

Agriculture and Agribusiness

NORTH CAROLINA'S NUMBER ONE INDUSTRY

Agriculture and agribusiness — food, fiber and forestry — account for one-sixth of the state's income and employees. Almost 17 percent, or nearly \$84 billion of the \$495 billion gross state product is contributed by food, fiber and forestry industries. These industries account for 686,000 of the state's 4.2 million employees. The following are the value-added incomes derived from the state's agricultural and agribusiness sector in 2015.

Total Income

Agriculture/Food Industries	
total income	\$70.2B
share of N.C. income	14.2%
Natural Fiber Industries	
total income	\$4.1B
share of N.C. income	0.8%
Forestry Industries	
total income	\$9.4B
share of N.C. income	1.9%
Agriculture:	
Food, Fiber and Forestry Industries	
total income	\$83.7B
share of N.C. income	16.9%
Total N.C. Income for 2015	
Gross State Product	\$495B

Agriculture and Agribusiness Employment

686,200, or 16 percent of North Carolina's 4.2 million employees work in agriculture.

Value-Added Income

The figures reflect value-added income for 2015. At the farm level, value-added is sales. At the manufacturing, wholesale and retail levels, value-added is sales minus the cost of non-labor inputs. Value-added does not include the value of non-North Carolina produced inputs, and value-added avoids the multiple counting of a product used several times in the production chain.

All figures expressed in billions of dollars (B).

Fiber Industries

including natural fiber-based manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing

Manufacturing	\$1.2B
<i>Including textile mill and apparel production</i>	
Wholesaling	1.1B
<i>including apparel, piece goods and notions</i>	
Retailing	\$1.8B
<i>including apparel and accessory stores</i>	
Category Total	\$4.1B

Forestry Industries

including farm production and the manufacture of furniture, lumber, wood and paper products

Farming	\$0.3B
<i>including total income from farm and commercial forestry</i>	
Manufacturing	\$5.4B
<i>including wood products and paper products</i>	
Wholesaling	\$2.7B
<i>including lumber, paper and furniture</i>	
Retailing	\$1.0B
<i>including furniture</i>	
Category Total	\$9.4B

Agriculture and Food Industries

including farming, manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing firms

Farming	\$15.6B
<i>including crops, livestock, aquaculture, ornamentals and turf</i>	
Manufacturing	\$28.2B
<i>including food and tobacco products and agricultural chemicals</i>	
Wholesaling	\$7.1B
<i>including food, tobacco, farm supplies and products</i>	
Retailing	\$19.3B
<i>including food stores and restaurants</i>	
Category Total	\$70.2B

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Agriculture and agribusiness — food, fiber and forestry — account for one-sixth of the state's income and employees. Almost 17 percent, or over \$87 billion of the \$522 billion gross state product is contributed by food, fiber and forestry industries. These industries account for 730,000 of the state's 4.3 million employees. The following are the value-added incomes derived from the state's agricultural and agribusiness sector in 2016.

Total Income

Agriculture/Food Industries	
total income	\$72.9B
share of N.C. income	14.0%
Natural Fiber Industries	
total income	\$4.3B
share of N.C. income	0.8%
Forestry Industries	
total income	\$9.9B
share of N.C. income	1.9%
Agriculture:	
Food, Fiber and Forestry Industries	
total income	\$87.1B
share of N.C. income	16.7%
Total N.C. Income for 2015	
Gross State Product	\$522B

Agriculture and Agribusiness Employment

730,000, or 17 percent of North Carolina's 4.3 million employees work in agriculture.

Value-Added Income

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Fiber Industries

including natural fiber-based manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing

Manufacturing	\$1.2B
<i>Including textile mill and apparel production</i>	
Wholesaling	\$1.2B
<i>including apparel, piece goods and notions</i>	
Retailing	\$1.9B
<i>including apparel and accessory stores</i>	
Category Total	\$4.3B

Forestry Industries

including farm production and the manufacture of furniture, lumber, wood and paper products

Farming	\$0.3B
<i>including total income from farm and commercial forestry</i>	
Manufacturing	\$5.7B
<i>including wood products and paper products</i>	
Wholesaling	\$2.9B
<i>including lumber, paper and furniture</i>	
Retailing	\$1.0B
<i>including furniture</i>	
Category Total	\$9.9B

Agriculture and Food Industries

including farming, manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing firms

Farming	\$15.8B
<i>including crops, livestock, aquaculture, ornamentals and turf</i>	
Manufacturing	\$29.3B
<i>including food and tobacco products and agricultural chemicals</i>	
Wholesaling	\$7.5B
<i>including food, tobacco, farm supplies and products</i>	
Retailing	\$20.3B
<i>including food stores and restaurants</i>	
Category Total	\$72.9B

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Agriculture and agribusiness — food, fiber and forestry — account for one-sixth of the state's income and employees. Over 17 percent, or over \$91.8 billion of the \$538 billion gross state product is contributed by food, fiber and forestry industries. These industries account for 728,000 of the state's 4.4 million employees. The following are the value-added incomes derived from the state's agricultural and agribusiness sector in 2017.

