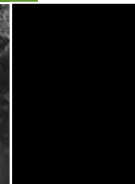




Section 3:

LIVESTOCK, DAIRY & POULTRY

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LIVESTOCK, DAIRY, AND POULTRY

Record Highs and Lows

Species	Date Series Began	Record High		Record Low	
		Year	Number	Year	Number
			<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Thousands</i>
Cattle and Calves - Inventory, Jan 1	1867	1985	1,175	1927	490
Beef cows - Inventory, Jan 1	1920	1996	476	1930	18
Milk Cows - Inventory, Jan 1	1867	1945	400	2021	39
Milk Production (Lbs)	1924	1985	1,748,000	2010	866,000
Sheep and Lambs - Inventory, Jan 1	1920	1921	95	1979	7
Hogs - Inventory, Dec 1	1866	2007	10,200	1929	830
Chickens - Inventory, Dec 1	1924	2019	24,206	1931	8,670
Egg Production	1924	2021	4,098,000	1930	542,000
Commercial Broilers	1934	2022	976,200	1934	900
Turkeys - Total Raised	1929	1992	62,000	1931	198

NOTE: In some cases, the production or inventory is identical for more than one year. In such cases, the year shown is the latest year or occurrence.



LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY INVENTORY

Species and Classification	North Carolina		United States	
	Number on Farms January 1		Number on Farms January 1	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>Thousand Head</i>	
Cattle - Total ¹	780	740	92,077	89,274
Cows & Heifers that have calved	400	380	39,360	38,320
Beef Cows	361	341	29,983	28,918
Milk Cows	39	39	9,377	9,403
Heifers 500 pounds and over	102	97	19,916	19,173
For Beef Cow replacement	62	60	5,482	5,164
For Milk Cow replacement	14	17	4,441	4,337
Other Heifers	26	20	9,994	9,672
Steers 500 pounds and over	42	40	16,705	16,132
Bulls 500 pounds and over	31	28	2,110	2,029
Calves under 500 pounds	205	195	13,986	13,621
Sheep - Total	29	30	5,065	5,020
Breeding Sheep & Lambs	23	23	3,710	3,665
Replacement Lambs	4	4	640	635
Ewes 1 year plus	17	17	2,910	2,870
Rams 1 year plus	3	2	160	160
Market Sheep & Lambs	6	7	1,355	1,355
Goats - Total ²	-	-	2,550	2,507
Angora Goats ²	-	-	110	107
Milk Goats	8	9	410	400
Meat and Other Goats	43	40	2,030	2,000
	Number on Farms December 1		Number on Farms December 1	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>Thousand Head</i>	
All Hogs and Pigs	8,000	8,300	74,446	74,849
Breeding Hogs	810	790	6,125	6,104
Market Hogs	7,190	7,510	68,321	68,746
Under 50 Pounds	2,890	2,960	21,594	21,788
50-119 Pounds	1,460	1,700	19,005	19,130
120-179 Pounds	1,355	1,430	14,374	14,800
180 Pounds and above	1,485	1,420	13,348	13,028
Chickens - Total ³	23,994	23,853	526,057	513,005
Layers	15,947	15,519	396,147	377,606

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding. ² North Carolina not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. ³ Does not include commercial broilers.

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY INVENTORY VALUES

Year	All Cattle and Calves January 1		All Hogs and Pigs December 1		All Chickens December 1		All Sheep and Lambs January 1	
	Farm Value per Head	Total Value	Farm Value per Head	Total Value	Farm Value per Head	Total Value	Farm Value per Head	Total Value
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Thousand Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Thousand Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Thousand Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Thousand Dollars</i>
2019	730	584,000	96	902,400	8.60	208,172	194	5,626
2020	740	599,400	94	827,200	10.00	240,580	196	5,880
2021	780	624,000	105	840,000	11.00	263,934	201	5,628
2022	850	663,000	130	1,066,000	13.00	310,089	211	6,119
2023	910	673,400	-	-	-	-	234	7,020

MEAT ANIMALS

Numbers, Production, Disposition, Price, and Income

Species	2019	2020	2021	2022
Hogs and Pigs	<i>Thousands</i>			
Number:				
Beginning Inventory: (Dec 1 preceding year)	9,200	9,300	8,800	8,000
Pig Crop: (December - November)	19,544	19,366	17,985	17,970
Inshipments	755	479	692	691
Marketings ¹	18,168	18,054	17,446	16,298
Farm Slaughter ²	1	1	1	2
Deaths	2,030	2,290	2,030	2,105
Production (Lbs) ³	4,502,285	4,596,947	4,252,542	4,160,771
Marketings (Lbs) ⁴	4,614,584	4,683,114	4,412,342	4,215,210
Value of Production (\$)	2,100,521	1,839,738	3,092,457	3,132,866
Cash Receipts from Sales (\$) ⁵	2,173,468	1,938,810	2,929,795	3,102,394
Value of Home Consumption (\$)	608	539	873	962
Gross Income (\$)	2,174,076	1,939,349	2,930,668	3,103,356
Ending Inventory December 1	9,300	8,800	8,000	8,300
Cattle and Calves				
Number:				
On hand January 1 (Total)	800	810	800	780
Calves Born	365	375	370	350
Inshipments	5	5	11	15
Marketings: ¹				
Cattle	203	216	226	232
Calves	120	134	144	141
Farm Slaughter: ²	1	1	1	2
Deaths:				
Cattle	15	17	13	14
Calves	22	23	18	17
Production: ³				
Total Cattle and Calves (Lbs)	296,820	294,548	294,790	273,555
Marketings (Lbs) ⁴	276,410	298,150	312,220	311,460
Value of Production (\$)	226,824	229,681	245,183	262,715
Cash Receipts from Sales (\$) ⁵	214,688	235,944	263,292	303,756
Value of Home Consumption (\$)	2,826	2,731	2,932	4,184
Gross Income (\$)	217,514	238,675	266,224	307,940
Ending Inventory (Total) (January 1 succeeding year)	810	800	780	740

¹ Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within the State. ² Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments. ³ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and inshipments. ⁴ Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State. ⁵ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. Also includes allowance for higher average price of State inshipments and outshipments of feeder pigs.

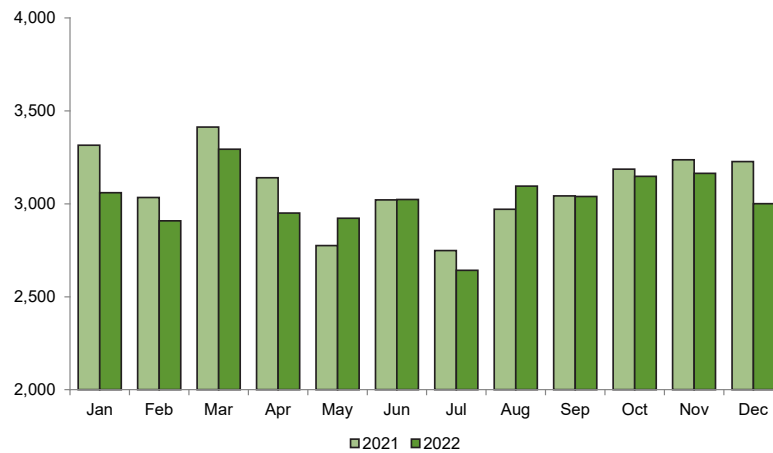
NORTH CAROLINA COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, 2022 ¹

