

*Some Homemade
Goodness*

*"Look Honey,
Peaches!"*



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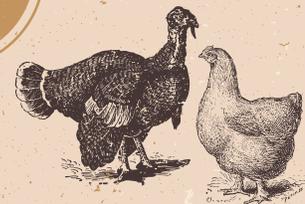
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IN 2014,
**N.C. HOG INVENTORY
RANKED 2ND**
IN THE NATION



**N.C.
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NO.1 IN
SWEET
POTATO
PRODUCTION
IN 2014**



N.C. RANKED 2ND
IN THE U.S. IN
**POULTRY & EGG
CASH RECEIPTS**
IN 2014

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Dear Readers,

Agriculture has been the foundation of our state's economy since its earliest beginnings, and it remains our No. 1 industry today. Food, fiber and forestry contribute \$76 billion to our state. Agriculture accounts for one-sixth of our state's income and employees.

I am proud of our farmers and others in the industry who work to keep our state moving forward in agriculture. There is no reason that agriculture cannot be a \$100 billion industry in the near future.

What does it take to be a \$100 billion industry? It takes support from our state's leaders; farmers and producers who provide high-quality products, and programs that support the growth of the industry.

One of these programs is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. The Got to Be NC program is focused on raising awareness of North Carolina agricultural products among the public. Over the past 10 years, Got to Be NC has expanded into all of the state's grocery store chains. Many restaurants across the state also proudly display the logo to tout the fact they're serving North Carolina food on the menu.

The roots of this program actually go back 30 years. It's an extension of the Goodness Grows in North Carolina marketing program, which began in 1985.

Got to Be NC has 3,000 members representing farmers, ranchers, fishermen and food businesses across the state. We want the yellow and green Got to Be NC logo to be a symbol of quality in our state, country and across the world.

Our goal is that worldwide, consumers know that Got to Be NC means that it is grown, raised, caught or made in North Carolina, it's the best. You support North Carolina agriculture every time you buy local. Your support, along with the hard work and dedication of farmers, producers, small-business owners and agribusiness leaders, will be what grows agriculture to \$100 billion.

Thank you for your interest in North Carolina agriculture. This book gives detailed information on the many agricultural products found throughout the state, from field crops – such as corn, wheat, tobacco and cotton – to livestock and poultry. These numbers tell the story of just how important agriculture is in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Steven W. Troxler
N.C. Commissioner of Agriculture





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Mission

The National Agricultural Statistics Service provides timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture.

Overview

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) conducts hundreds of surveys every year and prepares reports covering virtually every aspect of U.S. agriculture. Production and supplies of food and fiber, prices paid and received by farmers, farm labor and wages, farm finances, chemical use, and changes in the demographics of U.S. producers are only a few examples.

NASS is committed to providing timely, accurate, and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture.

To uphold our continuing commitment, NASS will:

- Report the facts on American agriculture, facts needed by people working in and depending upon U.S. agriculture.
- Provide objective and unbiased statistics on a preannounced schedule that is fair and impartial to all market participants.
- Conduct the Census of Agriculture every five years, providing the only source of consistent, comparable, and detailed agricultural data for every county in America.
- Serve the needs of our data users and customers at a local level through our network of State field offices and our cooperative relationship with universities and State Departments of Agriculture.
- Safeguard the privacy of farmers, ranchers, and other data providers, with a guarantee that confidentiality and data security continue to be our top priorities.

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Mission

To provide services that promote and improve agriculture, agribusiness and forests; protect consumers and businesses; and conserve farmland and natural resources for the prosperity of all North Carolinians.

Overview

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' divisions have responsibilities in regulatory and service areas covering agronomy; animal health; weights and measures; gas and oil inspection; crop and livestock statistics; USDA commodity distribution; state farm operations; food, drug and cosmetic testing for purity; agricultural marketing and promotion; agricultural marketing grading; international agricultural crop and livestock marketing; operation of the North Carolina State Fair and North Carolina Mountain State Fair; operation of four state farmers markets; research station operations; seed and fertilizer inspection; nursery and plant pest eradication activities; regulation of the structural pest control industry; agricultural environmental issues; soil and water conservation; forest management and protection; state and federal agricultural legislation; and agricultural economic analysis.

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