

## NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS <sup>1</sup>

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		
<b>North Carolina</b>									
2005	49.0	8,800	180	29,700	10,600	8,700	2,000	1,750	5,050
2006	48.0	8,800	183	28,500	10,700	8,800	1,950	1,750	5,100
2007 <sup>2</sup>	52.9	8,600	163	32,900	11,500	8,500	2,000	1,700	4,900
2008 <sup>2,3</sup>	52.5	8,600	164	32,700	11,300	8,500	2,000	1,650	4,950
2009 <sup>2</sup>	52.4	8,600	164	32,600	11,300	8,500	2,000	1,600	5,000
<b>United States</b>									
2005	2,099	927,940	442	1,166,320	596,040	336,330	117,850	258,230	551,860
2006	2,089	925,790	443	1,153,310	595,950	339,530	114,610	252,180	559,000
2007 <sup>2</sup>	2,205	921,460	418	1,228,560	608,670	367,720	107,870	228,220	585,370
2008 <sup>2,3</sup>	2,200	919,910	418	1,222,100	604,500	373,500	106,700	225,310	587,895
2009 <sup>2</sup>	2,200	919,800	418	1,228,200	597,980	373,830	105,480	226,900	587,420

<sup>1</sup> A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

<sup>2</sup> The 2007 Census of Agriculture established a new farm base due to methodological changes that allowed a more accurate count of small farms.

<sup>3</sup> Revised.

## 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

### OPERATIONS BY TYPE

Family/Family Incorporated/Individual	90.8%
Partnership	8.0%
Incorporated, Non-Family	0.7%
Other	0.5%

### OPERATIONS BY SIZE

Size of Operation	Farms Percent of Total	Land in Farms Percent of Total
1-49 Acres	48.7	6.7
50-99 Acres	20.6	9.0
100-179 Acres	13.1	10.7
180-499 Acres	11.0	19.4
500-999 Acres	3.5	15.0
1,000 + Acres	3.1	39.2

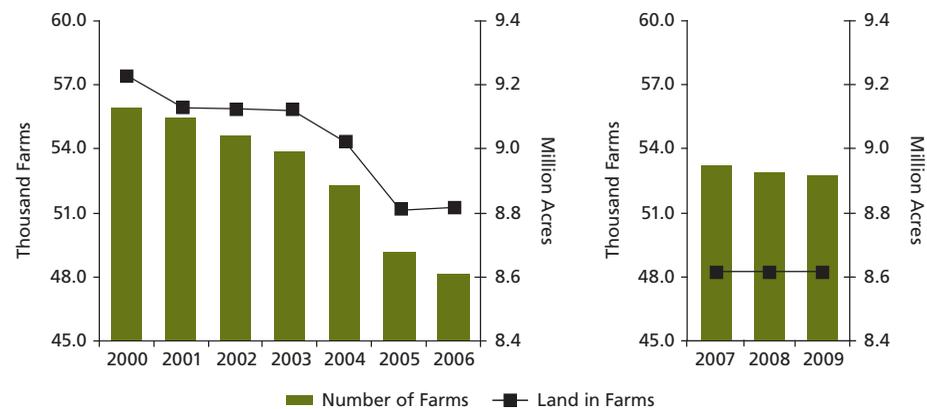
### PRINCIPAL OPERATORS BY AGE GROUP

Age of Operator	Percent of Operations
Under 25	0.6
25 - 34	3.9
35 - 44	12.3
45 - 54	24.6
55 - 64	28.9
65 - 69	11.3
70 and Over	18.4
Average Age = 57.3	

### FARMS BY VALUE OF SALES

Dollars	Number
Less than 49,999	42,869
50,000 - 99,999	1,718
100,000 - 249,999	1,854
250,000 or more	6,472

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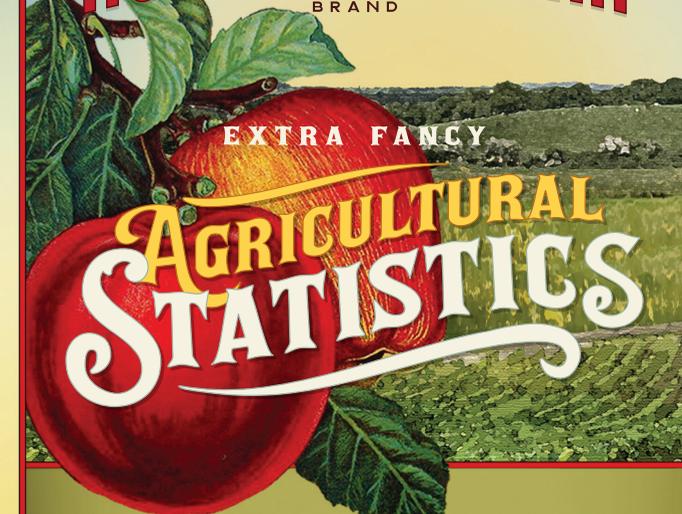


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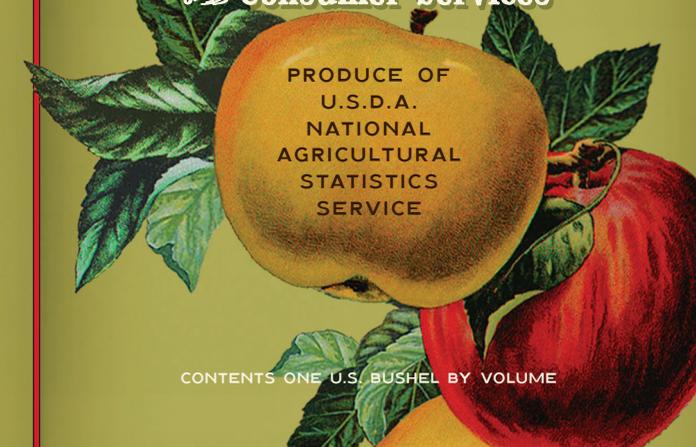
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# AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

