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Alamance County

LOCAL FARMS AND FOOD PROFILE

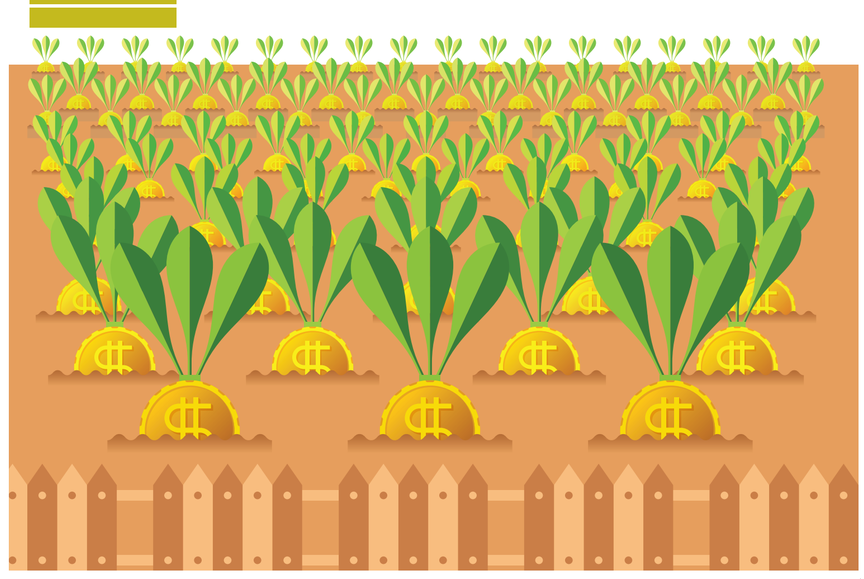
DATA FROM 2017 & 2012 USDA CENSUS. MORE INFO AT GO.NCSU.EDU/AGCENSUS

80,042 ACRES OF FARMS
DOWN 4% FROM 2012

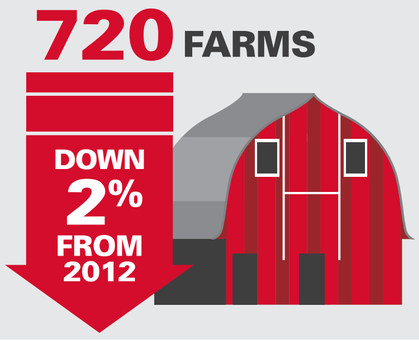
111 ACRES AVERAGE SIZE OF FARM
DOWN 3% FROM 2012

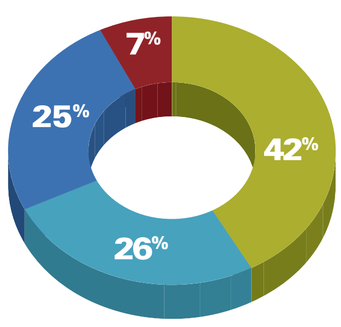
390 ANIMAL FARMS
DOWN 6% FROM 2012

UP 27% FROM 2012
$41,749,000 TOTAL AG PRODUCTS SOLD



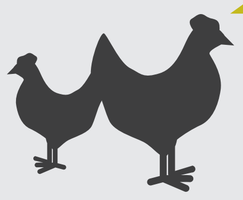
720 FARMS
DOWN 2% FROM 2012



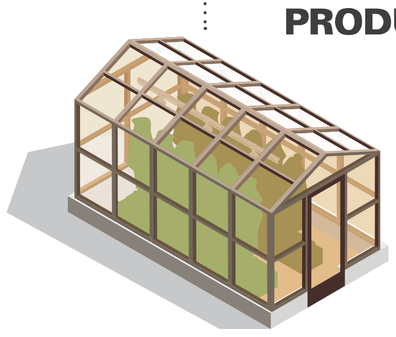


FARMLAND COMPONENTS
- CROPLAND
- WOODLAND
- PASTURELAND
- OTHER

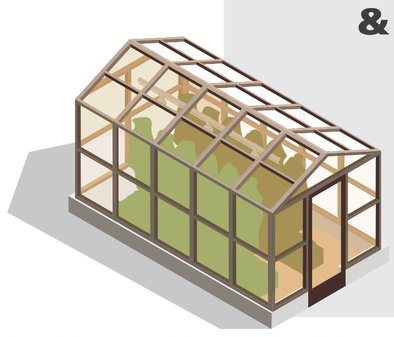
$27,011,000 VALUE OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS
UP 54% FROM 2012



