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IN 2014,  
NORTH CAROLINA HAD  
**49,500**  
FARMS



N.C.  
RANKED  
**8<sup>TH</sup>**  
IN THE NATION IN  
**FARM CASH RECEIPTS**  
IN 2014



**FARMLAND**  
IN THE STATE IN 2014 TOALED  
**8.4 MILLION**  
ACRES

## STATISTICAL REPORTS PROGRAM

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service compiles current and historic statistics concerning agriculture in North Carolina. 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 USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service publishes official statistics on North Carolina crops, livestock, prices, and various other agricultural items. The most requested reports and the approximate dates of releases are shown in the table below. These reports are free and available on the internet at [www.ncagr.gov/stats](http://www.ncagr.gov/stats), [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/index.asp](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/index.asp), or by writing to: State Statistician, Agricultural Statistics, P.O. Box 27767, Raleigh, NC 27611 or E-mail at: [ncagstat@ncagr.gov](mailto:ncagstat@ncagr.gov). Current and historical data series can be found at <http://quickstats.nass.usda.gov/>. For additional information regarding NC agricultural statistics please email [ncagstat@ncagr.gov](mailto:ncagstat@ncagr.gov).

TYPE OF REPORT	FREQUENCY OF REPORT	APPROX. DATE AVAILABLE
<b>CROP REPORTS</b>		
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
<b>WEATHER-CROPS REPORTS</b>		
	Weekly (Monthly: Jan. - Mar.)	Monday, 4:00 p.m.
<b>LIVESTOCK REPORTS</b>		
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
<b>DAIRY REPORTS</b>		
Cows Milked & Milk Production	Quarterly	Third Week in January, April, July & October
Milk Production & Disposition	Annually	Last Week in April
<b>POULTRY REPORTS</b>		
Broiler Report	Weekly	Wednesday, 3:00 pm
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
<b>ECONOMIC REPORTS</b>		
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, 2014

Rank	Item	Production		N.C. % of U.S.	Top 3 States		
					1	2	3
1	All Tobacco	454	(Mil Lbs)	51.8	NC	KY	VA
	Flue-cured Tobacco	451	(Mil Lbs)	78.8	NC	VA	GA
	Sweet Potatoes	15,840	(000 Cwt)	53.5	NC	CA	MS
2	All Poultry & Egg Cash Receipts	5,096.1	(Mil \$)	10.6	GA	NC	AR
	Hogs & Pigs (12-1-14)	8.8	(Mil Hd)	13.0	IA	NC	MN
	Annual Pig Crop Dec 13 - Nov 14	16.4	(Mil Hd)	14.4	IA	NC	MN
	Trout Sold (foodsize)	4.1	(Mil Lbs)	6.7	ID	NC	CA
3	Turkeys	28.5	(Mil Hd)	12.0	MN	AR	NC
	Strawberries: Fresh Market	154	(000 Cwt)	0.5	CA	FL	OR
4	Upland Cotton <sup>1</sup>	995	(000 Bales)	6.3	TX	GA	MS
	Broilers	795	(Mil Hd)	9.3	GA	AL	AR
	Catfish Sold (foodsize)	3.9	(Mil Lbs)	2.6	MS	AL	AR
6	Bell Peppers	441	(000 Cwt)	2.9	CA	FL	NJ
	Burley Tobacco	2.7	(Mil Lbs)	1.2	KY	TN	PA
	Cucumbers: Fresh Market	552	(000 Cwt)	8.0	FL	GA	CA
	Peanuts	400	(Mil Lbs)	7.7	GA	FL	AL
	Tomatoes: Fresh Market	850	(000 Cwt)	3.1	CA	FL	TN
7	Blueberries	48.8	(Mil Lbs)	8.5	MI	GA	WA
	Snap Beans: Fresh Market	172	(000 Cwt)	4.7	FL	NY	CA
	Livestock, Dairy & Poultry Cash Receipts	8,850.6	(Mil \$)	4.2	TX	IA	CA
	Chickens (12-1-14) (Excludes Broilers)	21.8	(Mil Hd)	4.6	IA	OH	IN
8	Eggs - Value of Production	501	(Mil \$)	4.9	IA	OH	PA
	Apples	125	(Mil Lbs)	1.1	WA	NY	MI
	Watermelons: Fresh Market	1,155	(000 Cwt)	3.6	TX	GA	CA
	All Commodity Cash Receipts	13,123.2	(Mil \$)	3.1	CA	IA	TX
9	Cabbage: Fresh Market	644	(000 Cwt)	2.9	CA	NY	FL
	Grapes	6,000	(Tons)	0.1	CA	WA	NY
	Squash	162	(000 Cwt)	2.8	MI	CA	FL
11	Winter Wheat	44.7	(Mil Bu)	3.2	KS	MT	CO
14	Peaches	4,400	(Tons)	0.5	CA	SC	GA
16	Barley	1,065	(000 Bu)	0.6	ID	MT	ND
	Oats	1,139	(000 Bu)	1.6	SD	WI	MN
	Potatoes	2,835	(000 Cwt)	0.6	ID	WA	WI
	Sweet Corn: Fresh Market	308	(000 Cwt)	1.2	CA	FL	GA
17	Crop Cash Receipts	4,272.6	(Mil \$)	2.1	CA	IL	IA
18	Corn for Grain	103	(Mil Bu)	0.7	IA	IL	NE
	Soybeans	69.2	(Mil Bu)	1.7	IL	IA	IN
29	Hay	1,996	(000 Tons)	1.4	TX	CA	MO
34	Milk	961	(Mil Lbs)	0.5	CA	WI	ID
	Cattle on Farms (1-1-15)	800	(000 Hd)	0.9	TX	NE	KS

