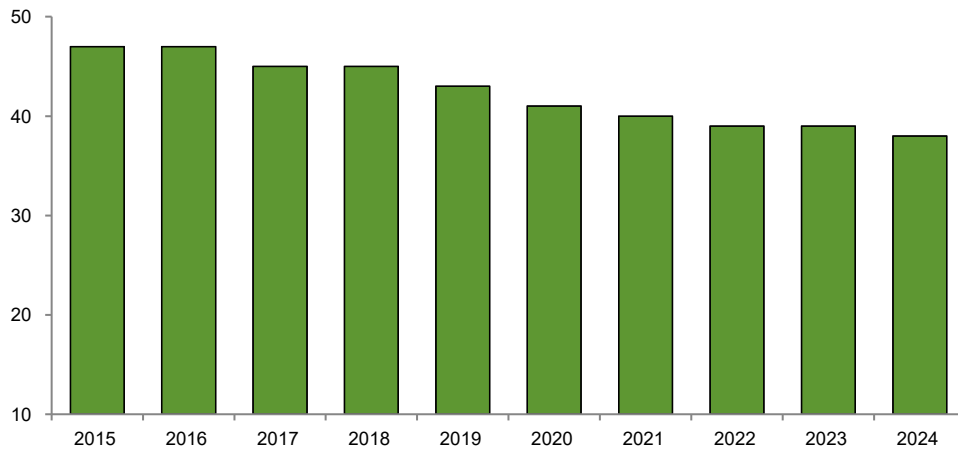
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Iredell	10,000
Randolph	8,700
Lincoln	1,900
Buncombe ²	1,200
Rowan ²	1,200
Haywood	1,100
Chatham	900
Alexander	800
Guilford	700
Cabarrus ³	600
Catawba ³	600
Cleveland ³	600



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MILK COWS

Number on Farms, January 1 (Thousand Head)



TURKEYS

Number Raised

Counties	2022	2023	Counties	2022	2023
	<i>Head</i>			<i>Head</i>	
Alamance	*	*	Mitchell	*	*
Alexander	*	*	Montgomery	*	*
Alleghany	*	*	Moore	*	(D)
Anson	1,200,000	1,200,000	Nash	*	*
Ashe	*	*	New Hanover	*	*
Avery	*	*	Northampton	*	*
Beaufort	*	*	Onslow	1,850,000	1,850,000
Bertie	*	*	Orange	*	*
Bladen	1,250,000	1,500,000	Pamlico	*	*
Brunswick	*	*	Pasquotank	*	*
Buncombe	*	*	Pender	91,000	180,000
Burke	*	*	Perquimans	*	*
Cabarrus	(D)	*	Person	*	*
Caldwell	*	*	Pitt	(D)	(D)
Camden	*	*	Polk	*	*
Carteret	*	*	Randolph	*	*
Caswell	*	*	Richmond	*	*
Catawba	*	*	Robeson	(D)	(D)
Chatham	(D)	*	Rockingham	*	*
Cherokee	*	*	Rowan	*	*
Chowan	*	*	Rutherford	*	*
Clay	*	*	Sampson	6,900,000	7,000,000
Cleveland	(D)	(D)	Scotland	*	*
Columbus	(D)	(D)	Stanly	365,000	540,000
Craven	*	*	Stokes	*	*
Cumberland	900,000	750,000	Surry	*	*
Currituck	*	*	Swain	*	*
Dare	*	*	Transylvania	*	*
Davidson	*	*	Tyrrell	*	*
Davie	*	*	Union	2,700,000	3,000,000
Duplin	3,250,000	3,300,000	Vance	*	*
Durham	*	*	Wake	4,000	4,000
Edgecombe	*	*	Warren	*	*
Forsyth	*	*	Washington	*	*
Franklin	*	*	Watauga	*	*
Gaston	*	*	Wayne	4,800,000	5,000,000
Gates	*	*	Wilkes	*	*
Graham	*	*	Wilson	*	*
Granville	*	*	Yadkin	*	*
Greene	1,000,000	1,000,000	Yancey	*	*
Guilford	*	*	Other Counties	890,000	776,000
Halifax	*	*	State Total	28,000,000	29,000,000
Harnett	(D)	120,000			
Haywood	*	*			
Henderson	*	*			
Hertford	*	*			
Hoke	(D)	*			
Hyde	*	*			
Iredell	*	*			
Jackson	*	*			
Johnston	280,000	360,000			
Jones	370,000	420,000			
Lee	*	*			
Lenoir	2,150,000	2,000,000			
Lincoln	*	*			
McDowell	*	*			
Macon	*	*			
Madison	*	*			
Martin	*	*			
Mecklenburg	*	*			

