



Watauga County North Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	400	-23
Land in farms (acres)	29,402	-41
Average size of farm (acres)	74	-23
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	13,232,000	-21
Government payments	936,000	+167
Farm-related income	1,210,000	-13
Total farm production expenses	14,559,000	-1
Net cash farm income	818,000	-78
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	33,079	+3
Government payments ^a	77,971	+1433
Farm-related income ^a	10,081	+7
Total farm production expenses	36,397	+28
Net cash farm income	2,046	-71

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

Share of Sales by Type (%)

Crops	(D)
Livestock, poultry, and products	(D)

Land in Farms by Use (acres)

Cropland	9,325
Pastureland	8,639
Woodland	9,302
Other	2,136

Acres irrigated: 86

(Z)% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	7
Reduced till	1
Intensive till	8
Cover crop	8

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	153	38
\$2,500 to \$4,999	41	10
\$5,000 to \$9,999	67	17
\$10,000 to \$24,999	54	14
\$25,000 to \$49,999	49	12
\$50,000 to \$99,999	15	4
\$100,000 or more	21	5

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	43	11
10 to 49 acres	173	43
50 to 179 acres	154	39
180 to 499 acres	27	7
500 to 999 acres	2	1
1,000+ acres	1	(Z)

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	13,232	86	100	2,633	3,078
Crops	(D)	84	100	2,225	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	(D)	89	99	(D)	2,917
Tobacco	-	-	56	-	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	52	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	347	73	100	1,239	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	391	51	95	983	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	636	72	97	1,080	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	7,351	4	36	12	1,274
Other crops and hay	301	81	97	2,551	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	(D)	76	100	(D)	3,076
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	3,027
Cattle and calves	2,520	35	99	2,036	3,047
Milk from cows	(D)	31	48	(D)	1,770
Hogs and pigs	17	71	95	1,411	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	46	43	95	1,885	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	1,225	4	87	234	2,907
Aquaculture	-	-	53	-	1,190
Other animals and animal products	77	27	96	1,068	2,909

Producers ^d	642	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e
Sex		Have internet access	81
Male	434		
Female	208		
Age		Farm organically	(Z)
<35	62		
35 – 64	282		
65 and older	298		
Race		Sell directly to consumers	13
American Indian/Alaska Native	-		
Asian	-		
Black or African American	-		
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-	Hire farm labor	29
White	642		
More than one race	-		
Other characteristics		Are family farms	94
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	24		
With military service	75		
New and beginning farmers	164		
			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens (D)
			Cattle and calves 5,103
			Goats 184
			Hogs and pigs 96
			Horses and ponies 411
			Layers 1,462
			Pullets 328
			Sheep and lambs 526
			Turkeys -

^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.