Month	Cattle All Species		Calves		Hogs		Sheep & Lambs	
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight
	<i>Thousand Head</i>	<i>Thousand Pounds</i>	<i>Thousand Head</i>	<i>Thousand Pounds</i>	<i>Thousand Head</i>	<i>Thousand Pounds</i>	<i>Thousand Head</i>	<i>Thousand Pounds</i>
January	6.8	8,380	0.1	23	(D)	(D)	1.7	114
February	7.8	9,518	0.1	26	(D)	(D)	1.5	102
March	8.7	10,673	0.1	43	(D)	(D)	1.9	142
April	7.9	9,629	0.1	28	(D)	(D)	2.4	165
May	8.0	9,778	0.1	19	(D)	(D)	1.9	125
June	8.8	10,917	0.1	28	(D)	(D)	1.9	137
July	6.7	8,170	0.1	17	(D)	(D)	2.7	188
August	8.3	10,081	0.1	15	(D)	(D)	1.8	122
September	7.8	9,600	0.1	16	(D)	(D)	2.1	143
October	7.6	9,376	0.1	24	(D)	(D)	2.1	137
November	6.8	8,356	0.1	23	(D)	(D)	2.1	134
December	5.9	7,239	0.1	34	(D)	(D)	2.5	160
Annual Total ²	91.0	111,717	1.0	295	(D)	(D)	24.8	1,670

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. ¹ Includes slaughter under federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. ² Months may not add to totals due to rounding.

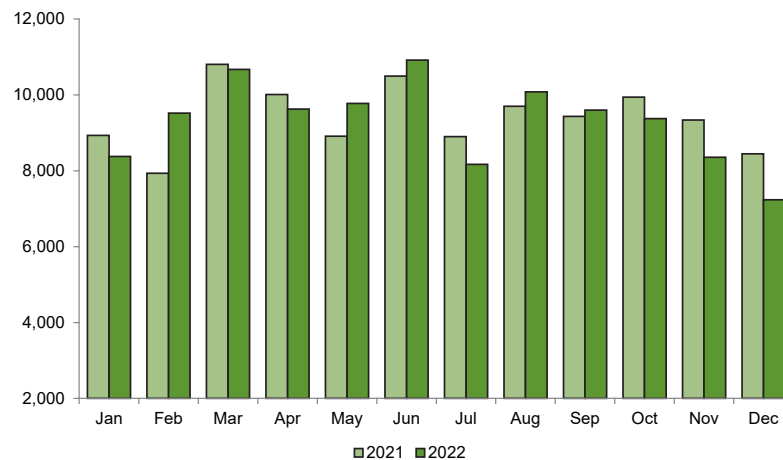
UNITED STATES COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTER

Total Live Weight (Million Pounds)



NORTH CAROLINA COMMERCIAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER

Total Live Weight (Thousand Pounds)



COMMERCIAL BROILERS

Production and Value

Year	Number Produced	Pounds Produced	Value of Production
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousand Dollars
2018	873,600	6,901,400	3,857,883
2019	916,100	7,420,400	3,606,314
2020	961,300	7,882,700	2,822,007
2021	971,400	8,062,600	4,289,303
2022	976,200	8,102,500	6,887,125
US 2022¹	9,165,400	59,348,100	50,445,885

¹ Excludes states producing less than 500,000 broilers.

TURKEYS

Production and Value

Year	Number Raised	Pounds Produced	Value of Production
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousand Dollars
2018	32,500	1,196,000	609,960
2019	32,000	1,203,200	696,653
2020	30,000	1,134,000	804,006
2021	30,000	1,167,000	958,107
2022	28,000	1,033,200	1,102,424
US 2022	210,000	6,655,358	7,101,269

EGGS

Production and Value

Year	Average Number Layers During Year	Average Eggs Laid Annually per Layer	Eggs Produced	Value of Production
	Thousands	Number	Millions	Thousand Dollars
2018	14,573	254	3,705	509,017
2019	14,986	253	3,791	443,693
2020	15,656	261	4,080	504,920
2021	15,729	261	4,098	513,312
2022	15,717	259	4,067	753,086
US 2022	379,304	289	109,514	19,352,439

CHICKENS

Lost, Sold, and Value of Sales¹

Year	Number Lost ²	Number Sold	Pounds Sold	Value of Sales
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousand Dollars
2018	4,060	17,211	112,901	7,113
2019	3,866	13,224	97,066	5,242
2020	3,958	15,066	108,629	2,716
2021	4,443	14,996	108,874	2,069
2022	4,246	15,647	111,560	10,710
US 2022	174,674	168,372	983,159	74,677

¹ Excludes commercial broilers. ² Includes rendered, died, destroyed, composted, or disappeared for any reason except sold during the 12-month period.

HONEY

Production, Stocks, and Value

Year	Honey Producing Colonies ¹	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks December 15 ²	Average Price per Pound ³	Value of Production ⁴
	Thousands	Pounds	Thousand Pounds	Thousand Pounds	Dollars	Thousand Dollars
2018	10	33	330	63	5.76	1,901
2019	14	42	588	118	4.11	2,417
2020	12	38	456	123	5.50	2,508
2021	13	39	507	96	6.69	3,392
2022	13	39	507	198	6.79	3,443
US 2022⁵	2,667	47.0	125,331	23,309	2.96	370,980

¹ Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was taken during the year. It is possible to take honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year. ² Stocks held by producers. ³ Average price per pound based on expanded sales. ⁴ Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound. ⁵ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not equal production.

CATFISH OPERATIONS

State	Water Surface Acres During Jan 1–Jun 30		Total Sales All Sizes	
	2022	2023	2021	2022
	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Thousand Dollars</i>	
Alabama	14,900	14,100	105,704	103,969
Arkansas	3,800	3,400	24,795	26,671
California	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mississippi	34,100	33,100	260,169	277,944
North Carolina	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Texas	1,600	1,500	20,171	21,724
Other States ¹	3,900	3,755	16,522	16,731
United States	58,300	55,855	427,361	447,039

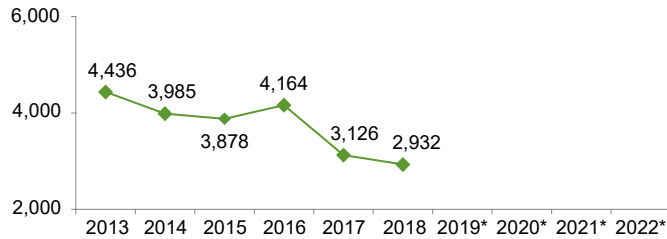
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CATFISH Sales of Foodsize Fish

Year	Number Sold	Pounds Sold	Price per Pound	Value of Sales
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Thousand Dollars</i>
2018	1,400	2,500	1.16	2,900
2019	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
2020	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
2021	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
2022	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
US 2022	205,995	328,896	1.28	421,575

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

CATFISH SALES (Thousand Dollars)



*2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022 withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

TROUT OPERATIONS

State	Value of Fish Sold		Value of Distributed Fish	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
	<i>Thousand Dollars</i>			
Arkansas	-	-	2,265	1,738
California	(D)	(D)	8,252	8,025
Colorado	3,602	3,074	8,582	9,038
Georgia	(D)	(D)	703	702
Idaho	33,715	43,414	13,975	14,100
Michigan	1,059	1,105	3,817	5,923
Missouri	(D)	3,568	3,678	4,051
New York	865	868	5,428	5,258
North Carolina	7,786	8,767	1,948	1,846
Oregon	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Pennsylvania	7,134	7,368	13,991	15,412
Utah	1,128	1,419	8,760	6,888
Virginia	2,239	2,219	2,761	2,666
Washington	(D)	(D)	17,269	19,697
West Virginia	978	1,193	3,073	2,635
Wisconsin	1,694	1,752	3,139	3,455
Other States ¹	38,638	28,173	41,075	37,763
United States ²	98,838	102,920	138,716	139,197
United States ³	110,997	115,978	(NA)	(NA)

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (N/A) Not available. ¹ Other States include state estimates not listed and states suppressed due to disclosure. ² Excludes value of eggs. ³ Includes value of eggs.

