



Wilkes County North Carolina

Total and Per Farm Overview, 2022 and change since 2017

	2022	% change since 2017
Number of farms	871	-7
Land in farms (acres)	114,778	+8
Average size of farm (acres)	132	+15
Total	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	459,419,000	+37
Government payments	528,000	+554
Farm-related income	4,023,000	+11
Total farm production expenses	285,186,000	+32
Net cash farm income	178,784,000	+46
Per farm average	(\$)	
Market value of products sold	527,462	+47
Government payments ^a	13,195	+538
Farm-related income ^a	19,341	+38
Total farm production expenses	327,423	+41
Net cash farm income	205,263	+56

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	38,425
Pastureland	33,150
Woodland	35,818
Other	7,385

Acres irrigated: 755

1% of land in farms

Land Use Practices (% of farms)

No till	11
Reduced till	2
Intensive till	6
Cover crop	7

Farms by Value of Sales

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
Less than \$2,500	257	30
\$2,500 to \$4,999	131	15
\$5,000 to \$9,999	120	14
\$10,000 to \$24,999	111	13
\$25,000 to \$49,999	59	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	37	4
\$100,000 or more	156	18

Farms by Size

	Number	Percent of Total ^b
1 to 9 acres	57	7
10 to 49 acres	337	39
50 to 179 acres	326	37
180 to 499 acres	93	11
500 to 999 acres	44	5
1,000+ acres	14	2

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	459,419	8	100	239	3,078
Crops	19,478	64	100	1,855	3,074
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas	8,829	53	99	1,594	2,917
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	56	(D)	267
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	52	-	647
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes	735	62	100	963	2,831
Fruits, tree nuts, berries	1,541	19	95	473	2,711
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod	1,095	65	97	921	2,660
Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation woody crops	(D)	15	36	(D)	1,274
Other crops and hay	2,832	24	97	1,123	3,035
Livestock, poultry, and products	439,941	8	100	99	3,076
Poultry and eggs	418,657	6	100	25	3,027
Cattle and calves	19,708	2	99	849	3,047
Milk from cows	(D)	25	48	(D)	1,770
Hogs and pigs	81	55	95	954	2,814
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk	282	9	95	696	2,967
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys	550	9	87	521	2,907
Aquaculture	-	-	53	-	1,190
Other animals and animal products	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,909

Producers ^d	1,454	Percent of farms that:	Top Crops in Acres ^e	
Sex		Have internet access	78	
Male	991			
Female	463			
Age		Farm organically	(Z)	
<35	143			
35 – 64	755			
65 and older	556			
Race		Sell directly to consumers	5	
American Indian/Alaska Native	3			
Asian	-			
Black or African American	6			
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	-			
White	1,437	Hire farm labor	17	
More than one race	8			
Other characteristics		Are family farms	97	
Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin	16			
With military service	117			
New and beginning farmers	394			
			Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2022)	
			Broilers and other meat-type chickens	10,409,742
			Cattle and calves	34,494
			Goats	959
			Hogs and pigs	170
			Horses and ponies	503
			Layers	486,561
			Pullets	302,767
			Sheep and lambs	875
			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.