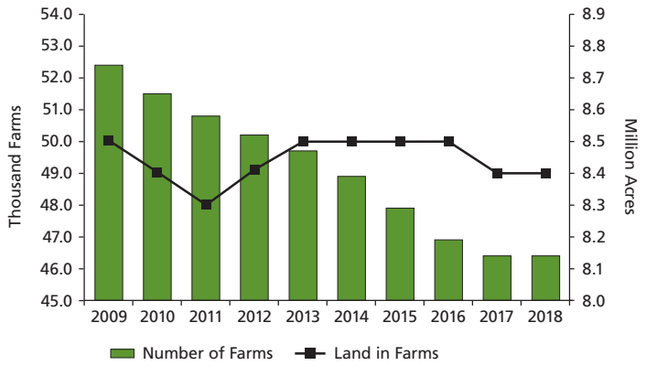
NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS [1]

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Average Size	Sales Class Estimates					
				$1,000 – $9,999	$10,000 – $99,000	$100,000 +	$1,000 – $9,999	$10,000 – $99,000	$100,000 +
	Thousands	*Thousand Acres*	*Acres*	*Number*			*Thousand Acres*		
NORTH CAROLINA									
2014	48.9	8,500	174	27,700	12,800	8,400	1,600	1,500	5,400
2015	47.9	8,500	177	26,900	12,900	8,100	1,500	1,600	5,400
2016	46.9	8,500	181	25,900	12,900	8,100	1,400	1,700	5,400
2017	46.4	8,400	181	26,100	12,500	7,800	1,500	1,700	5,200
2018	**46.4**	**8,400**	**181**	**26,100**	**12,700**	**7,600**	**1,500**	**1,800**	**5,100**
UNITED STATES									
2014	2,082	908,920	436	1,064,540	623,090	394,810	90,480	191,620	626,820
2015	2,064	905,790	439	1,050,690	624,140	389,060	87,060	188,490	630,240
2016	2,055	902,680	439	1,049,410	622,560	383,370	85,910	188,090	628,680
2017	2,042	900,370	441	1,044,090	620,630	377,280	85,060	186,660	628,650
2018	**2,029**	**899,500**	**443**	**1,035,690**	**619,030**	**374,480**	**84,370**	**186,770**	**628,360**

[1] *A farm is any establishment from which $1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.*

NORTH CAROLINA NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS



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2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

OPERATIONS BY TYPE

Family/Individual	85.0%
Partnership	6.3%
Incorporated	7.3%
Other	1.4%

OPERATIONS BY SIZE

Size of Operation	*Farms Percent of Total*	*Land in Farms Percent of Total*
1–49 Acres	47.9%	5.6%
50–99 Acres	19.7%	7.6%
100–179 Acres	13.3%	9.6%
180–499 Acres	11.5%	18.4%
500–999 Acres	3.8%	14.1%
1,000+ Acres	3.8%	44.7%

PRINCIPAL OPERATORS BY AGE GROUP

Age of Operator	*Percent of Operations*
Under 25	0.7%
25–34	5.2%
35–44	10.0%
45–54	18.5%
55–64	27.2%
65–74	25.6%
75 and Over	12.8%
Average Age = 58.1	

FARMS BY VALUE OF SALES

Dollars	*Number*
Less than 2,500	18,113
2,500 to 4,999	5,053
5,000 to 9,999	5,658
10,000 to 24,999	5,645
25,000 to 49,999	2,514
50,000 to 499,999	4,581
500,000 or more	4,854