Total Income

Agriculture/Food Industries	
total income	\$77.8B
share of N.C. income	14.5%
Natural Fiber Industries	
total income	\$4.8B
share of N.C. income	0.9%
Forestry Industries	
total income	\$9.2B
share of N.C. income	1.7%
Agriculture:	
Food, Fiber and Forestry Industries	
total income	\$91.8B
share of N.C. income	17.1%
Total N.C. Income for 2017	
Gross State Product	\$538B

Agriculture and Agribusiness Employment

728,000, or 17 percent of North Carolina's 4.4 million employees work in agriculture.

Value-Added Income

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Fiber Industries

including natural fiber-based manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing

Manufacturing	\$1.5B
<i>Including textile mill and apparel production</i>	
Wholesaling	\$1.3B
<i>including apparel, piece goods and notions</i>	
Retailing	\$2.0B
<i>including apparel and accessory stores</i>	
Category Total	\$4.8B

Forestry Industries

including farm production and the manufacture of furniture, lumber, wood and paper products

Farming	\$0.3B
<i>including total income from farm and commercial forestry</i>	
Manufacturing	\$4.7B
<i>including wood products and paper products</i>	
Wholesaling	\$3.1B
<i>including lumber, paper and furniture</i>	
Retailing	\$1.1B
<i>including furniture</i>	
Category Total	\$9.2B

Agriculture and Food Industries

including farming, manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing firms

Farming	\$17.5B
<i>including crops, livestock, aquaculture, ornamentals and turf</i>	
Manufacturing	\$31.3B
<i>including food and tobacco products and agricultural chemicals</i>	
Wholesaling	\$8.0B
<i>including food, tobacco, farm supplies and products</i>	
Retailing	\$21.0B
<i>including food stores and restaurants</i>	
Category Total	\$77.8B

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Agriculture and agribusiness – food, fiber, and forestry – account for one-sixth of the state's income and employment. Over 16 percent, or **\$92.7** billion of the **\$564** billion gross state product, is contributed by food, fiber, and forestry industries. These industries account for over **772,000** of the state's 4.4 million employees. The following are the value-added incomes derived from the state's agricultural and agribusiness sector in **2018**.

Total Income

Agriculture/Food Industries	
total income	\$77.9B
share of N.C. income	13.8%
Natural Fiber Industries	
total income	\$5.0B
share of N.C. income	0.9%
Forestry Industries	
total income	\$9.8B
share of N.C. income	1.7%
Agriculture:	
Food, Fiber and Forestry Industries	
total income	\$92.7B
share of N.C. income	16.4%

Agriculture and Agribusiness Employment

772,000, or **17.5** percent of North Carolina's 4.4 million employees work in agriculture and agribusiness.

Value-Added Income

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Fiber Industries

including natural fiber-based manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing

Manufacturing	\$1.6B
<i>Including textile mill and apparel production</i>	
Wholesaling	\$1.3B
<i>including apparel, piece goods and notions</i>	
Retailing	\$2.1B
<i>including apparel and accessory stores</i>	
Category Total	\$5.0B

Forestry Industries

including farm production and the manufacture of furniture, lumber, wood and paper products

Farming	\$0.3B
<i>including total income from farm and commercial forestry</i>	
Manufacturing	\$5.2B
<i>including wood products and paper products</i>	
Wholesaling	\$3.2B
<i>including lumber, paper and furniture</i>	
Retailing	\$1.1B
<i>including furniture</i>	
Category Total	\$9.8B

Agriculture and Food Industries

including farming, manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing firms

Farming	\$16.7B
<i>including crops, livestock, aquaculture, ornamentals and turf</i>	
Manufacturing	\$31.0B
<i>including food and tobacco products and agricultural chemicals</i>	
Wholesaling	\$8.2B
<i>including food, tobacco, farm supplies and products</i>	
Retailing	\$22.0B
<i>including food stores and restaurants</i>	
Category Total	\$77.9B

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Agriculture and agribusiness – food, fiber, and forestry – account for one-sixth of the state’s income and employment. Over 16 percent, or **\$95.9** billion of the **\$592** billion gross state product, is contributed by food, fiber, and forestry industries. These industries account for over **789,000** of the state’s 4.5 million employees. The following are the value-added incomes derived from the state’s agricultural and agribusiness sector in **2019**.