<sup>1</sup> 480-lb. net weight bales.



## FARM REAL ESTATE VALUES

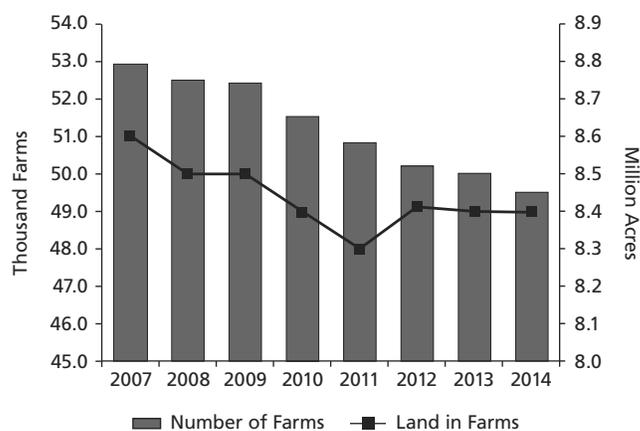
Year	Farm Real Estate Values per Acre January 1	Cropland		Pasture	
		Value per Acre	Cash Rent per Acre	Value per Acre	Cash Rent per Acre
<i>Dollars</i>					
2010	4,200	3,720	63.00	4,500	24.00
2011	4,340	3,610	65.50	4,590	24.00
2012	4,330	3,850	70.50	4,330	26.00
2013	4,340	4,050	77.50	4,530	26.00
2014	4,510	4,200	84.50	4,760	26.00
2015	4,500	4,100	88.50	4,700	27.00

## 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 +
	<i>Thousands</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Number</i>			<i>Thousand Acres</i>		
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>									
2010	51.5	8,400	163	32,100	10,900	8,500	2,000	1,450	4,950
2011	50.8	8,300	163	31,100	11,200	8,500	1,900	1,500	4,900
2012	50.2	8,410	168	29,500	12,200	8,500	1,700	1,510	5,200
2013	50.0	8,400	168	28,400	13,000	8,600	1,600	1,500	5,300
2014	49.5	8,400	170	28,000	12,800	8,700	1,500	1,500	5,400
<b>UNITED STATES</b>									
2010	2,150	915,660	426	1,173,300	602,740	373,480	103,350	211,190	601,120
2011	2,131	914,420	429	1,134,210	614,800	382,230	100,740	204,530	609,150
2012	2,110	914,600	433	1,090,330	620,640	398,840	96,020	195,340	623,240
2013	2,102	914,030	435	1,081,880	619,390	400,740	95,120	193,880	625,030
2014	2,084	913,000	438	1,054,860	622,150	406,990	90,800	193,820	628,380

<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.

