

# NC AGRICULTURE BY THE NUMBERS

**\$76  
billion**

Economic impact of North Carolina agriculture and agribusinesses. That's about 16 cents of every dollar earned, and is more than the GDP of 124 countries.

**633,000**

The number of jobs supported by agriculture in North Carolina. That's about 1 out of every 6 jobs, or the combined populations of Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and High Point.

**8.4  
million**

Acres of farmland in North Carolina. That's more than 25% of all land in the state, and is more than the land area of Maryland and Delaware combined.

**49,500**

Number of farms in North Carolina. The average farm size is 170 acres, which is about half the size of the North Carolina State Fairgrounds.

**98%**

Share of 49,500 farms in North Carolina that are family owned and operated. 1,600 are century farms, meaning they have been in operation for at least 100 years.

**19**

North Carolina is a top 10 producer nationally of 19 commodities, including sweet potatoes (#1), flue-cured tobacco (#1), turkeys (#2), chickens and eggs (#2), Christmas trees (#2), hogs and pigs (#2), trout (#3), cucumbers (#3), fresh market strawberries (#3), upland cotton (#4), blueberries (#7), and fresh market apples (#8).

**3rd**

North Carolina is the third most diversified agriculture state, producing more than 150 different commodities.

**111,192**

In 2014, North Carolina produced enough sweet potatoes to fill 111,192 dump trucks. Lined up nose-to-tail, those dump trucks would stretch 526 miles, nearly the distance from Murphy to Manteo. North Carolina produces 53% of the nation's sweet potatoes.

**8th**

North Carolina ranked 8th nationally in farm cash receipts in 2014, totaling \$13.1 billion.

**400  
million**

Pounds of peanuts produced in North Carolina in 2014. Considering rough approximations of stadium peanut sales, that's enough peanuts to last every Major League Baseball team about 330 seasons.