

# Anson County

## LOCAL FARMS AND FOOD PROFILE

DATA FROM 2017 & 2012 USDA CENSUS. MORE INFO AT [GO.NCSU.EDU/AGCENSUS](http://GO.NCSU.EDU/AGCENSUS)

**UP 2% FROM 2012**

**85,330 ACRES OF FARMS**

**UP 6% FROM 2012**

**207 ACRES AVERAGE SIZE OF FARM**

**230 ANIMAL FARMS**

**DOWN 8% FROM 2012**

**UP 57% FROM 2012**

**\$303,746,000 TOTAL AG PRODUCTS SOLD**

**412 FARMS**

**DOWN 4% FROM 2012**

**FARMLAND COMPONENTS**

- CROPLAND 39%
- WOODLAND 38%
- PASTURELAND 12%
- OTHER 11%

**\$290,611,000 VALUE OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS**

**UP 64% FROM 2012**

**4 SOD, GREENHOUSE, NURSERY, FLORICULTURE FARMS**

**DOWN 69% FROM 2012**

**VALUE OF SOD, GREENHOUSE, NURSERY, FLORICULTURE PRODUCTS**

\* Insufficient Data

**137 TOTAL CROP FARMS, INCLUDING NURSERY & GREENHOUSE**

**DOWN 18% FROM 2012**

**\$13,135,000 VALUE OF CROP INCLUDING NURSERY & GREENHOUSE**

**DOWN 22% FROM 2012**

**11 FARMS THAT SELL DIRECT TO CONSUMER**

**DOWN 39% FROM 2012**

**\$273,000 DIRECT TO CONSUMER SALES**

**UP 992% FROM 2012**

**62 GRAIN, OILSEED, BEAN, PEA FARMS**

**UP 9% FROM 2012**

**\$8,952,000 VALUE OF GRAIN, OILSEED, BEAN, PEA PRODUCTS**

**DOWN 18% FROM 2012**

**5 FARMS WITH INTERMEDIATED SALES**

**\$127,000 VALUE OF INTERMEDIATED SALES**

\* 2012 data not collected by US AG Census

**3 FRUIT, NUT & BERRY FARMS**

**DOWN 63% FROM 2012**

**5 VEGETABLE, MELON, & POTATO FARMS**

**DOWN 69% FROM 2012**

**\$50,000 AGRITOURISM REVENUE**

**DOWN 10% FROM 2012**

**UP 748% FROM 2012**

**\$712,000 VALUE OF FRUIT, NUT & BERRY**

**VALUE OF VEGETABLE, MELON & POTATO**

\* Insufficient Data

**9 AGRITOURISM FARMS**

**181 FEMALE PRODUCERS**

**424 MALE PRODUCERS**

**172 NEW & BEGINNING FARMERS**

**73 PRODUCERS WITH MILITARY SERVICE**

**60.1 PRINCIPAL PRODUCER AVERAGE AGE**

\* Insufficient Data

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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](http://go.ncsu.edu/agcensus)

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