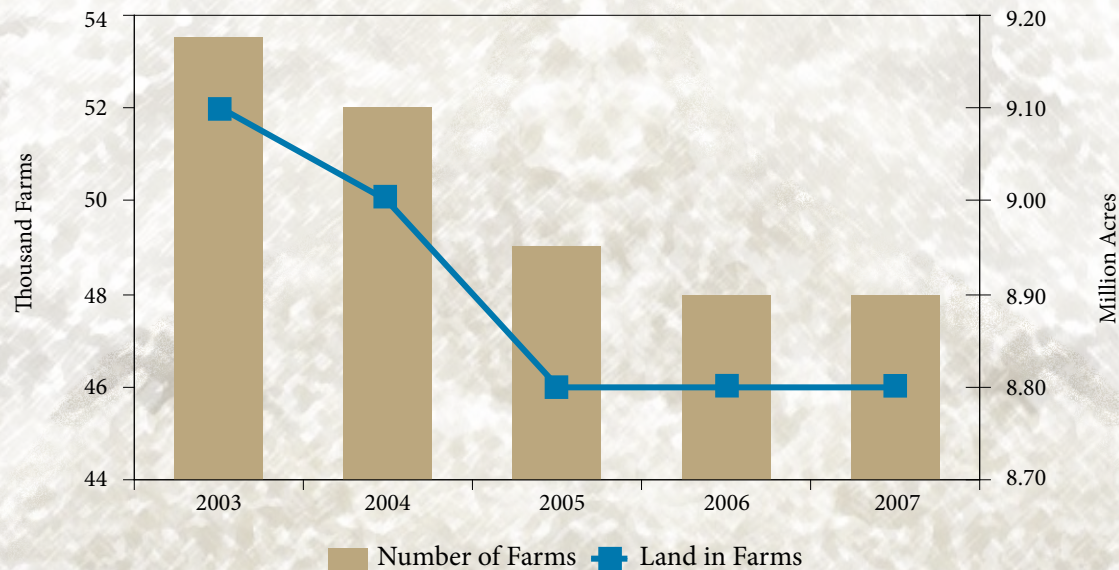


NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS ¹

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Average Size	Sales Class Estimates					
				\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,999	\$100,000 +	\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,999	\$100,000 +
	Thousands	Thousand Acres	Acres	Number			Thousand Acres		
2003	53.5	9,100	170	33,500	11,500	8,500	2,300	2,000	4,800
2004	52.0	9,000	173	32,100	11,300	8,600	2,200	1,950	4,850
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	48.0	8,800	183	28,400	10,700	8,900	1,930	1,730	5,140

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



2002 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

OPERATIONS BY TYPE

Family/Individual	90.2%
Partnership	6.0%
Incorporated	3.4%
Other	0.4%

OPERATIONS BY SIZE

Size of Operation	Farms % of Total	Land in Farms % of Total
1 - 49 Acres	45.6	6.2
50 - 99 Acres	21.4	8.9
100 - 179 Acres	13.8	10.7
180 - 499 Acres	11.9	20.2
500 - 999 Acres	4.0	16.2
1,000 + Acres	3.3	37.8

PRINCIPAL OPERATORS BY AGE GROUP

Age of Operator	Percent of Operations
Under 25	0.6
25 - 34	4.2
35 - 44	15.4
45 - 54	27.0
55 - 64	25.4
65 - 69	10.0
70 and Over	17.4

Average Age = 56.1

FARMS BY VALUE OF SALES

Dollars	Number
Less than 49,999	42,931
50,000 - 99,999	2,208
100,000 - 249,999	2,630
250,000 or more	6,161

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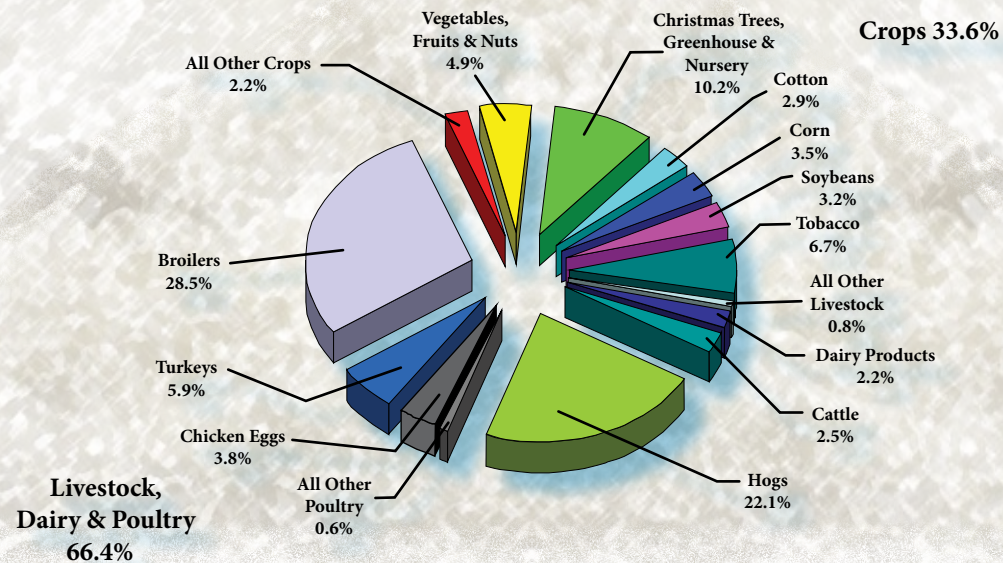
FARM INCOME Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings by Commodity

