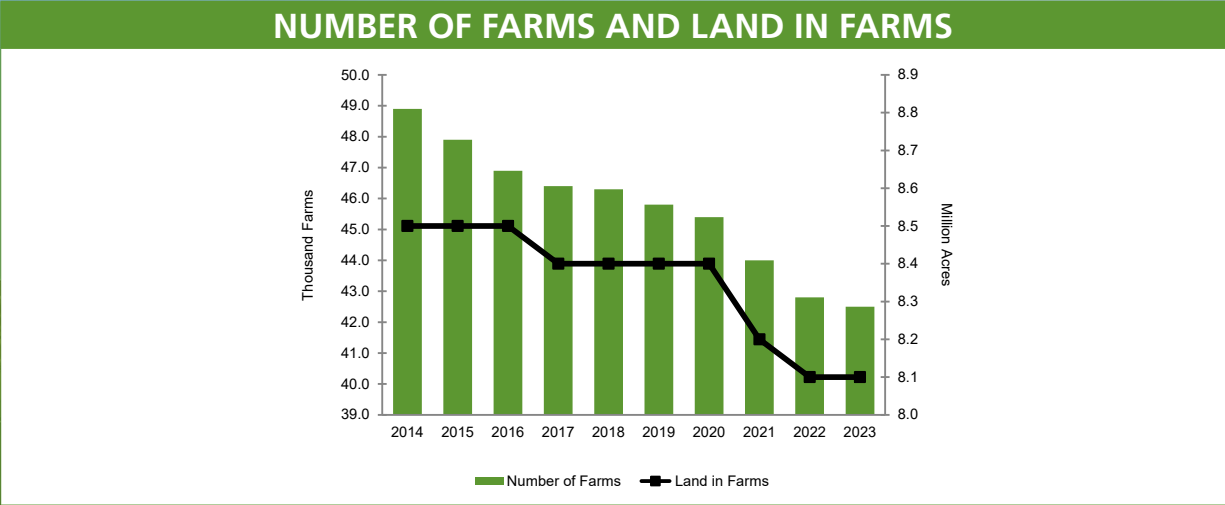


NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS <sup>1</sup>									
Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Average Size	Economic Sales Class Estimates					
				\$1,000 – \$9,999	\$10,000 – \$99,000	\$100,000 +	\$1,000 – \$9,999	\$10,000 – \$99,000	\$100,000 +
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	Number of Farms			Land in Farms <i>Thousand Acres</i>		
NORTH CAROLINA									
2019	45.8	8,400	183	25,600	12,500	7,700	1,400	1,800	5,200
2020	45.4	8,400	185	25,500	12,400	7,500	1,400	1,700	5,300
2021	44.0	8,200	186	24,300	12,300	7,400	1,400	1,700	5,100
2022	42.8	8,100	189	23,400	11,400	8,000	1,350	1,450	5,300
2023	42.5	8,100	191	23,400	11,100	8,000	1,350	1,450	5,300
UNITED STATES									
2019	2,008	894,930	446	1,019,780	611,660	376,160	83,110	183,100	628,720
2020	1,992	893,110	448	1,007,480	607,640	377,080	82,470	180,010	630,630
2021	1,960	888,800	454	976,540	601,540	381,470	79,340	174,330	635,130
2022	1,901	879,660	463	918,330	588,300	394,020	76,160	161,150	642,350
2023	1,895	878,560	464	914,620	582,510	397,820	75,050	155,300	648,210

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FARMS BY TYPE	
Family/Individual	83.5%
Partnership	6.4%
Incorporated	8.9%
Other	1.3%

FARMS BY SIZE		
Size of Operation	Farms Percent of Total	Land in Farms Percent of Total
1–49 Acres	50.6%	5.6%
50–99 Acres	18.6%	6.8%
100–179 Acres	12.1%	8.3%
180–499 Acres	10.8%	16.4%
500–999 Acres	3.7%	13.3%
1,000+ Acres	4.3%	49.6%

PRODUCERS BY AGE GROUP	
Age of Operator	Percent of Operations
Under 25	1.6%
25–34	6.9%
35–44	12.3%
45–54	16.3%
55–64	24.9%
65–74	23.6%
75 and Over	14.3%
Average Age = 58.1	