36 SOD, GREENHOUSE, NURSERY, FLORICULTURE FARMS
UP 38% FROM 2012



$1,272,000 VALUE OF SOD, GREENHOUSE, NURSERY, FLORICULTURE PRODUCTS
DOWN 71% FROM 2012



362 TOTAL CROP FARMS, INCLUDING NURSERY & GREENHOUSE
UP 15% FROM 2012

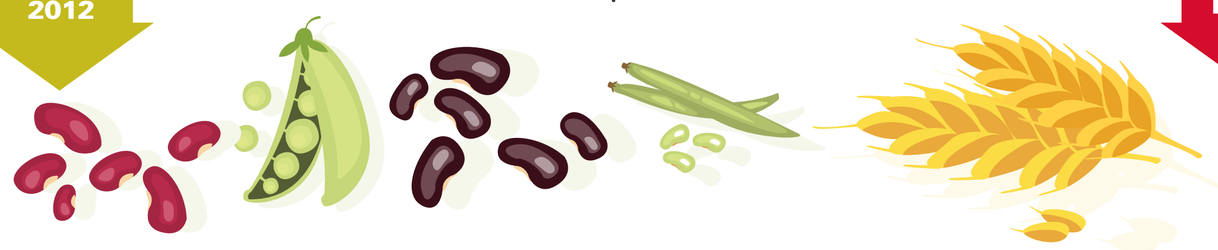
$14,739,000 VALUE OF CROP INCLUDING NURSERY & GREENHOUSE
DOWN 4% FROM 2012

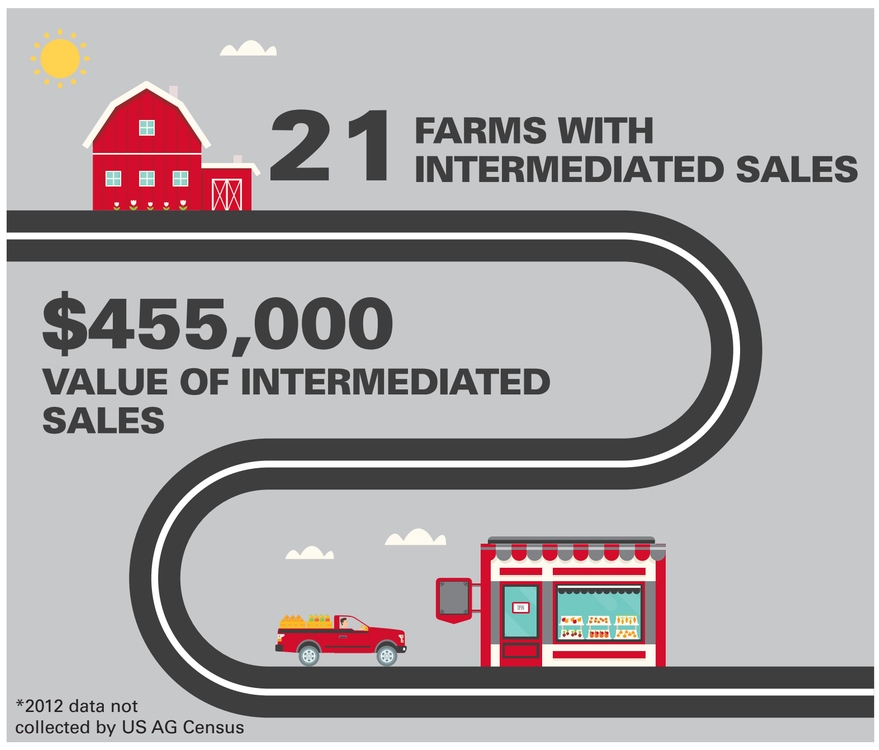
90 FARMS THAT SELL DIRECT TO CONSUMER
DOWN 4% FROM 2012