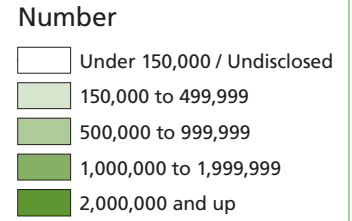
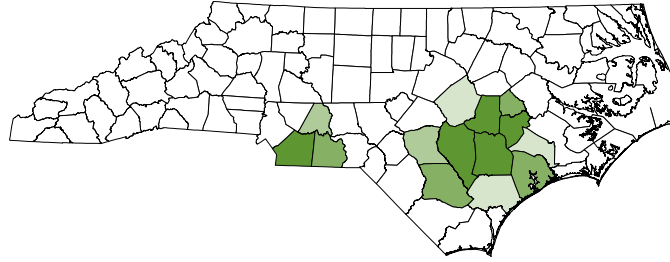
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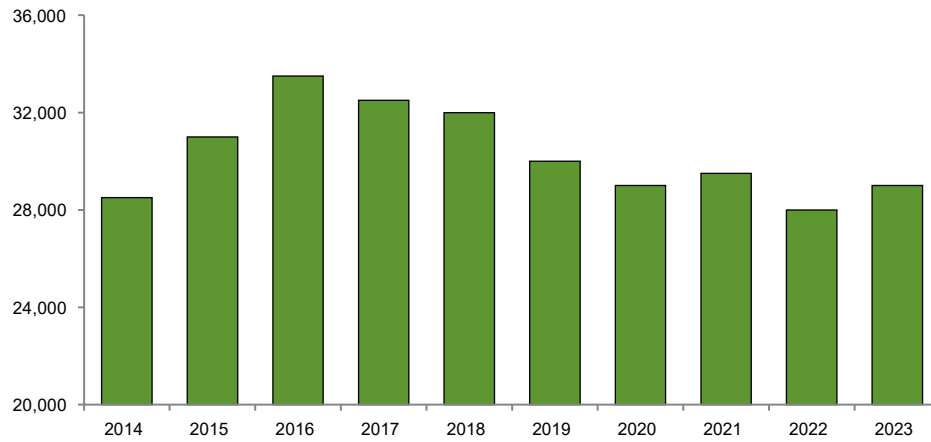
Leading Counties ¹	Number
Sampson	7,000,000
Wayne	5,000,000
Duplin	3,300,000
Union	3,000,000
Lenoir	2,000,000
Onslow	1,850,000
Bladen	1,500,000
Anson	1,200,000
Greene	1,000,000
Cumberland	750,000

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TURKEYS

Number Raised (Thousand Head)