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FARM INCOME

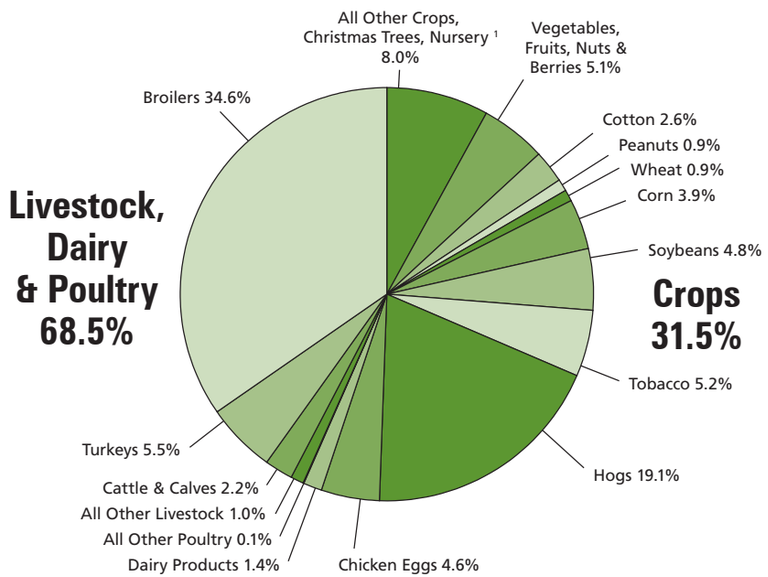
Cash Receipts from Farming by Commodity

NC Rank	Commodities	2018	2018 % of Total Sales
		Thousand Dollars	*Percent*
1	Broilers	3,857,883	34.6%
2	Hogs	2,129,121	19.1%
3	Turkeys	609,960	5.5%
4	Tobacco	580,720	5.2%
5	Soybeans	533,875	4.8%
6	Chicken eggs	509,017	4.6%
7	Corn	437,985	3.9%
8	Cotton	284,117	2.6%
9	Cattle and calves	247,857	2.2%
10	Sweet Potatoes	236,285	2.1%
11	Floriculture	195,158	1.8%
12	Dairy products, Milk	161,063	1.4%
13	Tomatoes	105,501	0.9%
14	Peanuts	103,728	0.9%
15	Wheat	99,678	0.9%
16	Hay	94,516	0.8%
17	Blueberries	57,304	0.5%
18	Potatoes	41,652	0.4%
19	Cucumbers	25,582	0.2%
20	Watermelon	22,314	0.2%

SOURCE: Economic Research Service, USDA.

SOURCE OF FARM CASH RECEIPTS, 2018

$11,139,382,000



[1] *All Other Crops includes hay, greenhouse, floriculture, nursery, cut Christmas trees, mushrooms and other miscellaneous crops.*

NORTH CAROLINA'S RANK IN U.S. AGRICULTURE, 2018

Rank	Item	Production		NC % of US	Top 3 States		
					1	2	3
1	**All Tobacco**	**251.9**	**(Mil Lbs)**	**47.2**	**NC**	**KY**	**VA**
	Flue-cured Tobacco	**250.8**	**(Mil Lbs)**	**74.1**	**NC**	**VA**	**GA**
	Sweet Potatoes	**10,990.0**	**(000 Cwt)**	**40.1**	**NC**	**CA**	**MS**
2	**All Poultry & Egg Cash Receipts**	**4,984.0**	**(Mil $)**	**10.8**	**GA**	**NC**	**AR**
	Hogs & Pigs (12-1-18)	**9.1**	**(Mil Hd)**	**12.1**	**IA**	**NC**	**MN**
	Annual Pig Crop Dec 17-Nov 18	**18.7**	**(Mil Hd)**	**14.0**	**IA**	**NC**	**MN**
	Turkeys	**32.5**	**(Mil Hd)**	**13.3**	**MN**	**NC**	**AR**
	Trout Sold (foodsize)	**4.0**	**(Mil Lbs)**	**8.4**	**ID**	**NC**	**PA**
3	**Strawberries : Fresh Market**	**125.0**	**(000 Cwt)**	**0.4**	**CA**	**FL**	**NC**
4	Cucumbers	1,488.0	(000 Cwt)	9.6	FL	MI	CA
	Cantaloupe	306.0	(000 Cwt)	2.1	CA	AZ	IN
	Broilers	873.6	(Mil Hd)	9.7	GA	AL	AR
5	Burley Tobacco	1.1	(Mil Lbs)	1.1	KY	TN	PA
	Peanuts	382.2	(Mil Lbs)	7.0	GA	AL	FL
	Squash	612.5	(000 Cwt)	8.3	MI	OR	CA
	Catfish Sold (foodsize)	4.0	(Mil Lbs)	1.9	MS	AL	AR

[1] *480-lb. net weight bales.*

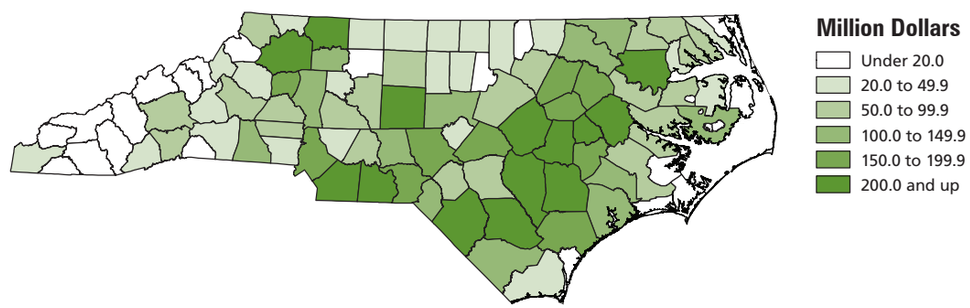
TOP TEN COUNTIES IN TOTAL FARM CASH RECEIPTS, 2018 [1]

County	*Thousand Dollars*	*County*	*Thousand Dollars*
Duplin	1,051,244	Wayne	375,917
Sampson	978,398	Wilkes	290,844
Union	446,488	Anson	277,134
Robeson	395,745	Randolph	257,234
Bladen	385,221	Bertie	243,787

[1] *Includes government payments.*

COUNTY CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS, 2018

Includes Crops, Livestock & Government Payments



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