$787,000 DIRECT TO CONSUMER SALES
UP 48% FROM 2012

0% FROM 2012
68 GRAIN, OILSEED, BEAN, PEA FARMS

$3,369,000 VALUE OF GRAIN, OILSEED, BEAN, PEA PRODUCTS
DOWN 38% FROM 2012





21 FARMS WITH INTERMEDIATED SALES

$455,000 VALUE OF INTERMEDIATED SALES

*2012 data not collected by US AG Census

UP 22% FROM 2012
39 FRUIT, NUT & BERRY FARMS

55 VEGETABLE, MELON, & POTATO FARMS
DOWN 2% FROM 2012

$216,000 VALUE OF FRUIT, NUT & BERRY

$832,000 VALUE OF VEGETABLE, MELON & POTATO

UP 69% FROM 2012

$51,000 AGRITOURISM REVENUE
UP 219% FROM 2012

UP 25% FROM 2012
10 AGRITOURISM FARMS

415 FEMALE PRODUCERS

792 MALE PRODUCERS

371 NEW & BEGINNING FARMERS

98 PRODUCERS WITH MILITARY SERVICE

58.8 PRINCIPAL PRODUCER AVERAGE AGE

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Agriculture as Economic Development

North Carolina's agricultural industry, including food, fiber and forestry, contributes $91.9 billion to the state's economy, accounts for more than 17 percent of the state's income, and employs 17 percent of the workforce. *

North Carolina is one of the most diversified agriculture states in the nation. The state's 46,418 farmers grow over 80 different commodities, utilizing 8.4 million of the state's 31 million acres to furnish consumers a dependable and affordable supply of food and fiber. The state ranks eighth nationally in Total Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold. Net income per farm in the state is over $86,645.

This Local Food and Farms infographic is designed for economic developers, planners, local food advocates, and community members to understand the impact of their county and region to the overall NC agricultural economic impact. The economic indicators provided here can help local governments as they design ways to support agricultural businesses as key components of vibrant and resilient, local and rural economies. Each region in North Carolina presents a unique set of opportunities for sustainable economic growth and entrepreneurship.

Consider one example: When school systems purchase food from local farmers, students benefit from access to healthy fresh produce, farmers benefit from sales into local schools, and the community benefits because these local sales are spent at other local businesses. This type of local business opportunity keeps farms in production, maintaining North Carolina's agricultural asset base both in terms of land and farming know-how. And it keeps dollars spent on food circulating among other local businesses.

As decision makers consider policies, programs and practices to support the agriculture sector there are numerous examples and supporting reports providing guidance:

NCSU / Center for Environmental Farming Systems / NC State Extension Local Food
Local Government Guide to Developing Local Food Economies
https://cefs.ncsu.edu/food-system-initiatives/local-food-economies/local-government-guide-to-food-economies/

Food System Initiatives (includes NC case studies)
https://cefs.ncsu.edu/food-system-initiatives/local-food-economies/

The NC 10% Campaign Initiative
https://www.nc10percent.com/

NC Local Food
https://localfood.ces.ncsu.edu/
https://localfood.ces.ncsu.edu/food-system-supply-chain/

USDA
The Economics of Local Food Systems: A Toolkit to Guide Community Discussions, Assessments, and Choices
https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/Toolkit%20Designed%20FINAL%203-22-16.pdf

For up to date information on this project go to
go.ncsu.edu/agcensus

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https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/AgCensus/2017/Full_Report/Volume_1,_Chapter_2_US_State_Level/st99_2_0004_0004.pdf