FARMS BY VALUE OF SALES	
Dollars	Number
Less than 2,500	15,748
2,500 to 4,999	4,605
5,000 to 9,999	5,062
10,000 to 24,999	5,145
25,000 to 49,999	2,698
50,000 to 499,999	4,296
500,000 or more	5,263



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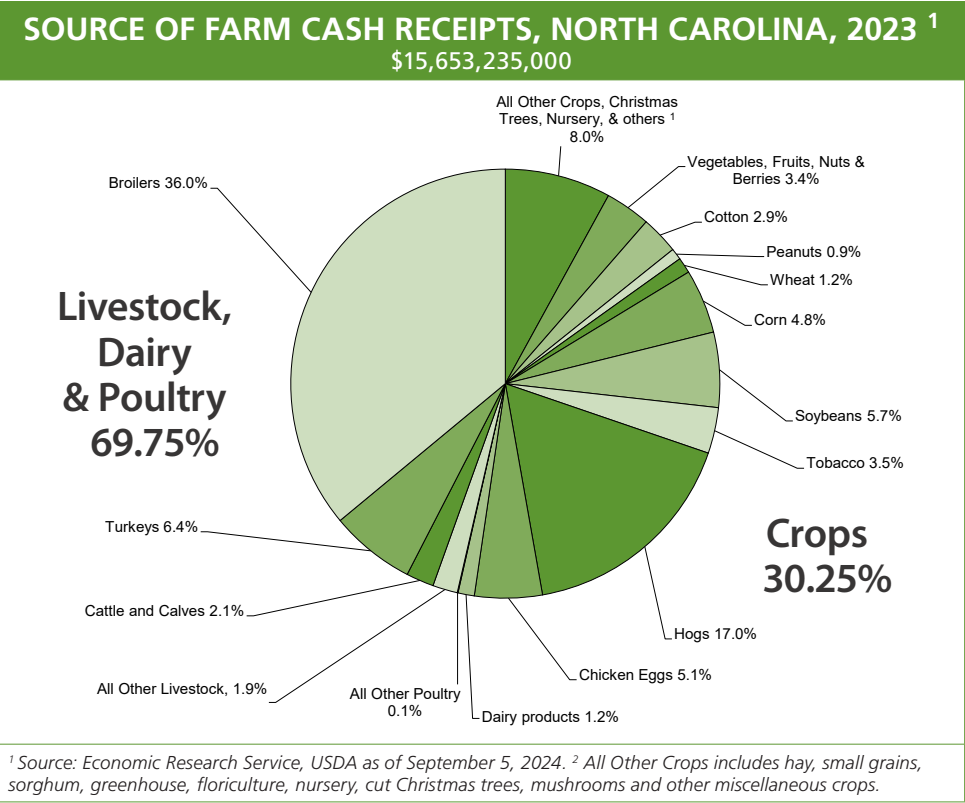
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FARM INCOME			
Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings by Commodity			
NC Rank	Commodities	2023	2023 % of Total Sales
		Thousand Dollars	Percent
1	Broilers	5,636,408	36.0%
2	Hogs	2,656,721	17.0%
3	Turkeys	1,005,894	6.4%
4	Miscellaneous crops	991,010	6.3%
5	Soybeans	885,489	5.7%
6	Chicken eggs	797,069	5.1%
7	Corn	756,932	4.8%
8	Tobacco	541,271	3.5%
9	Cotton lint, Upland	378,631	2.4%
10	Cattle and calves	326,852	2.1%
11	Sweet potatoes	305,300	2.0%
12	All other animals and products	278,080	1.8%
13	Dairy products, Milk	192,696	1.2%
14	Wheat	184,969	1.2%
15	Floriculture	167,579	1.1%
16	Peanuts	134,702	0.9%
17	Blueberries	104,620	0.7%
18	Hay	76,643	0.5%
19	Cottonseed	68,196	0.4%
20	Watermelon	48,441	0.3%

SOURCE: Economic Research Service, USDA data as of September 5, 2024.