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Number Produced

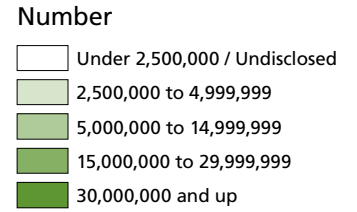
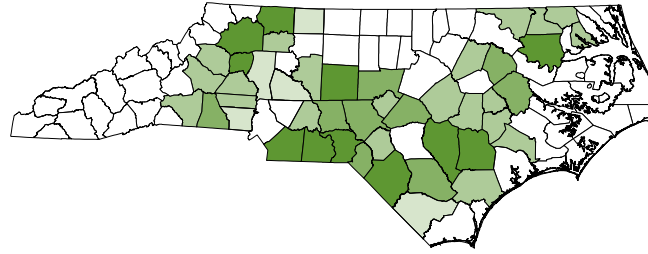
Counties	2022	2023	Counties	2022	2023
	<i>Head</i>			<i>Head</i>	
Alamance	1,350,000	1,500,000	Mitchell	*	*
Alexander	33,000,000	32,000,000	Montgomery	27,000,000	26,500,000
Alleghany	(D)	*	Moore	27,500,000	27,000,000
Anson	52,000,000	50,000,000	Nash	4,000,000	5,000,000
Ashe	*	(D)	New Hanover	*	*
Avery	*	*	Northampton	7,500,000	7,500,000
Beaufort	(D)	(D)	Onslow	1,600,000	2,400,000
Bertie	40,000,000	40,000,000	Orange	6,300	7,000
Bladen	25,000,000	24,000,000	Pamlico	*	*
Brunswick	*	*	Pasquotank	*	(D)
Buncombe	(D)	(D)	Pender	9,000,000	9,000,000
Burke	8,500,000	9,000,000	Perquimans	6,000,000	6,000,000
Cabarrus	2,000,000	2,400,000	Person	*	3,000
Caldwell	5,000,000	6,000,000	Pitt	15,500,000	16,000,000
Camden	*	*	Polk	*	*
Carteret	*	(D)	Randolph	41,000,000	40,000,000
Caswell	*	*	Richmond	45,000,000	42,000,000
Catawba	7,500,000	8,000,000	Robeson	53,000,000	48,000,000
Chatham	27,000,000	26,000,000	Rockingham	*	*
Cherokee	*	*	Rowan	3,100,000	3,300,000
Chowan	1,850,000	1,700,000	Rutherford	12,000,000	11,500,000
Clay	*	*	Sampson	80,000,000	70,000,000
Cleveland	23,000,000	22,000,000	Scotland	23,000,000	20,000,000
Columbus	5,000,000	4,000,000	Stanly	5,000,000	6,000,000
Craven	*	2,000	Stokes	(D)	(D)
Cumberland	4,300,000	4,000,000	Surry	32,000,000	32,000,000
Currituck	*	*	Swain	*	*
Dare	*	*	Transylvania	(D)	*
Davidson	5,000,000	5,000,000	Tyrrell	*	*
Davie	*	*	Union	40,000,000	42,000,000
Duplin	100,000,000	90,000,000	Vance	*	*
Durham	*	*	Wake	3,200	6,000
Edgecombe	18,000,000	16,000,000	Warren	(D)	*
Forsyth	*	8,000	Washington	*	*
Franklin	690,000	750,000	Watauga	*	*
Gaston	1,800,000	2,500,000	Wayne	8,500,000	9,500,000
Gates	12,500,000	11,500,000	Wilkes	55,000,000	54,000,000
Graham	*	*	Wilson	(D)	(D)
Granville	*	*	Yadkin	5,500,000	5,000,000
Greene	7,500,000	5,500,000	Yancey	(D)	*
Guilford	(D)	50,000	Other Counties	7,630,500	6,674,000
Halifax	(D)	1,700,000	State Total	976,200,000	941,100,000
Harnett	16,000,000	18,000,000			
Haywood	*	*			
Henderson	*	*			
Hertford	6,000,000	8,000,000			
Hoke	15,500,000	14,000,000			
Hyde	*	*			
Iredell	4,000,000	3,600,000			
Jackson	*	*			
Johnston	7,000,000	6,500,000			
Jones	13,000,000	13,000,000			
Lee	6,500,000	6,500,000			
Lenoir	7,000,000	7,000,000			
Lincoln	9,500,000	9,000,000			
McDowell	770,000	1,000,000			
Macon	(D)	*			
Madison	(D)	*			
Martin	1,100,000	1,500,000			
Mecklenburg	*	(D)			

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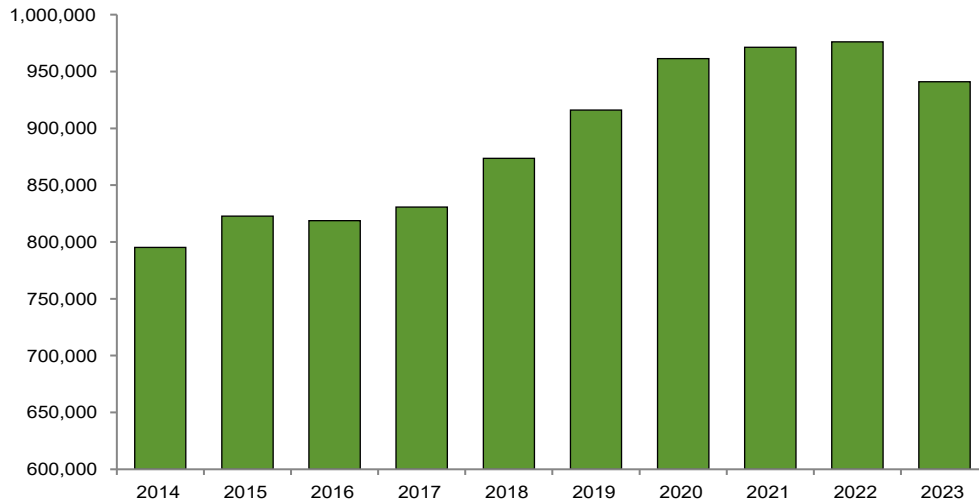
Leading Counties ¹	Number
Duplin	90,000,000
Sampson	70,000,000
Wilkes	54,000,000
Anson	50,000,000
Robeson	48,000,000
Richmond ²	42,000,000
Union ²	42,000,000
Bertie ³	40,000,000
Randolph ³	40,000,000
Alexander ⁴	32,000,000
Surry ⁴	32,000,000



