



Columbus County North Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	447	-13
Land in farms (acres)	125,177	-11
Average size of farm (acres)	280	+2
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	221,838,000	+37
Government payments	3,061,000	+13
Farm-related income	2,774,000	-41
Total farm production expenses	134,612,000	+16
Net cash farm income	93,063,000	+73
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	496,283	+57
Government payments ^a	18,222	+57
Farm-related income ^a	15,079	-29
Total farm production expenses	301,145	+34
Net cash farm income	208,194	+99

1 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	28
Livestock, poultry, and products	72

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	85,669
Pastureland	6,724
Woodland	25,592
Other	7,192

Acres irrigated: 2,534

2% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	25
Reduced till	14
Intensive till	31
Cover crop	9

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	118	26
\$2,500 to \$4,999	49	11
\$5,000 to \$9,999	34	8
\$10,000 to \$24,999	74	17
\$25,000 to \$49,999	53	12
\$50,000 to \$99,999	15	3
\$100,000 or more	104	23

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	20	4
10 to 49 acres	148	33
50 to 179 acres	135	30
180 to 499 acres	66	15
500 to 999 acres	39	9
1,000+ acres	39	9

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	221,838	27	100	742	3,078
Crops	61,447	30	100	1,165	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	44,587	15	99	989	2,917
Tobacco	5,355	28	56	50	267
Cotton and cottonseed	1,199	35	52	427	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	4,231	29	100	452	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	666	40	95	742	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,098	64	97	920	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	36	-	1,274
Other crops and hay	4,311	18	97	797	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	160,391	28	100	429	3,076
Poultry and eggs	41,012	45	100	381	3,027
Cattle and calves	2,363	38	99	2,073	3,047
Milk from cows	(D)	36	48	912	1,770
Hogs and pigs	116,844	9	95	74	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	91	25	95	1,491	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	(D)	54	87	(D)	2,907
Aquaculture	-	-	53	-	1,190
Other animals and animal products	35	50	96	1,370	2,909

Producers ^d	711	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e
Sex		Have internet access	79
Male	523		
Female	188		
Age		Farm organically	2
<35	57		
35 – 64	348		
65 and older	306		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	8
American Indian/Alaska Native	28		
Asian	-		
Black or African American	44		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	2		
White	636	Hire farm labor	30
More than one race	1		
Other characteristics		Are family farms	96
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	2		
With military service	90		
New and beginning farmers	195		
			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens
			962,280
			Cattle and calves
			5,458
			Goats
			237
			Hogs and pigs
			219,662
			Horses and ponies
			127
			Layers
			1,486
			Pullets
			101
			Sheep and lambs
			585
			Turkeys
			(D)

^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.