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STATISTICAL REPORTS PROGRAM

The North Carolina Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service compiles current and historic statistics concerning agriculture in the State. Where possible, information most often requested by farmers, the general public, and workers in government agencies are included. Reporting of crop and livestock statistics is a service provided to farmers and others in the State by the National Agricultural Statistics Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The collection and dissemination of agricultural statistics had its start in 1863. This is one of the oldest activities of the United States Department of Agriculture. It was recognized that there were many advantages of a joint relationship between the State and Federal Governments in the development of agricultural statistics. In 1919, the N.C. Department of Agriculture entered into a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide detailed agricultural statistics. The agreement resulted in the creation of the Agricultural Statistics Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The North Carolina Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service publishes official statistics on crops, livestock, prices, and various other agricultural items. The most important reports and the approximate dates of releases are shown in the table below. The reports marked with an (*) are issued separately and are only available at www.ncagr.gov/stats. All others are included in the monthly release entitled "Farm Report." These reports are free and available by writing to: State Statistician, Agricultural Statistics, P.O. Box 27767, Raleigh, NC 27611 or E-mail at: ncagstat@ncagr.gov. Current and historical data series can be found at www.nass.usda.gov, and using the "Quick Stats" feature.

| TYPE OF REPORT | FREQUENCY OF REPORT | APPROX. DATE AVAILABLE |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| CROP REPORTS | | |
| Annual Crop Production | Annually | Second Week in January |
| Annual Vegetable Production | Annually | Last Week in January |
| Prospective Plantings | Annually | Last Week in March |
| Acreage Report | Annually | Last Week in June |
| Annual Fruit & Nut Production | Annually | First Week in July |
| Small Grains Summary | Annually | Last Week in September |
| Field Crop Production | Monthly (In Season) | Second Week of Each Month |
| Grain Stocks | Quarterly | First Week in January, Last Week in March, June & September |
| WEATHER-CROPS REPORTS | | |
| | Weekly (Monthly: Jan., Feb. & Mar.) | Monday, 4:00 p.m. |
| LIVESTOCK REPORTS | | |
| Hog and Pig Inventory and Pig Crop | Quarterly | Last Week in March, June, September & December |
| Cattle Cow Inventory and Calf Crop | Annually | Third Week in February |
| Sheep & Goats | Annually | Last Week in January |
| Meat Animals - Farm Production, Disposition & Income | Annually | Last Week in April |
| Commercial Slaughter | Monthly | Third Week of Each Month |
| DAIRY REPORTS | | |
| Cows Milked & Milk Production | Quarterly | Third Week in January, April, July & October |
| Milk Production & Disposition | Annually | Last Week in April |
| POULTRY REPORTS | | |
| Broiler Report | Weekly | Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. |
| Eggs, Chicken, and Hatchery | Monthly | Third Week of Each Month |
| Turkeys Raised | Annually | Last Week in April |
| Poultry Production, Disposition, & Income | Annually | Last Week in April |
| ECONOMIC REPORTS | | |
| Number of Farms & Land in Farms | Annually | Second Week in February |
| Prices Received By Farmers | Monthly | Last Week of Each Month |
| Prices Paid By Farmers | Annually | Last Week in April |
| Labor, Wage Rates | Bi-Annually | Third week in May & November |