## FARM INCOME

Cash Receipts from Farming by Commodity

NC Rank	Commodities	2009	2009 % of Total Sales
		Thousand Dollars	Percent
1	Broilers <sup>1</sup>	2,429,960	26.4
2	Hogs	1,877,802	20.4
3	Greenhouse/Nursery/Floriculture/Christmas Trees	812,615	8.8
4	Tobacco	745,869	8.1
5	Soybeans	557,244	6.1
6	Turkeys <sup>1</sup>	523,128	5.7
7	Chicken eggs <sup>1</sup>	349,371	3.8
8	Corn	327,970	3.6
9	Cattle and calves	213,812	2.3
10	Cotton	212,643	2.3
11	Sweet potatoes	175,810	1.9
12	Wheat	162,518	1.8
13	Dairy products	133,000	1.4
14	Peanuts	66,911	0.7
15	Hay	51,634	0.6
16	Blueberries	51,330	0.6
17	Potatoes	35,143	0.4
18	Tomatoes	34,782	0.4
19	Aquaculture	28,505	0.3
20	Cucumbers	25,044	0.3

SOURCE: Economic Research Service, USDA. <sup>1</sup> Value of production.

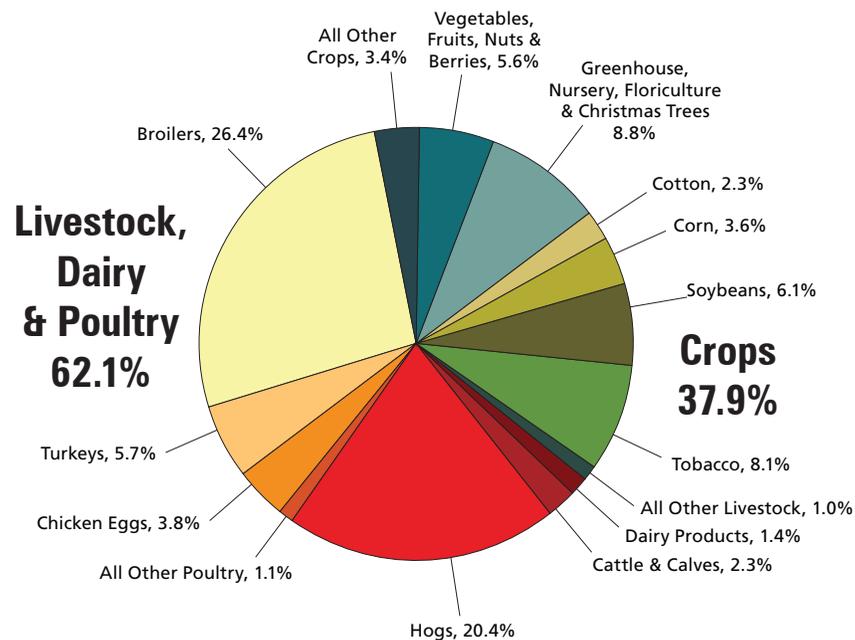
## NORTH CAROLINA'S RANK IN U.S. AGRICULTURE, 2009

Rank	Item	Production		NC % of US	Top 3 States		
					1	2	3
1	All Tobacco	423.9	(Mil Lbs)	51.5	NC	KY	TN
	Flue Cured Tobacco	417.6	(Mil Lbs)	79.5	NC	VA	SC
	Sweet Potatoes	9,200	(000 Cwt)	47.3	NC	CA	LA
2	Christmas Trees Cash Receipts	100	(Mil \$)	25.7	OR	NC	WA
	Hogs & Pigs (12-1-09)	9.6	(Mil Hd)	14.8	IA	NC	MN
	Trout Sold (foodsize)	3.4	(Mil Lbs)	8.3	ID	NC	CA
3	Turkeys	35.5	(Mil Hd)	14.4	MN	NC	AR
	Cucumbers - Processing	42.8	(000 Tons)	7.9	MI	FL	NC
	Strawberries - Fresh Market	195	(000 Cwt)	0.9	CA	FL	NC
4	Cucumbers - Fresh Market	756	(000 Cwt)	8.7	FL	GA	MI
	Upland Cotton <sup>1</sup>	763	(000 Bales)	6.5	TX	GA	AR
5	Broilers	760	(Mil Hd)	8.9	GA	AR	PA
	Burley Tobacco	6.3	(Mil Lbs)	2.9	KY	TN	NC
	Catfish Sold (foodsize)	5.2	(Mil Lbs)	1.9	MS	AL	AR
	Greenhouse/Nursery Cash Receipts <sup>2</sup>	812.6	(Mil \$)	5.1	CA	FL	TX
	Peanuts	244.2	(Mil lbs)	6.6	GA	TX	AL

<sup>1</sup> 480 Lb. bales. <sup>2</sup> Includes floriculture and Christmas trees.

## SOURCE OF FARM CASH RECEIPTS, 2009

\$9,187,820,000



## TOP TEN COUNTIES IN TOTAL FARM CASH RECEIPTS, 2009 <sup>1</sup>

County	Thousand Dollars	County	Thousand Dollars
Duplin	877,469	Bladen	296,243
Sampson	843,945	Wilkes	260,179
Union	423,038	Johnston	240,714
Wayne	338,565	Nash	199,893
Robeson	333,974	Randolph	197,968

<sup>1</sup> Includes government payments.

## COUNTY CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS, 2009

Includes Crops, Livestock & Government Payments