TROUT

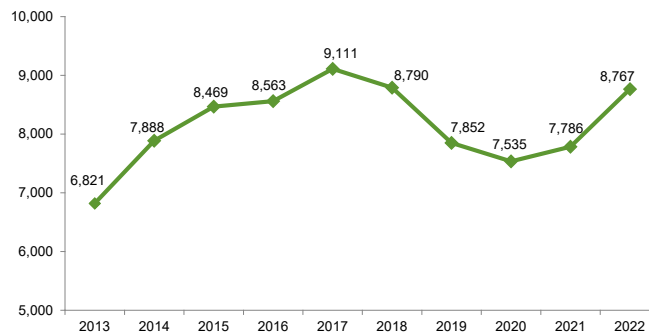
Sales of Foodsize Fish or Larger ¹

Year	Number Sold	Pounds Sold	Price per Pound	Value of Sales
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Thousand Dollars</i>
2018	3,640	4,000	1.90	7,600
2019	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
2020	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
2021	3,100	3,450	1.96	6,762
2022	2,910	3,250	2.31	7,508
US 2022	27,205	43,255	2.19	94,749

¹ Twelve inches or longer.

TROUT SALES

(Thousand Dollars)



HOGS AND PIGS

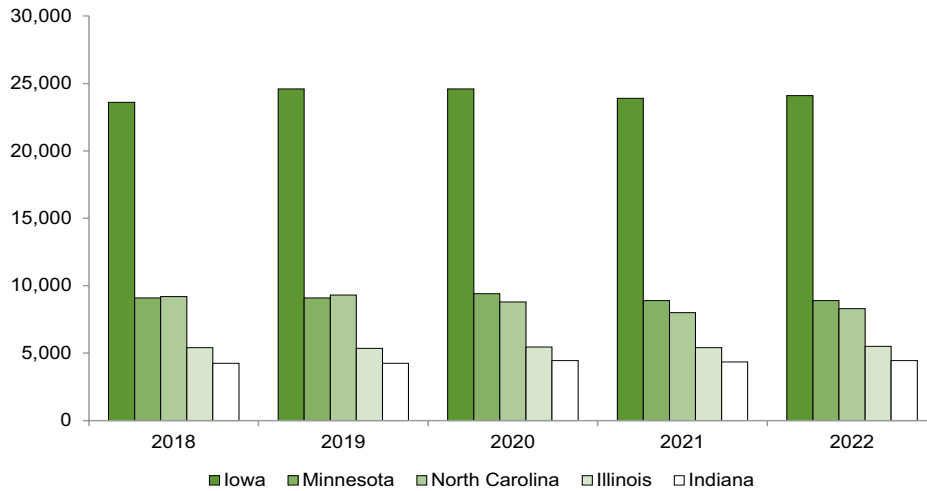
Number on Farms, December 1

Year	Total	By Class		Market Hogs and Pigs, By Weight Group ¹						
		Breeding Hogs	Market Hogs and Pigs	Under 60 Pounds	60-119 Pounds	Under 50 Pounds	50-119 Pounds	120-179 Pounds	180 Pounds and Over	
<i>Thousands</i>										
2003	10,000	1,020	8,980	3,550	2,180	-	-	1,750	1,500	
2004	9,900	1,020	8,880	3,520	2,150	-	-	1,700	1,510	
2005	9,800	1,010	8,790	3,450	2,130	-	-	1,720	1,490	
2006	9,500	1,010	8,490	3,390	1,970	-	-	1,680	1,450	
2007	10,200	1,020	9,180	3,430	2,220	-	-	1,890	1,640	
2008	9,600	980	8,620	-	-	3,020	2,290	1,700	1,610	
2009	9,600	930	8,670	-	-	3,090	2,200	1,760	1,620	
2010	8,900	840	8,060	-	-	2,950	1,970	1,640	1,500	
2011	8,900	850	8,050	-	-	3,050	1,870	1,560	1,570	
2012	8,900	860	8,040	-	-	3,020	1,960	1,615	1,445	
2013	8,500	870	7,630	-	-	2,600	1,800	1,630	1,600	
2014	8,800	880	7,920	-	-	3,010	1,830	1,580	1,500	
2015	8,900	870	8,030	-	-	3,050	1,880	1,590	1,510	
2016	9,300	880	8,420	-	-	3,160	1,950	1,680	1,630	
2017	9,000	900	8,100	-	-	3,190	1,790	1,570	1,550	
2018	9,200	900	8,300	-	-	3,290	1,780	1,600	1,630	
2019	9,300	900	8,400	-	-	3,250	2,030	1,610	1,510	
2020	8,800	840	7,960	-	-	2,955	1,845	1,620	1,540	
2021	8,000	810	7,190	-	-	2,890	1,460	1,355	1,485	
2022	8,300	790	7,510			2,960	1,700	1,430	1,420	

¹ Market hog weight groups have changed. The market weight group under 60 pounds has been changed to under 50 pounds. The market weight group 60-119 pounds has been changed to 50-119 pounds. Estimates have been made for these new weight groups dating back to March of 2008 at the US and state level using slaughter data and current import and export data.

HOGS AND PIGS

Leading States, December 1 (Thousand Head)



