



## Buncombe County North Carolina

### Total and Per Farm Overview, 2017 and change since 2012

|   | 2017        | % change since 2012 |
|---|-------------|---------------------|
| Number of farms                                     | 1,073       | +1                  |
| Land in farms (acres)                               | 72,284      | +1                  |
| Average size of farm (acres)                        | 67          | (Z)                 |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>(\$)</b> |                     |
| Market value of products sold                       | 48,013,000  | -12                 |
| Government payments                                 | 357,000     | -76                 |
| Farm-related income                                 | 4,535,000   | +113                |
| Total farm production expenses                      | 45,394,000  | -12                 |
| Net cash farm income                                | 7,512,000   | +19                 |
| <b>Per farm average</b>                             | <b>(\$)</b> |                     |
| Market value of products sold                       | 44,747      | -13                 |
| Government payments<br>(average per farm receiving) | 2,707       | -66                 |
| Farm-related income                                 | 16,314      | +100                |
| Total farm production expenses                      | 42,306      | -13                 |
| Net cash farm income                                | 7,001       | +17                 |

(Z) Percent of state agriculture sales

#### Share of Sales by Type (%)

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Crops                            | 77 |
| Livestock, poultry, and products | 23 |

#### Land in Farms by Use (%) <sup>a</sup>

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| Cropland    | 25 |
| Pastureland | 28 |
| Woodland    | 37 |
| Other       | 10 |

Acres irrigated: 844

1% of land in farms

#### Land Use Practices (% of farms)

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| No till        | 11 |
| Reduced till   | 4  |
| Intensive till | 7  |
| Cover crop     | 16 |

### Farms by Value of Sales

|                      | Number | Percent of Total <sup>a</sup> |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Less than \$2,500    | 476    | 44                            |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999   | 167    | 16                            |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999   | 150    | 14                            |
| \$10,000 to \$24,999 | 144    | 13                            |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 63     | 6                             |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 34     | 3                             |
| \$100,000 or more    | 39     | 4                             |

### Farms by Size

|                  | Number | Percent of Total <sup>a</sup> |
|------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 1 to 9 acres     | 250    | 23                            |
| 10 to 49 acres   | 472    | 44                            |
| 50 to 179 acres  | 280    | 26                            |
| 180 to 499 acres | 53     | 5                             |
| 500 to 999 acres | 13     | 1                             |
| 1,000 + acres    | 5      | (Z)                           |

**Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold**

|   | Sales<br>(\$1,000) | Rank<br>in<br>State <sup>b</sup> | Counties<br>Producing<br>Item | Rank<br>in<br>U.S. <sup>b</sup> | Counties<br>Producing<br>Item |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>48,013</b>      | <b>60</b>                        | <b>100</b>                    | <b>1,786</b>                    | <b>3,077</b>                  |
| <b>Crops</b>  | <b>37,180</b>      | <b>35</b>                        | <b>100</b>                    | <b>1,294</b>                    | <b>3,073</b>                  |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas                     | 635                | 81                               | 99                            | 2,212                           | 2,916                         |
| Tobacco   | 15                 | 59                               | 62                            | 254                             | 323                           |
| Cotton and cottonseed                                     | -                  | -                                | 52                            | -                               | 647                           |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, sweet potatoes              | 6,142              | 19                               | 100                           | 299                             | 2,821                         |
| Fruits, tree nuts, berries                                | 569                | 21                               | 98                            | 619                             | 2,748                         |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, sod                    | 28,292             | 2                                | 98                            | 105                             | 2,601                         |
| Cultivated Christmas trees, short rotation<br>woody crops | 272                | 12                               | 38                            | 142                             | 1,384                         |
| Other crops and hay                                       | 1,254              | 48                               | 98                            | 1,667                           | 3,040                         |
| <b>Livestock, poultry, and products</b>                   | <b>10,834</b>      | <b>68</b>                        | <b>100</b>                    | <b>2,052</b>                    | <b>3,073</b>                  |
| Poultry and eggs  | 788                | 66                               | 98                            | 752                             | 3,007                         |
| Cattle and calves   | 3,925              | 25                               | 100                           | 1,828                           | 3,055                         |
| Milk from cows  | 3,603              | 14                               | 49                            | 693                             | 1,892                         |
| Hogs and pigs   | (D)                | 59                               | 95                            | 903                             | 2,856                         |
| Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, milk                          | 413                | 1                                | 95                            | 411                             | 2,984                         |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, donkeys                    | 122                | 39                               | 92                            | 1,317                           | 2,970                         |
| Aquaculture   | (D)                | 31                               | 54                            | (D)                             | 1,251                         |
| Other animals and animal products                         | 1,845              | 4                                | 97                            | 100                             | 2,878                         |

|                                     |              |                                   |   |        |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|---|--------|
| <b>Total Producers <sup>c</sup></b> | <b>1,849</b> | <b>Percent of farms that:</b>     | <b>Top Crops in Acres <sup>d</sup></b>    |        |
| <b>Sex</b>                          |              | <b>Have internet access</b>       | <b>78</b>                                 |        |
| Male                                | 1,134        | <b>Farm organically</b>           | <b>1</b>                                  |        |
| Female                              | 715          | <b>Sell directly to consumers</b> | <b>16</b>                                 |        |
| <b>Age</b>                          |              | <b>Hire farm labor</b>            | <b>21</b>                                 |        |
| <35                                 | 155          | <b>Are family farms</b>           | <b>97</b>                                 |        |
| 35 – 64                             | 984          |                                   |   |        |
| 65 and older                        | 710          |                                   |   |        |
| <b>Race</b>                         |              |                                   |   |        |
| American Indian/Alaska Native       | 4            |                                   |   |        |
| Asian                               | 10           |                                   |   |        |
| Black or African American           | 8            |                                   |   |        |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander    | -            |                                   |   |        |
| White                               | 1,825        |                                   |   |        |
| More than one race                  | 2            |                                   |   |        |
| <b>Other characteristics</b>        |              |                                   |   |        |
| Hispanic, Latino, Spanish origin    | 31           |                                   |   |        |
| With military service               | 200          |                                   |   |        |
| New and beginning farmers           | 597          |                                   |   |        |
|                                     |              |                                   | <b>Livestock Inventory (Dec 31, 2017)</b> |        |
|                                     |              |                                   | Broilers and other meat-type chickens     | 2,944  |
|                                     |              |                                   | Cattle and calves                         | 13,764 |
|                                     |              |                                   | Goats                                     | 1,489  |
|                                     |              |                                   | Hogs and pigs                             | 743    |
|                                     |              |                                   | Horses and ponies                         | 1,209  |
|                                     |              |                                   | Layers                                    | 15,863 |
|                                     |              |                                   | Pullets                                   | 1,256  |
|                                     |              |                                   | Sheep and lambs                           | 1,550  |
|                                     |              |                                   | Turkeys                                   | 14     |

See 2017 Census of Agriculture, U.S. Summary and State Data, for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, commodity descriptions, and methodology.

<sup>a</sup> May not add to 100% due to rounding. <sup>b</sup> Among counties whose rank can be displayed. <sup>c</sup> Data collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

<sup>d</sup> Crop commodity names may be shortened; see full names at [www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/go/cropnames.pdf). <sup>e</sup> Position below the line does not indicate rank. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not available. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. (-) Represents zero.