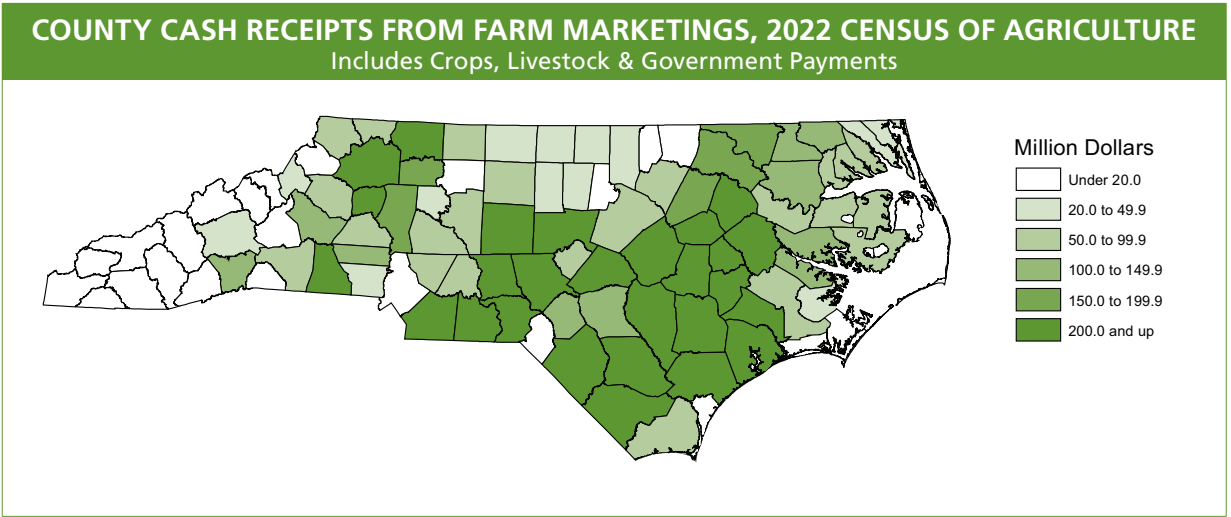


NORTH CAROLINA'S RANK IN U.S. AGRICULTURE, 2023 <sup>1</sup>							
Rank	Item	Production		NC % of US	Top 3 States		
					1	2	3
1	All Tobacco	260.1	(Mil Lbs)	60.1	NC	KY	VA
1	Flue-cured Tobacco	259.9	(Mil Lbs)	82.5	NC	VA	GA
1	Sweet Potatoes	15,171.0	(000 Cwt)	60.5	NC	CA	MS
1	All Poultry & Egg Cash Receipts <sup>2</sup>	7,448.0	(Mil \$)	11.1	NC	GA	AR
2	Annual Pig Crop Dec 21 - Nov 22	18.3	(Mil Hd)	13.5	IA	NC	MN
2	Turkeys	29.0	(Mil Hd)	13.3	MN	NC	AR
2	Trout Sold (foodsize)	3.1	(Mil Lbs)	7.2	ID	NC	PA
3	Cucumbers	1,535.5	(000 Cwt)	10.8	FL	MI	NC
3	Peanuts	516.6	(Mil Lbs)	8.8	GA	FL	NC
3	Hogs & Pigs (12-1-23)	7.9	(Mil Hd)	10.5	IA	MN	NC
4	Broilers	941.1	(Mil Hd)	10.3	GA	AL	AR
5	Burley Tobacco	0.2	(Mil Lbs)	0.3	KY	TN	PA

<sup>1</sup> Ranking commodities of published states only. <sup>2</sup> Cash Receipts rankings based on data provided by the USDA Economic Research Service (ERS) as of September 5, 2024.

TOP TEN COUNTIES IN TOTAL FARM CASH RECEIPTS, 2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE <sup>1</sup>			
County	Thousand Dollars	County	Thousand Dollars
Sampson	2,191,678	Union	586,858
Duplin	2,007,537	Anson	487,898
Wayne	801,461	Wilkes	454,208
Robeson	640,402	Randolph	451,760
Bladen	619,759	Lenoir	391,420

<sup>1</sup> Ranking of published counties only. Includes government payments.



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