HOGS

Number on Farms, December 1

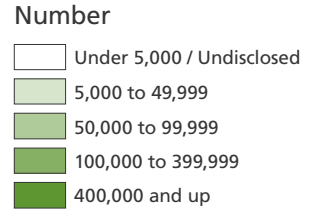
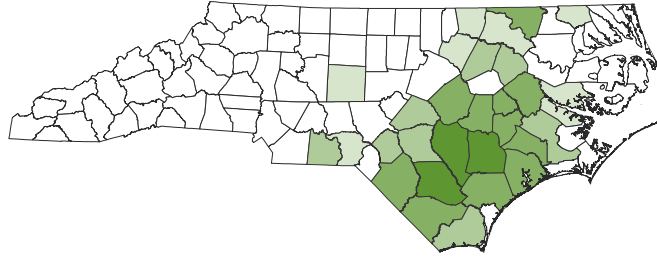
Counties	2021	2022	Counties	2021	2022
Alamance	*	*	Mitchell	*	*
Alexander	*	*	Montgomery	(D)	(D)
Alleghany	*	*	Moore	(D)	(D)
Anson	42,000	52,000	Nash	51,000	53,000
Ashe	*	*	New Hanover	*	*
Avery	*	*	Northampton	100,000	110,000
Beaufort	24,000	23,000	Onslow	145,000	130,000
Bertie	(D)	(D)	Orange	*	*
Bladen	725,000	720,000	Pamlico	*	*
Brunswick	80,000	63,000	Pasquotank	*	*
Buncombe	*	*	Pender	270,000	250,000
Burke	*	*	Perquimans	(D)	(D)
Cabarrus	(D)	(D)	Person	2,500	4,400
Caldwell	(D)	(D)	Pitt	240,000	270,000
Camden	*	*	Polk	*	*
Carteret	*	*	Randolph	8,000	9,500
Caswell	*	*	Richmond	55,000	45,000
Catawba	*	*	Robeson	345,000	345,000
Chatham	(D)	*	Rockingham	*	*
Cherokee	*	*	Rowan	(D)	(D)
Chowan	(D)	(D)	Rutherford	*	*
Clay	*	*	Sampson	1,750,000	1,900,000
Cleveland	*	*	Scotland	(D)	(D)
Columbus	220,000	230,000	Stanly	(D)	*
Craven	62,000	69,000	Stokes	*	*
Cumberland	85,000	90,000	Surry	(D)	(D)
Currituck	*	*	Swain	*	*
Dare	*	*	Transylvania	*	*
Davidson	*	*	Tyrrell	(D)	(D)
Davie	*	*	Union	(D)	(D)
Duplin	1,800,000	1,900,000	Vance	*	*
Durham	*	*	Wake	(D)	(D)
Edgecombe	90,000	80,000	Warren	18,000	20,000
Forsyth	*	*	Washington	(D)	(D)
Franklin	23,000	13,000	Watauga	*	*
Gaston	*	*	Wayne	325,000	380,000
Gates	22,000	22,000	Wilkes	*	*
Graham	*	*	Wilson	(D)	(D)
Granville	800	1,200	Yadkin	(D)	(D)
Greene	330,000	330,000	Yancey	*	*
Guilford	500	2,000	Other Counties	396,200	347,900
Halifax	50,000	40,000			
Harnett	85,000	85,000	State Total	8,000,000	8,300,000
Haywood	*	*			
Henderson	*	*			
Hertford	(D)	(D)			
Hoke	70,000	80,000			
Hyde	*	*			
Iredell	*	*			
Jackson	*	*			
Johnston	140,000	150,000			
Jones	220,000	230,000			
Lee	(D)	(D)			
Lenoir	225,000	255,000			
Lincoln	*	*			
McDowell	*	*			
Macon	*	*			
Madison	*	*			
Martin	(D)	(D)			
Mecklenburg	*	*			

* Less than 1,000 head. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

HOGS

Number on Farms, December 1, 2022

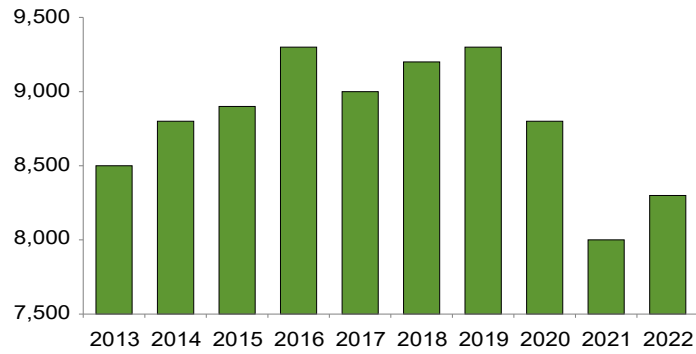
Leading Counties ¹	Number
Duplin ²	1,900,000
Sampson ²	1,900,000
Bladen	720,000
Wayne	380,000
Robeson	345,000
Greene	330,000
Pitt	270,000
Lenoir	255,000
Pender	250,000
Columbus ³	230,000
Jones ³	230,000



¹ Ranking of published counties only.
² Ranked 1st, ³ Ranked 10th

HOGS

Number on Farms, December 1 (*Thousand Head*)



ALL CATTLE

Number on Farms, January 1

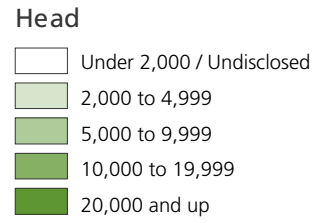
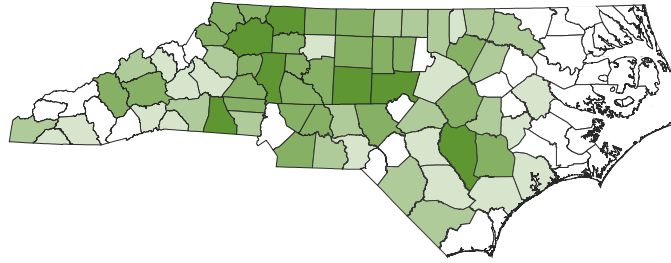
Counties	2022	2023	Counties	2022	2023
	<i>Head</i>			<i>Head</i>	
Alamance	15,400	14,600	Mitchell	1,600	1,500
Alexander	18,500	17,900	Montgomery	6,600	6,200
Alleghany	18,500	17,500	Moore	11,000	10,400
Anson	9,400	8,900	Nash	6,200	5,900
Ashe	17,400	16,500	New Hanover	*	*
Avery	1,700	1,600	Northampton	1,600	1,500
Beaufort	300	300	Onslow	2,100	2,000
Bertie	700	700	Orange	10,600	10,000
Bladen	4,100	3,800	Pamlico	100	100
Brunswick	1,400	1,300	Pasquotank	300	300
Buncombe	13,800	13,100	Pender	2,900	2,700
Burke	4,900	4,600	Perquimans	700	600
Cabarrus	13,400	12,700	Person	7,000	6,700
Caldwell	6,200	5,900	Pitt	2,500	2,400
Camden	300	300	Polk	3,100	3,000
Carteret	400	300	Randolph	42,000	39,500
Caswell	9,100	8,600	Richmond	2,700	2,600
Catawba	14,200	13,500	Robeson	5,400	5,200
Chatham	32,500	31,000	Rockingham	12,500	11,800
Cherokee	9,600	9,100	Rowan	21,000	19,700
Chowan	900	800	Rutherford	7,900	7,400
Clay	2,300	2,200	Sampson	21,500	20,500
Cleveland	21,500	20,500	Scotland	900	800
Columbus	5,400	5,100	Stanly	14,700	14,000
Craven	1,200	1,200	Stokes	11,800	11,200
Cumberland	3,000	2,900	Surry	26,000	24,500
Currituck	200	200	Swain	500	500
Dare	*	*	Transylvania	1,600	1,600
Davidson	12,200	11,500	Tyrrell	400	400
Davie	10,700	10,200	Union	19,500	18,600
Duplin	20,500	19,200	Vance	2,800	2,600
Durham	1,800	1,700	Wake	4,300	4,000
Edgecombe	1,900	1,800	Warren	6,600	6,300
Forsyth	3,700	3,500	Washington	700	700
Franklin	13,500	12,900	Watauga	12,900	12,300
Gaston	6,600	6,300	Wayne	8,500	8,000
Gates	400	400	Wilkes	30,500	29,000
Graham	1,500	1,400	Wilson	1,800	1,700
Granville	7,700	7,300	Yadkin	16,800	16,000
Greene	1,600	1,500	Yancey	4,400	4,200
Guilford	10,600	10,000	Other Counties	100	100
Halifax	5,300	5,000	State Total	780,000	740,000
Harnett	6,500	6,200			
Haywood	11,100	10,600			
Henderson	3,200	3,000			
Hertford	300	200			
Hoke	1,300	1,200			
Hyde	200	200			
Iredell	44,500	42,500			
Jackson	1,600	1,600			
Johnston	13,400	12,700			
Jones	800	800			
Lee	3,300	3,100			
Lenoir	3,700	3,500			
Lincoln	16,000	15,200			
McDowell	3,100	2,900			
Macon	3,100	3,000			
Madison	6,100	5,800			
Martin	1,500	1,400			
Mecklenburg	1,900	1,800			