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BROILERS

Number Produced (Thousand Head)



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Number on Farms, December 1

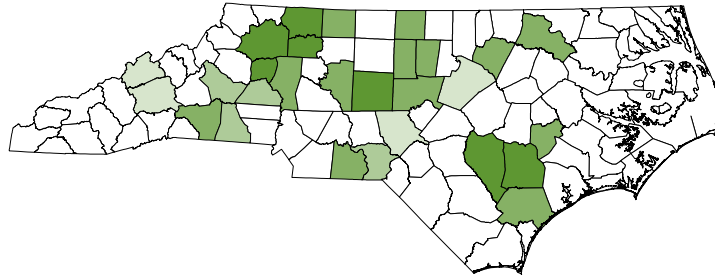
Counties	2022	2023	Counties	2022	2023
	<i>Head</i>			<i>Head</i>	
Alamance	285,000	300,000	Mitchell	*	1,000
Alexander	820,000	840,000	Montgomery	(D)	(D)
Alleghany	*	*	Moore	40,000	45,000
Anson	365,000	375,000	Nash	(D)	(D)
Ashe	2,000	2,300	New Hanover	*	*
Avery	1,100	1,100	Northampton	(D)	1,300
Beaufort	*	1,100	Onslow	2,500	3,000
Bertie	(D)	(D)	Orange	210,000	220,000
Bladen	(D)	(D)	Pamlico	*	*
Brunswick	1,900	2,000	Pasquotank	*	*
Buncombe	5,400	5,500	Pender	(D)	200,000
Burke	55,000	60,000	Perquimans	*	*
Cabarrus	(D)	(D)	Person	1,600	1,700
Caldwell	(D)	(D)	Pitt	1,300	1,300
Camden	*	*	Polk	(D)	*
Carteret	(D)	*	Randolph	950,000	990,000
Caswell	240,000	260,000	Richmond	(D)	90,000
Catawba	90,000	95,000	Robeson	1,600	1,600
Chatham	265,000	280,000	Rockingham	(D)	(D)
Cherokee	(D)	(D)	Rowan	(D)	(D)
Chowan	*	*	Rutherford	95,000	100,000
Clay	*	*	Sampson	475,000	525,000
Cleveland	65,000	70,000	Scotland	*	*
Columbus	1,600	1,800	Stanly	(D)	2,000
Craven	(D)	2,000	Stokes	100,000	110,000
Cumberland	2,100	2,100	Surry	790,000	860,000
Currituck	*	1,000	Swain	*	*
Dare	*	*	Transylvania	1,400	1,400
Davidson	250,000	280,000	Tyrrell	*	*
Davie	(D)	(D)	Union	(D)	(D)
Duplin	930,000	980,000	Vance	1,100	1,200
Durham	2,800	3,000	Wake	5,500	6,000
Edgecombe	(D)	(D)	Warren	(D)	*
Forsyth	2,900	3,000	Washington	*	*
Franklin	100,000	110,000	Watauga	1,600	1,600
Gaston	10,000	3,000	Wayne	(D)	(D)
Gates	(D)	(D)	Wilkes	520,000	525,000
Graham	*	*	Wilson	*	(D)
Granville	2,100	2,500	Yadkin	1,850,000	1,950,000
Greene	*	*	Yancey	*	2,000
Guilford	(D)	(D)	Other Counties	6,326,100	6,286,100
Halifax	200,000	225,000			
Harnett	3,000	3,000	State Total	15,518,000	16,296,000
Haywood	2,500	2,500			
Henderson	3,900	4,000			
Hertford	*	*			
Hoke	(D)	*			
Hyde	(D)	(D)			
Iredell	330,000	340,000			
Jackson	*	*			
Johnston	(D)	3,000			
Jones	*	*			
Lee	(D)	(D)			
Lenoir	100,000	100,000			
Lincoln	(D)	(D)			
Mcdowell	(D)	(D)			
Macon	1,700	1,800			
Madison	6,300	10,000			
Martin	*	*			
Mecklenburg	1,000	1,100			

* Less than 1,000 Head. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

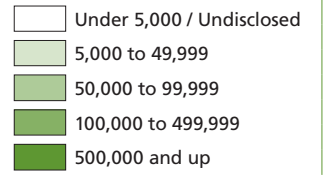
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Leading Counties ¹	Number
Yadkin	1,950,000
Randolph	990,000
Duplin	980,000
Surry	860,000
Alexander	840,000
Sampson ²	525,000
Wilkes ²	525,000
Anson	375,000
Iredell	340,000
Alamance	300,000



Number



¹ Ranking of published counties only.
² Ranked 6th

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