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## 2014 WEATHER SUMMARY

The year began with reports of below normal temperatures and abnormally wet conditions throughout the state. Much of North Carolina experienced extreme cold snaps, and periods of heavy rain and snow followed by unseasonably warm temperatures and dry conditions. On February 2nd statewide soil moisture was rated 0% very short, 3% short, 57% adequate and 40% surplus. This weather pattern continued into February and March as daytime highs were reported in the 70's and 80's and lows reported in teens and 20's. Small grain, corn and tobacco progress was behind due to weather conditions, and by week ending April 27th corn was at 60% planted compared to the 5 year average of 79% and flue-cured tobacco at 20% compared to 39% average. By May 25th topsoil moisture was rated at 1% very short, 18% short, 65% adequate and 16% surplus. June temperatures averaged above normal. Afternoon storms and a tropical front late in the month alleviated some of the dry conditions experienced in the piedmont region. Hurricane Arthur passed over the coastal area of the state on July 3-4. A category 2 hurricane that produced up to 5 inches of rain and wind speeds between 30-50 mph. Areas of the piedmont continued to report abnormally dry conditions. A cold front pushed through North Carolina the week ending July 27th bringing widespread rain totaling between 0.4 and 7.4 inches and temperatures ranging between 1 and 4 degrees below normal. These conditions continued throughout August until late in the month when temperatures rose to the mid to upper nineties in most areas. Corn, cotton and soybean progress looked to be on target with projected five year averages. By September, farmers were busy harvesting corn, sweet potatoes and tobacco. There was a major rain event the week ending September 14th. As of September 28th statewide topsoil moisture levels were at 1% very short, 9% short, 74% adequate and 16% surplus. October brought the first frost of the season in the mountains. Dry conditions aided harvest and by November 2nd farmers were on target harvesting all commodities and the planting of small grains. By the end of the December, sorghum and soybeans harvest was almost complete. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 0% very short, 2% short, 57% adequate and 41% surplus.

## CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA, 2014

District	Average Temperatures												Average
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
<i>Degrees Fahrenheit</i>													
N. Mountain	27.1	36.4	40.1	52.2	61.6	69.2	68.7	67.8	65.1	54.7	38.8	40.5	51.9
S. Mountain	29.3	39.9	43.5	55.4	63.6	71.2	70.6	70.9	68.3	57.0	41.3	43.0	54.5
N. Piedmont	33.8	41.5	43.7	58.1	68.0	75.5	76.5	73.4	70.6	60.9	44.7	43.7	57.5
C. Piedmont	34.5	42.5	44.7	58.7	68.4	75.4	76.3	74.2	70.8	61.0	44.9	43.9	57.9
S. Piedmont	36.1	44.8	47.4	60.9	70.0	77.3	77.5	76.0	72.1	62.5	47.0	45.6	59.8
N. Coastal	38.2	43.1	46.0	59.1	70.2	75.4	77.2	75.8	73.2	63.6	48.5	46.2	59.7
C. Coastal	40.4	45.5	48.1	61.9	71.6	76.9	78.6	77.2	74.6	65.0	50.3	48.0	61.5
S. Coastal	39.1	45.6	47.5	62.3	71.7	77.7	78.7	77.4	73.9	64.5	48.8	47.5	61.2
District	Precipitation												Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
<i>Inches of Water</i>													
N. Mountain	2.90	3.20	3.26	4.36	3.92	3.77	3.63	5.48	4.14	5.04	4.09	2.82	46.61
S. Mountain	2.95	3.66	3.22	5.39	4.15	5.36	5.35	3.81	4.75	4.88	3.89	3.15	50.56
N. Piedmont	3.42	2.79	4.52	4.87	3.40	2.59	3.34	4.57	3.94	2.88	3.83	3.03	43.18
C. Piedmont	3.05	2.80	5.09	4.65	4.05	2.98	4.11	5.88	4.04	2.43	3.96	3.41	46.45
S. Piedmont	3.28	3.20	5.18	5.09	3.58	3.23	3.93	4.26	5.03	1.76	4.32	3.32	46.18
N. Coastal	4.26	3.28	5.03	5.55	2.77	4.34	6.17	5.73	7.30	2.22	3.59	4.25	54.49
C. Coastal	4.07	3.56	4.90	5.16	2.76	5.95	7.88	8.44	8.44	2.59	3.70	4.01	61.46
S. Coastal	3.20	3.31	5.52	4.48	3.37	4.07	7.31	6.87	6.61	1.75	3.93	4.63	55.05

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

## SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTS STATEWIDE, 2014