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ALL CATTLE

Number on Farms, January 1, 2023

Leading Counties ¹	Number
Iredell	42,500
Randolph	39,500
Chatham	31,000
Wilkes	29,000
Surry	24,500
Cleveland ²	20,500
Sampson ²	20,500
Rowan	19,700
Duplin	19,200
Union	18,600

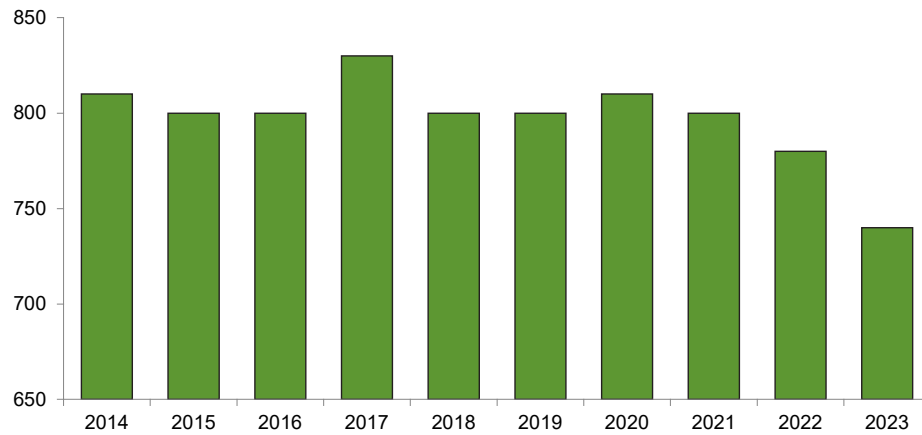


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ALL CATTLE

Number on Farms, January 1 (*Thousand Head*)



BEEF COWS

Number on Farms, January 1

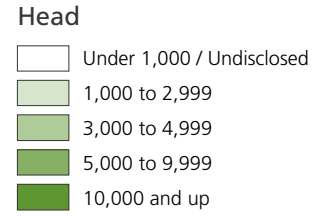
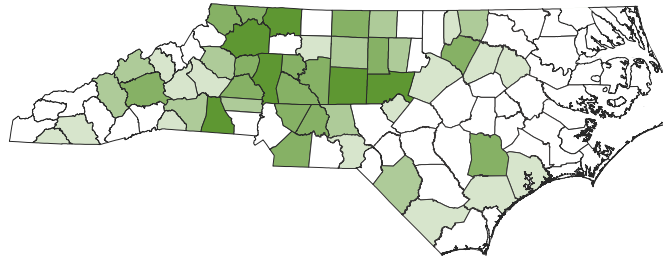
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	<i>Head</i>			<i>Head</i>	
Alamance	6,600	6,200	Mitchell	1,000	900
Alexander	7,700	7,200	Montgomery	3,200	3,000
Alleghany	5,600	5,300	Moore	(D)	(D)
Anson	(D)	(D)	Nash	2,900	2,700
Ashe	7,300	6,900	New Hanover	*	*
Avery	1,000	900	Northampton	900	800
Beaufort	300	200	Onslow	1,400	1,300
Bertie	300	300	Orange	5,000	4,700
Bladen	(D)	(D)	Pamlico	(D)	(D)
Brunswick	(D)	(D)	Pasquotank	200	200
Buncombe	7,300	6,900	Pender	1,500	1,500
Burke	2,700	2,600	Perquimans	400	400
Cabarrus	6,600	6,200	Person	(D)	(D)
Caldwell	3,400	3,200	Pitt	(D)	(D)
Camden	200	200	Polk	1,700	1,600
Carteret	200	200	Randolph	16,000	15,100
Caswell	3,900	3,700	Richmond	1,500	1,400
Catawba	7,200	6,800	Robeson	3,500	3,300
Chatham	15,700	15,000	Rockingham	5,500	5,200
Cherokee	(D)	(D)	Rowan	8,500	8,000
Chowan	200	200	Rutherford	4,500	4,200
Clay	1,200	1,100	Sampson	(D)	(D)
Cleveland	10,600	10,000	Scotland	500	500
Columbus	3,000	2,800	Stanly	8,000	7,600
Craven	(D)	(D)	Stokes	(D)	(D)
Cumberland	(D)	(D)	Surry	11,600	11,000
Currituck	(D)	(D)	Swain	300	300
Dare	*	*	Transylvania	1,000	900
Davidson	5,700	5,400	Tyrrell	300	300
Davie	5,700	5,400	Union	10,800	10,300
Duplin	11,600	11,000	Vance	1,400	1,300
Durham	(D)	(D)	Wake	2,000	1,900
Edgecombe	1,100	1,000	Warren	3,800	3,600
Forsyth	2,400	2,300	Washington	100	100
Franklin	5,700	5,400	Watauga	(D)	(D)
Gaston	(D)	(D)	Wayne	(D)	(D)
Gates	(D)	(D)	Wilkes	13,500	12,700
Graham	(D)	(D)	Wilson	900	900
Granville	(D)	(D)	Yadkin	(D)	(D)
Greene	900	800	Yancey	2,600	2,400
Guilford	4,600	4,300	Other Counties	84,400	80,000
Halifax	(D)	(D)	State Total	361,000	341,000
Harnett	(D)	(D)			
Haywood	4,700	4,400			
Henderson	(D)	(D)			
Hertford	200	100			
Hoke	700	700			
Hyde	100	100			
Iredell	12,800	12,100			
Jackson	900	800			
Johnston	(D)	(D)			
Jones	500	500			
Lee	1,900	1,800			
Lenoir	(D)	(D)			
Lincoln	4,700	4,400			
McDowell	1,300	1,200			
Macon	2,000	1,900			
Madison	3,600	3,400			
Martin	(D)	(D)			
Mecklenburg	(D)	(D)			

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BEEF COWS

Number on Farms, January 1, 2023

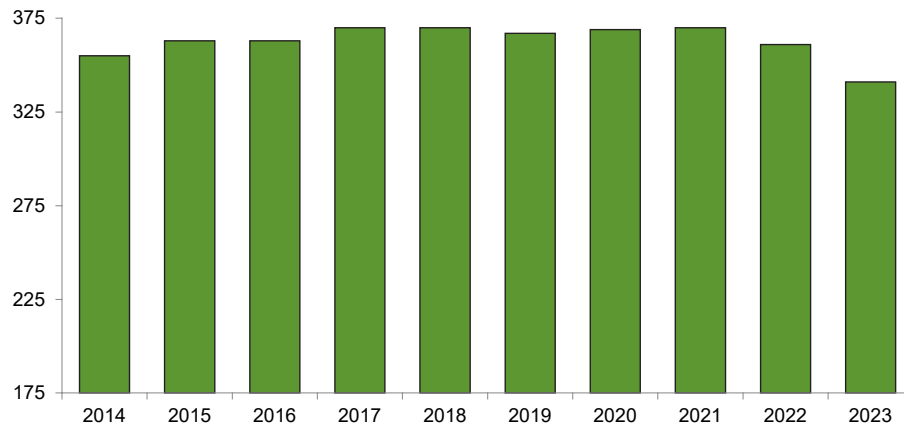
Leading Counties ¹	Number
Randolph	15,100
Chatham	15,000
Wilkes	12,700
Iredell	12,100
Duplin ²	11,000
Surry ²	11,000
Union	10,300
Cleveland	10,000
Rowan	8,000
Stanly	7,600



