



Union County North Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	882	-8
Land in farms (acres)	212,066	+14
Average size of farm (acres)	240	+23
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	591,602,000	+23
Government payments	1,013,000	-60
Farm-related income	12,729,000	+163
Total farm production expenses	355,072,000	+14
Net cash farm income	250,272,000	+42
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	670,750	+33
Government payments ^a	21,561	+3
Farm-related income ^a	52,381	+245
Total farm production expenses	402,576	+23
Net cash farm income	283,755	+54

3 Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	21
Livestock, poultry, and products	79

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	153,274
Pastureland	20,600
Woodland	26,158
Other	12,034

Acres irrigated: 642

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	18
Reduced till	5
Intensive till	5
Cover crop	3

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	314	36
\$2,500 to \$4,999	105	12
\$5,000 to \$9,999	83	9
\$10,000 to \$24,999	93	11
\$25,000 to \$49,999	69	8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	45	5
\$100,000 or more	173	20

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	111	13
10 to 49 acres	418	47
50 to 179 acres	226	26
180 to 499 acres	68	8
500 to 999 acres	23	3
1,000+ acres	36	4

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	591,602	6	100	140	3,078
Crops	125,307	6	100	679	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	91,585	1	99	667	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	56	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	6,705	22	52	247	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	482	68	100	1,120	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	960	34	95	612	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	24,146	4	97	145	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	-	-	36	-	1,274
Other crops and hay	1,429	45	97	1,757	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	466,294	7	100	87	3,076
Poultry and eggs	454,410	3	100	20	3,027
Cattle and calves	5,131	17	99	1,677	3,047
Milk from cows	888	23	48	805	1,770
Hogs and pigs	(D)	37	95	(D)	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	339	13	87	789	2,907
Aquaculture	(D)	34	53	(D)	1,190
Other animals and animal products	300	7	96	573	2,909

Producers ^d	1,448	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e	
Sex		Have internet access	72	
Male	915			
Female	533	Farm organically	1	
Age		Sell directly to consumers	8	
<35	104	Hire farm labor	22	
35 – 64	783	Are family farms	95	
65 and older	561			
Race			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)	
American Indian/Alaska Native	1		Broilers and other meat-type chickens	8,688,779
Asian	9		Cattle and calves	17,095
Black or African American	6		Goats	1,063
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-		Hogs and pigs	(D)
White	1,429		Horses and ponies	1,116
More than one race	3		Layers	(D)
Other characteristics			Pullets	378,646
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	10		Sheep and lambs	963
With military service	108		Turkeys	1,366,901
New and beginning farmers	410			

^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.