NC Rank	Commodities	2007	2007 % of Total Sales	NC Rank	Commodities	2007	2007 % of Total Sales
		<i>Thousand Dollars</i>	<i>Percent ¹</i>			<i>Thousand Dollars</i>	<i>Percent ¹</i>
1	Broilers ²	2,479,538	28.5	11	Dairy Products	189,280	2.2
2	Hogs	1,918,832	22.1	12	Sweetpotatoes	136,306	1.6
3	Greenhouse/Nursery/Floriculture ³	889,693	10.2	13	Wheat	109,657	1.3
4	Tobacco	586,451	6.7	14	Peanuts	56,700	0.7
5	Turkeys ²	513,162	5.9	15	Blueberries	30,570	0.4
6	Chicken eggs ²	328,664	3.8	16	Cucumbers	24,652	0.3
7	Corn	304,681	3.5	17	Tomatoes, fresh	24,360	0.3
8	Soybeans	274,373	3.2	18	Irish Potatoes	21,584	0.2
9	Cotton & Cottonseed	252,431	2.9	19	Cabbage, Fresh	19,200	0.2
10	Cattle and Calves	220,347	2.5	20	Strawberries	17,955	0.2

SOURCE: Economic Research Service, USDA

¹ Percents may not add due to rounding. ² Value of production. ³ Includes Christmas trees.

SOURCE OF FARM CASH RECEIPTS \$8,691,099,000



NORTH CAROLINA'S RANK IN U.S. AGRICULTURE

Rank	Item	Production	NC % of US	Top 3 States		
				1	2	3
1	All Tobacco	383.4 (Mil Lbs)	49.2	NC	KY	VA
	Annual Pig Crop Dec 06 - Nov 07	20.4 (Mil Hd)	18.2	NC	IA	MN
	Christmas Trees Cash Receipts	125 (Mil \$)	25.3	NC	OR	WA
2	Flue Cured Tobacco	376.82 (Mil Lbs)	74.8	NC	SC	VA
	Sweet Potatoes	6,665 (000 Cwt)	36.9	NC	CA	MS
	Hogs & Pigs (12-1-07)	10.2 (Mil Hd)	15.0	IA	NC	MN
3	Trout Sold (Foodsize)	4.24 (Mil Lbs)	6.1	ID	NC	WA
	Turkeys	39 (Mil Hd)	14.4	MN	NC	AR
	Cucumbers, Processing	42.27 (000 Tons)	8.3	MI	FL	WI
4	Strawberries	189 (000 Cwt)	0.8	CA	FL	OR
	Bell Peppers	624 (000 Cwt)	4.3	CA	FL	GA
	Broilers	781.2 (Mil Hd)	8.8	GA	AR	AL
5	Burley Tobacco	6.6 (Mil Lbs)	3.2	KY	TN	PA
	Cabbage	1,920 (000 Cwt)	7.4	CA	NY	GA
	Cucumbers, Fresh Market	735 (000 Cwt)	7.9	FL	GA	CA
	Greenhouse & Nursery Cash Receipts	889.7 (Mil \$)	5.2	CA	FL	TX
	Peanuts	252 (Mil lbs)	6.7	GA	TX	AL

TOP TEN COUNTIES IN TOTAL FARM CASH RECEIPTS ¹

County	Thousand Dollars	County	Thousand Dollars
Duplin	819,638	Bladen	275,320
Sampson	778,538	Johnston	255,635
Union	405,039	Robeson	243,385
Wilkes	332,620	Randolph	228,396
Wayne	321,117	Lenoir	177,579

¹ Includes government payments

COUNTY CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS Including: Crops, Livestock & Government Payments