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BEEF COWS

Number on Farms, January 1 (Thousand Head)



MILK COWS

Number on Farms, January 1

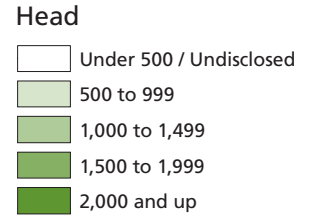
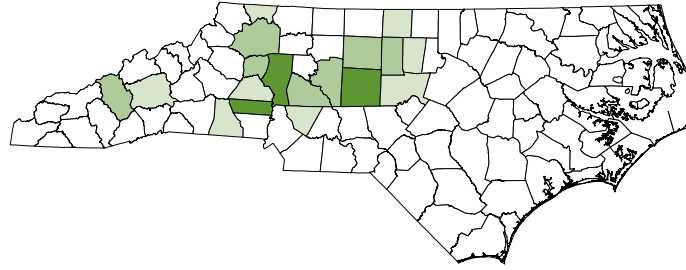
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	<i>Head</i>			<i>Head</i>	
Alamance	1,300	1,300	Mitchell	*	*
Alexander	1,000	1,000	Montgomery	*	*
Alleghany	900	900	Moore	*	*
Anson	(D)	(D)	Nash	*	*
Ashe	*	*	New Hanover	*	*
Avery	*	*	Northampton	*	*
Beaufort	*	*	Onslow	*	*
Bertie	*	*	Orange	500	500
Bladen	*	*	Pamlico	*	*
Brunswick	*	*	Pasquotank	*	*
Buncombe	800	800	Pender	*	*
Burke	*	*	Perquimans	*	*
Cabarrus	600	600	Person	(D)	(D)
Caldwell	*	*	Pitt	*	*
Camden	*	*	Polk	100	100
Carteret	*	*	Randolph	6,700	6,700
Caswell	700	700	Richmond	*	*
Catawba	600	600	Robeson	*	*
Chatham	600	600	Rockingham	300	300
Cherokee	(D)	(D)	Rowan	1,200	1,200
Chowan	*	*	Rutherford	*	*
Clay	*	*	Sampson	(D)	(D)
Cleveland	600	600	Scotland	*	*
Columbus	*	*	Stanly	300	300
Craven	*	*	Stokes	*	*
Cumberland	*	*	Surry	100	100
Currituck	*	*	Swain	*	*
Dare	*	*	Transylvania	*	*
Davidson	1,100	1,100	Tyrrell	*	*
Davie	300	300	Union	100	*
Duplin	*	*	Vance	*	*
Durham	*	*	Wake	400	400
Edgecombe	*	*	Warren	*	*
Forsyth	*	*	Washington	*	*
Franklin	*	*	Watauga	*	*
Gaston	(D)	(D)	Wayne	(D)	(D)
Gates	*	*	Wilkes	1,200	1,200
Graham	*	*	Wilson	*	*
Granville	(D)	(D)	Yadkin	(D)	(D)
Greene	*	*	Yancey	*	*
Guilford	1,000	1,000	Other Counties	5,200	5,300
Halifax	(D)	(D)	State Total	39,000	39,000
Harnett	*	*			
Haywood	1,100	1,100			
Henderson	(D)	(D)			
Hertford	*	*			
Hoke	*	*			
Hyde	*	*			
Iredell	9,200	9,200			
Jackson	*	*			
Johnston	*	*			
Jones	*	*			
Lee	*	*			
Lenoir	*	*			
Lincoln	2,800	2,800			
McDowell	300	300			
Macon	*	*			
Madison	*	*			
Martin	*	*			
Mecklenburg	*	*			

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MILK COWS

Number on Farms, January 1, 2023

Leading Counties ¹	Number
Iredell	9,200
Randolph	6,700
Lincoln	2,800
Alamance	1,300
Rowan ²	1,200
Wilkes ²	1,200
Davidson ³	1,100
Haywood ³	1,100
Alexander ⁴	1,000
Guilford ⁴	1,000

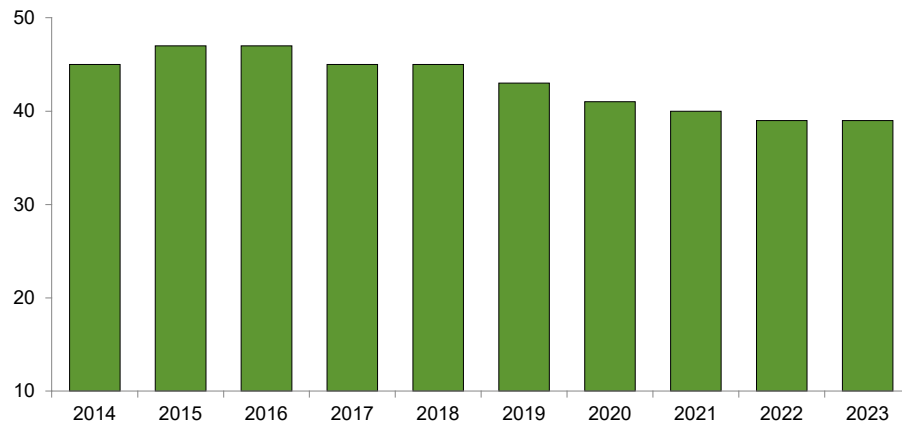


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MILK COWS

Number on Farms, January 1 (Thousand Head)



TURKEYS

Number Raised

Counties	2021	2022	Counties	2021	2022
	<i>Head</i>			<i>Head</i>	
Alamance	*	*	Mitchell	*	*
Alexander	*	*	Montgomery	*	*
Alleghany	*	*	Moore	*	*
Anson	1,150,000	1,100,000	Nash	*	*
Ashe	*	*	New Hanover	*	*
Avery	*	*	Northampton	*	*
Beaufort	*	*	Onslow	1,800,000	1,650,000
Bertie	*	*	Orange	*	*
Bladen	1,550,000	1,400,000	Pamlico	*	*
Brunswick	*	*	Pasquotank	*	*
Buncombe	*	*	Pender	230,000	215,000
Burke	*	*	Perquimans	*	*
Cabarrus	(D)	(D)	Person	*	*
Caldwell	*	*	Pitt	(D)	(D)
Camden	*	*	Polk	*	*
Carteret	*	*	Randolph	*	*
Caswell	*	*	Richmond	*	*
Catawba	*	*	Robeson	(D)	(D)
Chatham	(D)	(D)	Rockingham	*	*
Cherokee	*	*	Rowan	*	*
Chowan	*	*	Rutherford	*	*
Clay	*	*	Sampson	7,150,000	6,700,000
Cleveland	380,000	355,000	Scotland	*	*
Columbus	(D)	(D)	Stanly	735,000	685,000
Craven	*	*	Stokes	*	*
Cumberland	725,000	680,000	Surry	*	*
Currituck	*	*	Swain	*	*
Dare	*	*	Transylvania	*	*
Davidson	*	*	Tyrrell	*	*
Davie	*	*	Union	3,900,000	3,650,000
Duplin	3,450,000	3,200,000	Vance	*	*
Durham	*	*	Wake	3,000	3,000
Edgecombe	*	*	Warren	*	*
Forsyth	*	*	Washington	*	*
Franklin	*	*	Watauga	*	*
Gaston	*	*	Wayne	4,800,000	4,500,000
Gates	*	*	Wilkes	*	*
Graham	*	*	Wilson	*	*
Granville	*	*	Yadkin	*	*
Greene	1,050,000	995,000	Yancey	*	*
Guilford	*	*	Other Counties	734,000	682,000
Halifax	*	*	State Total	30,000,000	28,000,000
Harnett	(D)	(D)			
Haywood	*	*			
Henderson	*	*			
Hertford	*	*			
Hoke	68,000	65,000			
Hyde	*	*			
Iredell	*	*			
Jackson	*	*			
Johnston	460,000	430,000			
Jones	365,000	340,000			
Lee	*	*			
Lenoir	1,450,000	1,350,000			
Lincoln	*	*			
McDowell	*	*			
Macon	*	*			
Madison	*	*			
Martin	*	*			
Mecklenburg	*	*			

