



Alexander County North Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	535	-2
Land in farms (acres)	50,799	-6
Average size of farm (acres)	95	-5
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	306,526,000	+74
Government payments	1,019,000	+498
Farm-related income	2,756,000	+6
Total farm production expenses	190,205,000	+77
Net cash farm income	120,096,000	+68
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	572,947	+77
Government payments ^a	40,752	+617
Farm-related income ^a	21,203	+81
Total farm production expenses	355,524	+80
Net cash farm income	224,479	+71

2 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	4
Livestock, poultry, and products	96

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	19,261
Pastureland	16,902
Woodland	8,255
Other	6,381

Acres irrigated: 254

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	13
Reduced till	4
Intensive till	5
Cover crop	4

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	146	27
\$2,500 to \$4,999	40	7
\$5,000 to \$9,999	86	16
\$10,000 to \$24,999	65	12
\$25,000 to \$49,999	20	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	16	3
\$100,000 or more	162	30

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	42	8
10 to 49 acres	252	47
50 to 179 acres	174	33
180 to 499 acres	55	10
500 to 999 acres	7	1
1,000+ acres	5	1

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State ^c	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. ^c	Counties Producing Item
Total	306,526	17	100	482	3,078
Crops	11,853	80	100	2,117	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	3,908	66	99	1,846	2,917
Tobacco	1,992	36	56	93	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	52	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	178	82	100	1,513	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	1,907	15	95	414	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	2,348	50	97	674	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	36	-	1,274
Other crops and hay	1,519	41	97	1,704	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	294,674	14	100	193	3,076
Poultry and eggs	279,827	11	100	61	3,027
Cattle and calves	9,593	8	99	1,293	3,047
Milk from cows	4,982	11	48	588	1,770
Hogs and pigs	48	60	95	1,095	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	81	27	95	1,566	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	86	34	87	1,597	2,907
Aquaculture	-	-	53	-	1,190
Other animals and animal products	57	36	96	1,190	2,909

Producers ^d	907	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e	
Sex		Have internet access	72	
Male	587			
Female	320			
Age		Farm organically	-	
<35	99			
35 – 64	517			
65 and older	291			
Race		Sell directly to consumers	5	
American Indian/Alaska Native	1			
Asian	9			
Black or African American	-			
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-			
White	892	Hire farm labor	20	
More than one race	5			
Other characteristics		Are family farms	97	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	6			
With military service	78			
New and beginning farmers	221			
			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)	
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens	6,748,356
			Cattle and calves	20,979
			Goats	371
			Hogs and pigs	93
			Horses and ponies	540
			Layers	766,425
			Pullets	1,077,036
			Sheep and lambs	356
			Turkeys	11

^a Average per farm receiving. ^b May not add to 100% due to rounding. ^c Among counties whose rank can be displayed. ^d Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm. ^e Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf. ^f 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.