Total Income

Agriculture/Food Industries	
total income	\$81.7B
share of N.C. income	13.8%
Natural Fiber Industries	
total income	\$4.4B
share of N.C. income	0.7%
Forestry Industries	
total income	\$9.8B
share of N.C. income	1.7%
Agriculture:	
Food, Fiber and Forestry Industries	
total income	\$95.9B
share of N.C. income	16.2%

Agriculture and Agribusiness Employment

789,000, or **17.5** percent of North Carolina’s 4.5 million employees work in agriculture and agribusiness.

Value-Added Income

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Fiber Industries

including natural fiber-based manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing

Manufacturing	\$0.8B
<i>Including textile mill and apparel production</i>	
Wholesaling	\$1.4B
<i>including apparel, piece goods and notions</i>	
Retailing	\$2.2B
<i>including apparel and accessory stores</i>	
Category Total	\$4.4B

Forestry Industries

including farm production and the manufacture of furniture, lumber, wood and paper products

Farming	\$0.3B
<i>including total income from farm and commercial forestry</i>	
Manufacturing	\$5.3B
<i>including wood products and paper products</i>	
Wholesaling	\$3.3B
<i>including lumber, paper and furniture</i>	
Retailing	\$1.2B
<i>including furniture</i>	
Category Total	\$9.8B

Agriculture and Food Industries

including farming, manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing firms

Farming	\$16.6B
<i>including crops, livestock, aquaculture, ornamentals and turf</i>	
Manufacturing	\$33.4B
<i>including food and tobacco products and agricultural chemicals</i>	
Wholesaling	\$8.6B
<i>including food, tobacco, farm supplies and products</i>	
Retailing	\$23.1B
<i>including food stores and restaurants</i>	
Category Total	\$81.7B

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Total Income

Agriculture/Food Industries	
total income	\$79.4B
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Natural Fiber Industries	
total income	\$4.3B
share of N.C. income	0.7%
Forestry Industries	
total income	\$9.2B
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Agriculture:	
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total income	\$92.9B
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668,000, or **15.5** percent of North Carolina's 4.3 million employees work in agriculture and agribusiness.

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Retailing	\$2.2B
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Category Total	\$4.3B

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<i>including wood products and paper products</i>	
Wholesaling	\$3.4B
<i>including lumber, paper and furniture</i>	
Retailing	\$1.2B
<i>including furniture</i>	
Category Total	\$9.2B

Agriculture and Food Industries

including farming, manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing firms

Farming	\$16.2B
<i>including crops, livestock, aquaculture, ornamentals and turf</i>	
Manufacturing	\$31.5B
<i>including food and tobacco products and agricultural chemicals</i>	
Wholesaling	\$8.7B
<i>including food, tobacco, farm supplies and products</i>	
Retailing	\$23.0B
<i>including food stores and restaurants</i>	
Category Total	\$79.4B

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Total Income

Agriculture/Food Industries	
total income	\$88.5B
share of N.C. income	13.4%
Natural Fiber Industries	
total income	\$4.8B
share of N.C. income	0.7%
Forestry Industries	
total income	\$9.9B
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Agriculture:	
Food, Fiber and Forestry Industries	
total income	\$103.2B
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Retailing	\$2.4B
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Category Total	\$4.8B

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Manufacturing	\$4.3B
<i>including wood products and paper products</i>	
Wholesaling	\$4.0B
<i>including lumber, paper and furniture</i>	
Retailing	\$1.3B
<i>including furniture</i>	
Category Total	\$9.9B

Agriculture and Food Industries

including farming, manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing firms

Farming	\$17.4B
<i>including crops, livestock, aquaculture, ornamentals and turf</i>	
Manufacturing	\$35.1B
<i>including food and tobacco products and agricultural chemicals</i>	
Wholesaling	\$10.2B
<i>including food, tobacco, farm supplies and products</i>	
Retailing	\$25.8B
<i>including food stores and restaurants</i>	
Category Total	\$88.5B