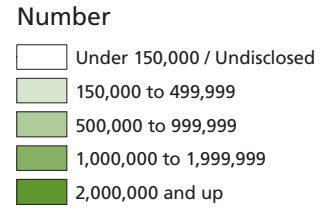
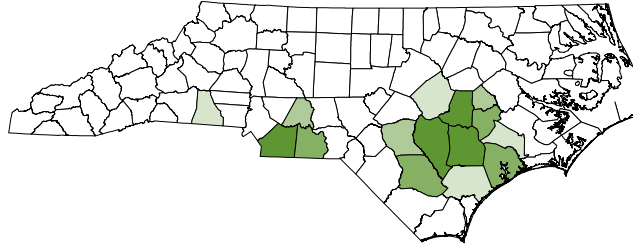
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TURKEYS

Number Raised, 2022

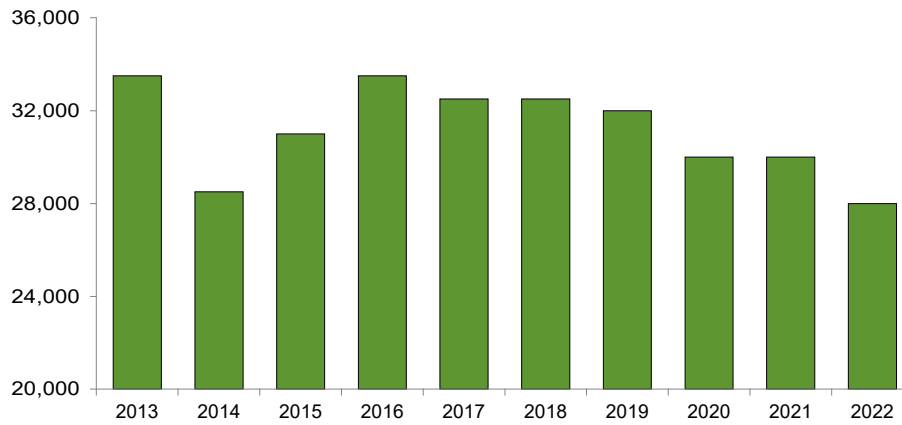
Leading Counties ¹	Number
Sampson	6,700,000
Wayne	4,500,000
Union	3,650,000
Duplin	3,200,000
Onslow	1,650,000
Bladen	1,400,000
Lenoir	1,350,000
Anson	1,100,000
Greene	995,000
Stanly	685,000

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TURKEYS

Number Raised (Thousand Head)



BROILERS

Number Produced

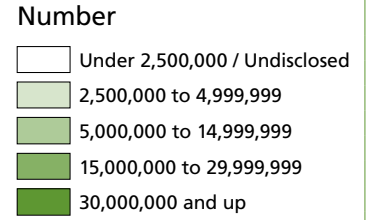
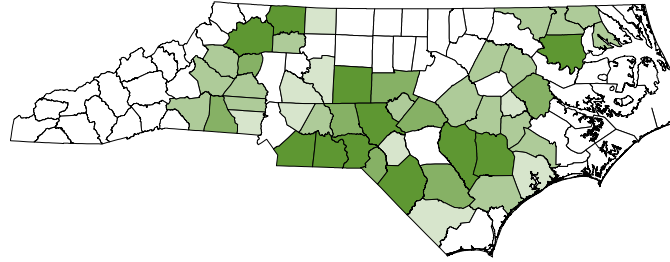
Counties	2021	2022	Counties	2021	2022
	<i>Head</i>			<i>Head</i>	
Alamance	1,450,000	1,450,000	Mitchell	*	*
Alexander	29,200,000	29,400,000	Montgomery	27,900,000	28,000,000
Alleghany	3,500	4,000	Moore	31,300,000	31,500,000
Anson	57,900,000	58,200,000	Nash	7,250,000	7,300,000
Ashe	*	*	New Hanover	*	*
Avery	*	*	Northampton	8,750,000	8,800,000
Beaufort	(D)	(D)	Onslow	3,100,000	3,100,000
Bertie	44,500,000	44,700,000	Orange	4,900	5,000
Bladen	25,200,000	25,300,000	Pamlico	*	*
Brunswick	*	*	Pasquotank	*	*
Buncombe	5,400	6,000	Pender	9,150,000	9,200,000
Burke	11,500,000	11,500,000	Perquimans	7,750,000	7,800,000
Cabarrus	3,800,000	3,800,000	Person	*	*
Caldwell	8,300,000	8,350,000	Pitt	17,900,000	18,000,000
Camden	*	*	Polk	*	*
Carteret	*	*	Randolph	40,900,000	41,100,000
Caswell	*	*	Richmond	37,200,000	37,300,000
Catawba	11,400,000	11,400,000	Robeson	44,400,000	44,600,000
Chatham	21,600,000	21,700,000	Rockingham	*	*
Cherokee	*	*	Rowan	3,800,000	3,850,000
Chowan	1,450,000	1,500,000	Rutherford	9,600,000	9,700,000
Clay	*	*	Sampson	40,400,000	40,600,000
Cleveland	24,100,000	24,200,000	Scotland	21,900,000	22,000,000
Columbus	3,200,000	3,250,000	Stanly	8,550,000	8,600,000
Craven	*	*	Stokes	4,200,000	4,200,000
Cumberland	2,350,000	2,350,000	Surry	35,000,000	35,200,000
Currituck	*	*	Swain	*	*
Dare	*	*	Transylvania	1,700	1,700
Davidson	4,850,000	4,900,000	Tyrrell	*	*
Davie	*	*	Union	53,100,000	53,300,000
Duplin	92,000,000	92,500,000	Vance	*	*
Durham	*	*	Wake	24,000	24,000
Edgecombe	13,100,000	13,200,000	Warren	(D)	(D)
Forsyth	*	*	Washington	*	*
Franklin	990,000	990,000	Watauga	*	*
Gaston	3,650,000	3,700,000	Wayne	11,500,000	11,600,000
Gates	10,200,000	10,200,000	Wilkes	67,800,000	68,100,000
Graham	*	*	Wilson	(D)	(D)
Granville	*	*	Yadkin	8,100,000	8,150,000
Greene	3,750,000	3,750,000	Yancey	2,800	2,800
Guilford	(D)	(D)	Other Counties	5,711,500	5,760,100
Halifax	(D)	(D)			
Harnett	24,300,000	24,400,000	State Total	971,400,000	976,200,000
Haywood	*	*			
Henderson	*	*			
Hertford	12,300,000	12,400,000			
Hoke	4,350,000	4,400,000			
Hyde	*	*			
Iredell	1,850,000	1,850,000			
Jackson	*	*			
Johnston	6,750,000	6,800,000			
Jones	13,000,000	13,000,000			
Lee	8,500,000	8,550,000			
Lenoir	9,350,000	9,400,000			
Lincoln	7,200,000	7,250,000			
McDowell	1,900,000	1,900,000			
Macon	1,700	1,800			
Madison	4,500	4,600			
Martin	2,100,000	2,100,000			
Mecklenburg	*	*			