NORTH CAROLINA'S RANK IN U.S. AGRICULTURE, 2012

| Rank | Item | Production | | N.C. % of U.S. | Top 3 States | | |
|------|---|------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|----|----|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | All Tobacco | 381 | (Mil Lbs) | 50.0 | NC | KY | VA |
| | Flue-cured Tobacco | 377 | (Mil Lbs) | 79.8 | NC | VA | SC |
| | Sweet Potatoes | 12,400 | (000 Cwt) | 46.8 | NC | CA | MS |
| 2 | All Poultry & Egg Cash Receipts | 4,188 | (Mil \$) | 10.7 | GA | NC | AR |
| | Annual Pig Crop Dec 09 - Nov 10 | 18 | (Mil Hd) | 15.3 | IA | NC | MN |
| | Christmas Tree Cash Receipts | 75.0 | (Mil \$) | 20.3 | OR | NC | WA |
| | Hogs & Pigs (12-1-10) | 9.0 | (Mil Hd) | 13.6 | IA | NC | MN |
| | Trout Sold (foodsize) | 3.3 | (Mil Lbs) | 6.8 | ID | NC | CA |
| | Turkeys | 36 | (Mil Hd) | 14.2 | MN | NC | AR |
| | Cucumbers: Processing | 35 | (000 Tons) | 7.0 | MI | FL | NC |
| 3 | Cucumbers: Fresh Market | 1,102 | (000 Cwt) | 11.0 | GA | FL | NC |
| | Broilers | 800 | (Mil Hd) | 9.5 | GA | AL | AR |
| 4 | Strawberries : Fresh Market | 203 | (000 Cwt) | 0.7 | CA | FL | OR |
| | Tomatoes: Fresh Market | 1,073 | (000 Cwt) | 3.9 | CA | FL | VA |
| | Upland Cotton ¹ | 1,225 | (000 Bales) | 7.4 | TX | GA | AR |
| | Bell Peppers | 775 | (000 Cwt) | 4.2 | CA | FL | GA |
| | Burley Tobacco | 4.0 | (Mil Lbs) | 1.9 | KY | TN | PA |
| 5 | Catfish Sold (foodsize) | 5.2 | (Mil Lbs) | 1.5 | MS | AL | AR |
| | Greenhouse/Nursery Cash Receipts ² | 719 | (Mil \$) | 4.6 | CA | FL | TX |
| | Peanuts | 435 | (Mil Lbs) | 6.4 | GA | AL | FL |
| | Squash | 680 | (000 Cwt) | 9.1 | MI | FL | CA |
| | Cabbage: Fresh Market | 1,269 | (000 Cwt) | 6.0 | NY | CA | FL |
| | Snap Beans: Fresh Market | 200 | (000 Cwt) | 3.7 | FL | CA | GA |
| | Blueberries | 41 | (Mil Lbs) | 8.6 | MI | GA | OR |
| 6 | Watermelons: Fresh Market | 2,490 | (000 Cwt) | 6.4 | FL | GA | CA |
| | Livestock, Dairy & Poultry Cash Receipts | 7,350 | (Mil \$) | 4.3 | TX | IA | CA |
| 7 | Chickens (12-1-10) (Excludes Broilers) | 20 | (Mil Hd) | 4.3 | IA | OH | IN |
| | Eggs - Value of Production | 392 | (Mil \$) | 5.0 | IA | GA | PA |
| 8 | All Commodity Cash Receipts | 11,707 | (Mil \$) | 3.0 | CA | IA | NE |
| | Grapes | 4,950 | (Tons) | 0.1 | CA | WA | NY |
| | Sweet Corn: Fresh Market | 864 | (000 Cwt) | 2.8 | FL | CA | GA |
| | Winter Wheat | 43 | (Mil Bu) | 2.6 | KS | OK | WA |
| 9 | Apples | 34 | (Mil Lbs) | 0.4 | WA | NY | PA |
| | Peaches | 5,300 | (Tons) | 0.5 | CA | SC | GA |
| 10 | Soybeans | 62 | (Mil Bu) | 2.0 | IA | IL | MN |
| | Barley | 1,071 | (000 Bu) | 0.5 | ND | ID | MT |
| 11 | Potatoes | 3,200 | (000 Cwt) | 0.7 | ID | WA | WI |
| | Oats | 975 | (000 Bu) | 1.5 | MN | WI | ND |
| 12 | Corn for Grain | 96 | (Mil Bu) | 0.9 | IA | MN | NE |
| | Crop Cash Receipts | 4,356 | (Mil \$) | 1.9 | CA | IA | IL |
| 13 | Milk | 940 | (Mil Lbs) | 0.5 | CA | WI | ID |
| | Hay | 1,660 | (000 Tons) | 1.4 | TX | CA | MO |
| 14 | Cattle on Farms (1-1-11) | 405 | (000 Hd) | 1.1 | TX | CA | MO |

¹ 480-lb. net weight bales. ² Includes floriculture and Christmas trees.



