



## Gaston County North Carolina

### Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	412	-21
Land in farms (acres)	36,859	-2
Average size of farm (acres)	89	+24
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	26,940,000	+16
Government payments	556,000	+105
Farm-related income	1,488,000	-0
Total farm production expenses	24,546,000	+26
Net cash farm income	4,438,000	-19
<b>Per farm average</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	
Market value of products sold	65,388	+47
Government payments <sup>a</sup>	24,166	+588
Farm-related income <sup>a</sup>	16,904	+47
Total farm production expenses	59,577	+60
Net cash farm income	10,771	+3

### (Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

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

Crops	31
Livestock, poultry, and products	69

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

Cropland	16,323
Pastureland	7,348
Woodland	10,826
Other	2,362

#### Acres irrigated: 436

1% of land in farms

#### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	12
Reduced till	3
Intensive till	9
Cover crop	9

### Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>b</sup>
Less than \$2,500	155	38
\$2,500 to \$4,999	86	21
\$5,000 to \$9,999	65	16
\$10,000 to \$24,999	44	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	24	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9	2
\$100,000 or more	29	7

### Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total <sup>b</sup>
1 to 9 acres	38	9
10 to 49 acres	186	45
50 to 179 acres	136	33
180 to 499 acres	42	10
500 to 999 acres	7	2
1,000+ acres	3	1

Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold

	Sales (\$1,000)	Rank in State <sup>c</sup>	Counties Producing Item	Rank in U.S. <sup>c</sup>	Counties Producing Item
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,940</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,334</b>	<b>3,078</b>
<b>Crops</b>	<b>8,318</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,265</b>	<b>3,074</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	3,401	70	99	1,898	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	56	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	52	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	580	66	100	1,056	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	2,304	14	95	374	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,574	56	97	801	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	36	-	1,274
Other crops and hay	459	77	97	2,446	3,035
<b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>	<b>18,622</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,793</b>	<b>3,076</b>
Poultry and eggs	11,833	55	100	581	3,027
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,047
Milk from cows	(D)	12	48	(D)	1,770
Hogs and pigs	20	68	95	1,367	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	78	29	95	1,589	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	51	41	87	1,841	2,907
Aquaculture	-	-	53	-	1,190
Other animals and animal products	40	45	96	1,329	2,909

<b>Producers <sup>d</sup></b>	<b>724</b>	<b>Percent of farms that:</b>	<b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>e</sup></b>
<b>Sex</b>		Have internet access	73
Male	457		
Female	267	Farm organically	-
<b>Age</b>		Sell directly to consumers	11
<35	77	Hire farm labor	18
35 – 64	366	Are family farms	96
65 and older	281		
<b>Race</b>			
American Indian/Alaska Native	1		
Asian	13		
Black or African American	-		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		
White	710		
More than one race	-		
<b>Other characteristics</b>			
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	6		
With military service	74		
New and beginning farmers	235		
		<b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)</b>	
		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	388,788
		Cattle and calves	7,309
		Goats	257
		Hogs and pigs	88
		Horses and ponies	692
		Layers	1,601
		Pullets	149
		Sheep and lambs	300
		Turkeys	-

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