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BROILERS

Number Produced, 2022

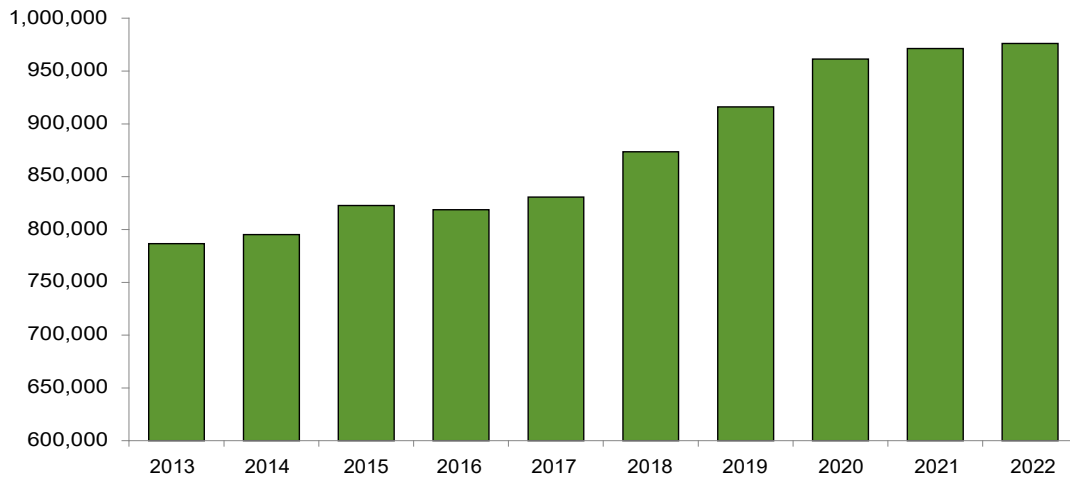
Leading Counties ¹	Number
Duplin	92,500,000
Wilkes	68,100,000
Anson	58,200,000
Union	53,300,000
Bertie	44,700,000
Robeson	44,600,000
Randolph	41,100,000
Sampson	40,600,000
Richmond	37,300,000
Surry	35,200,000



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BROILERS

Number Produced (Thousand Head)



LAYERS

Number on Farms, December 1

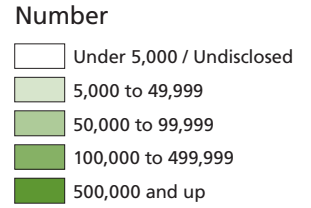
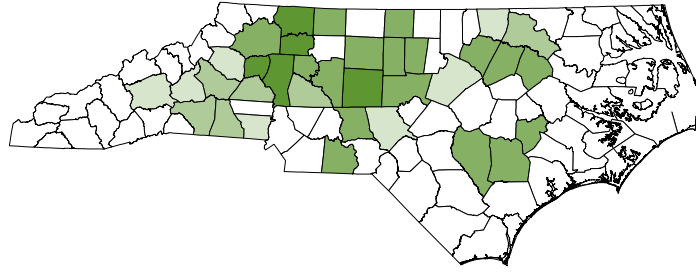
Counties	2021	2022	Counties	2021	2022
	<i>Head</i>			<i>Head</i>	
Alamance	415,000	410,000	Mitchell	*	*
Alexander	850,000	830,000	Montgomery	120,000	115,000
Alleghany	*	*	Moore	37,000	36,000
Anson	345,000	335,000	Nash	320,000	310,000
Ashe	1,500	1,500	New Hanover	*	*
Avery	*	*	Northampton	(D)	(D)
Beaufort	*	*	Onslow	3,500	3,400
Bertie	(D)	(D)	Orange	180,000	175,000
Bladen	(D)	(D)	Pamlico	*	*
Brunswick	2,000	1,900	Pasquotank	*	*
Buncombe	17,700	17,400	Pender	(D)	(D)
Burke	65,000	64,000	Perquimans	*	*
Cabarrus	(D)	(D)	Person	1,300	1,200
Caldwell	12,500	12,500	Pitt	1,100	1,100
Camden	(D)	*	Polk	1,800	1,700
Carteret	1,200	1,200	Randolph	700,000	685,000
Caswell	275,000	270,000	Richmond	(D)	(D)
Catawba	79,000	77,000	Robeson	2,100	2,000
Chatham	285,000	275,000	Rockingham	(D)	(D)
Cherokee	(D)	(D)	Rowan	65,000	63,000
Chowan	*	*	Rutherford	68,000	67,000
Clay	*	*	Sampson	355,000	345,000
Cleveland	100,000	95,000	Scotland	*	*
Columbus	1,800	1,800	Stanly	(D)	(D)
Craven	(D)	(D)	Stokes	125,000	120,000
Cumberland	1,900	1,800	Surry	680,000	670,000
Currituck	*	*	Swain	*	*
Dare	*	*	Transylvania	1,200	1,200
Davidson	135,000	130,000	Tyrrell	*	*
Davie	155,000	150,000	Union	(D)	(D)
Duplin	480,000	470,000	Vance	1,300	1,300
Durham	4,100	4,000	Wake	9,700	9,500
Edgecombe	110,000	105,000	Warren	12,800	12,500
Forsyth	2,300	2,200	Washington	*	*
Franklin	155,000	155,000	Watauga	2,900	2,900
Gaston	15,000	12,000	Wayne	(D)	(D)
Gates	(D)	(D)	Wilkes	475,000	460,000
Graham	*	*	Wilson	*	*
Granville	3,400	3,300	Yadkin	1,900,000	1,850,000
Greene	*	*	Yancey	*	*
Guilford	340,000	335,000	Other Counties	6,164,700	5,986,700
Halifax	100,000	98,000			
Harnett	2,800	2,700	State Total	15,947,000	15,519,000
Haywood	2,100	2,000			
Henderson	3,700	3,600			
Hertford	*	*			
Hoke	(D)	(D)			
Hyde	(D)	(D)			
Iredell	595,000	575,000			
Jackson	*	*			
Johnston	(D)	(D)			
Jones	*	*			
Lee	(D)	(D)			
Lenoir	135,000	130,000			
Lincoln	4,000	3,900			
Mcdowell	18,000	17,400			
Macon	2,000	1,900			
Madison	3,300	3,200			
Martin	*	*			
Mecklenburg	1,300	1,200			

* Less than 1,000 Head. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

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Number on Farms, December 1, 2022

Leading Counties ¹	Number
Yadkin	1,850,000
Alexander	830,000
Randolph	685,000
Surry	670,000
Iredell	575,000
Duplin	470,000
Wilkes	460,000
Alamance	410,000
Sampson	345,000
Anson ²	335,000
Guilford ²	335,000



¹ Ranking of published counties only.
² Ranked 10th

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