FARM REAL ESTATE VALUES

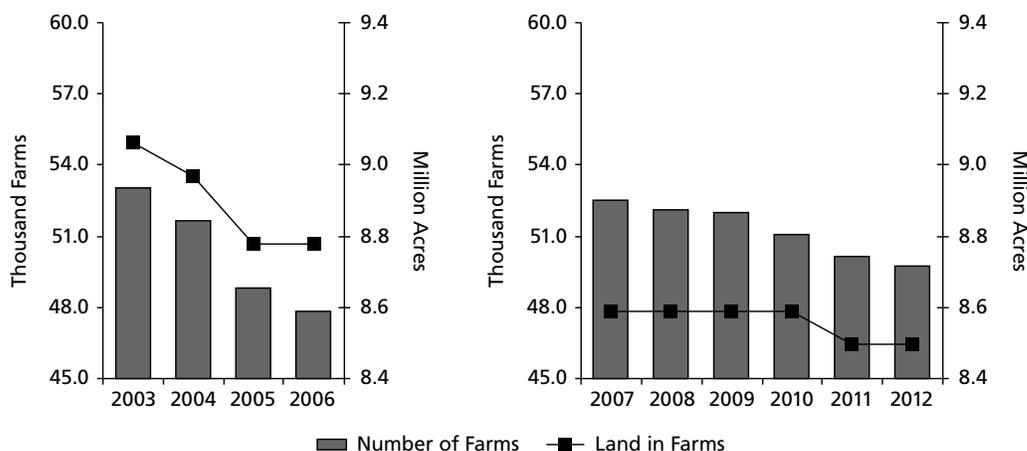
| Year | Farm Real Estate Values per Acre January 1 | Cropland | | Pasture | |
|----------------|--|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| | | Value per Acre | Cash Rent per Acre | Value per Acre | Cash Rent per Acre |
| <i>Dollars</i> | | | | | |
| 2008 | 4,450 | 3,850 | 57.50 | 4,870 | 29.00 |
| 2009 | 4,250 | 3,770 | 61.00 | 4,600 | 24.00 |
| 2010 | 4,200 | 3,720 | 63.00 | 4,500 | 24.00 |
| 2011 | 4,470 | 3,720 | 65.50 | 4,730 | 24.00 |
| 2012 | 4,500 | 4,000 | 70.50 | 4,500 | 26.00 |
| 2013 | 4,550 | 4,250 | 77.50 | 4,750 | 26.00 |

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 + |
| | <i>Thousands</i> | <i>Thousand Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Number</i> | | | <i>Thousand Acres</i> | | |
| NORTH CAROLINA | | | | | | | | | |
| 2008 | 52.5 | 8,600 | 164 | 32,700 | 11,300 | 8,500 | 2,000 | 1,650 | 4,950 |
| 2009 | 52.4 | 8,600 | 164 | 32,600 | 11,300 | 8,500 | 2,000 | 1,600 | 5,000 |
| 2010 | 51.4 | 8,600 | 167 | 31,900 | 11,300 | 8,200 | 2,000 | 1,600 | 5,000 |
| 2011 | 50.4 | 8,500 | 169 | 30,800 | 11,600 | 8,000 | 1,900 | 1,700 | 4,900 |
| 2012 | 50.0 | 8,500 | 170 | 29,200 | 12,900 | 7,900 | 1,700 | 1,800 | 5,000 |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | | | | | |
| 2008 | 2,200 | 919,910 | 418 | 1,222,100 | 604,500 | 373,500 | 106,700 | 225,310 | 587,900 |
| 2009 | 2,200 | 919,890 | 418 | 1,229,400 | 597,080 | 373,730 | 105,580 | 226,900 | 587,410 |
| 2010 | 2,192 | 918,840 | 419 | 1,227,200 | 592,420 | 372,380 | 104,380 | 225,130 | 589,330 |
| 2011 | 2,182 | 917,000 | 420 | 1,202,450 | 599,360 | 379,820 | 100,830 | 224,910 | 591,260 |
| 2012 | 2,170 | 914,000 | 421 | 1,172,200 | 602,580 | 395,220 | 96,890 | 221,820 | 595,290 |

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.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS ¹



¹ The 2007 Census of Agriculture established a new farm number base due to methodological changes that allowed a more accurate count of small farms.

2012 WEATHER SUMMARY

The year began with below normal precipitation and above normal temperatures. On January 3rd soil moisture was rated 1% very short, 9% short, 77% adequate and 13% surplus. Throughout the early months temperatures remained higher than normal and by April 24th the NC Drought Advisory Council designated 35 counties as "abnormally dry". Soil moisture concerns were relieved by the widespread showers during the month of May. Farmers were able to progress with the planting of cotton, peanuts, soybeans, tobacco transplanting, the cutting of hay and harvesting of small grains. The warmer temperatures also aided crop condition. June and July brought periods of excessive heat and sporadic rainfall causing a decline in surplus soil moisture. Showers returned in August and September and temperatures hovered around normal. By the end of September statewide soil moisture levels rated 12% short, 78% adequate and 10% surplus. Hurricane Sandy arrived the last weekend of October bringing high winds and several inches of rain to the coast and up to a foot of snow in the mountains. November and early December were dryer than the previous few months and farmers spent their time harvesting cotton and soybeans and planting winter grains. By the end of December statewide soil moisture was rated 1% very short 14% short, 69% adequate, and 16% surplus.

CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA, 2012

| District | Average Temperatures | | | | | | | | | | | | Average |
|-------------|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------|
| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | |
| | <i>Degrees Fahrenheit</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N. Mountain | 40.1 | 42.5 | 55.5 | 57.1 | 66.1 | 68.9 | 75.7 | 71.3 | 66.1 | 55.3 | 44.2 | 43.2 | 57.2 |
| W. Mountain | 36.8 | 39.5 | 52.0 | 53.7 | 63.8 | 66.6 | 73.7 | 69.2 | 63.9 | 52.6 | 41.0 | 40.6 | 54.5 |
| N. Piedmont | 42.2 | 44.2 | 57.8 | 57.9 | 69.3 | 72.6 | 80.9 | 75.9 | 69.4 | 58.7 | 45.2 | 46.4 | 60.0 |
| C. Piedmont | 43.2 | 45.1 | 58.7 | 59.1 | 70.2 | 72.8 | 81.3 | 76.2 | 70.0 | 59.3 | 45.7 | 47.2 | 60.7 |
| S. Piedmont | 44.7 | 46.3 | 60.9 | 61.4 | 71.3 | 74.2 | 81.8 | 76.7 | 71.2 | 60.5 | 47.6 | 48.5 | 62.1 |
| N. Coastal | 46.9 | 48.4 | 60.8 | 61.7 | 71.7 | 73.9 | 82.7 | 77.9 | 72.8 | 62.5 | 48.4 | 50.5 | 63.2 |
| C. Coastal | 47.1 | 48.1 | 59.9 | 60.5 | 71.5 | 73.8 | 82.1 | 78.1 | 72.3 | 63.1 | 48.8 | 50.8 | 63.0 |
| S. Coastal | 45.6 | 46.4 | 59.0 | 59.0 | 70.8 | 73.5 | 82.0 | 77.8 | 71.3 | 61.9 | 47.6 | 49.4 | 62.0 |
| District | Precipitation | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
| | <i>Inches of Water</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N. Mountain | 4.80 | 2.10 | 4.64 | 5.13 | 5.28 | 2.73 | 7.02 | 4.59 | 5.41 | 4.23 | 0.77 | 5.50 | 52.20 |
| W. Mountain | 3.55 | 1.97 | 4.45 | 4.89 | 7.12 | 3.04 | 5.61 | 3.75 | 5.90 | 2.78 | 0.71 | 4.18 | 47.95 |
| N. Piedmont | 1.79 | 1.82 | 3.74 | 2.78 | 5.16 | 2.70 | 4.82 | 5.39 | 5.84 | 2.45 | 0.44 | 3.13 | 40.06 |
| C. Piedmont | 2.09 | 2.04 | 3.88 | 2.43 | 5.53 | 3.45 | 5.02 | 4.18 | 5.64 | 2.12 | 0.55 | 3.54 | 40.47 |
| S. Piedmont | 2.59 | 1.62 | 3.23 | 2.45 | 6.10 | 2.84 | 4.57 | 5.09 | 4.05 | 1.96 | 0.70 | 3.93 | 39.13 |
| N. Coastal | 1.90 | 2.25 | 4.02 | 2.24 | 6.25 | 2.96 | 5.77 | 8.78 | 3.44 | 2.73 | 2.05 | 4.78 | 47.17 |
| C. Coastal | 2.67 | 2.53 | 3.89 | 2.99 | 7.43 | 2.29 | 8.94 | 8.21 | 4.38 | 4.36 | 0.83 | 5.27 | 53.79 |
| S. Coastal | 2.52 | 3.36 | 3.89 | 3.65 | 6.73 | 3.02 | 6.25 | 8.26 | 4.16 | 4.86 | 0.78 | 4.85 | 52.33 |

SOURCE: National Climate Center, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTS STATEWIDE, 2012

