

# 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 employment. Almost 16 percent, or over **\$111.1** billion of the **\$716** billion gross state product is contributed by food, fiber and forestry industries. These industries account for **777,616** of the state's 4.8 million employees in 2022. The following are the value-added incomes derived from the state's agricultural and agribusiness sector in **2022**.

### Total Income

<b>Agriculture/Food Industries</b>	
total income	\$95.6B
share of N.C. income	13.4%
<b>Natural Fiber Industries</b>	
total income	\$5.0B
share of N.C. income	0.7%
<b>Forestry Industries</b>	
total income	\$10.5B
share of N.C. income	1.5%
<b>Agriculture:</b>	
<b>Food, Fiber and Forestry Industries</b>	
total income	\$111.1B
share of N.C. income	15.6%

### Agriculture and Agribusiness Employment

**777,616**, or **16** percent of North Carolina's 4.8 million employees work in agriculture and agribusiness.

### Value-Added Income

The figures reflect value-added income for **2022**. At the farm level, value-added is sales. At the manufacturing, wholesale and retail levels, 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*

<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>\$0.7B</b>
<i>Including textile mill and apparel production</i>	
<b>Wholesaling</b>	<b>\$1.7B</b>
<i>including apparel, piece goods and notions</i>	
<b>Retailing</b>	<b>\$2.6B</b>
<i>including apparel and accessory stores</i>	
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$5.0B</b>

### Forestry Industries

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

<b>Farming</b>	<b>\$0.3B</b>
<i>including total income from farm and commercial forestry</i>	
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>\$4.6B</b>
<i>including wood products and paper products</i>	
<b>Wholesaling</b>	<b>\$4.2B</b>
<i>including lumber, paper and furniture</i>	
<b>Retailing</b>	<b>\$1.4B</b>
<i>including furniture</i>	
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$10.5B</b>

### Agriculture and Food Industries

*including farming, manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing firms*

<b>Farming</b>	<b>\$20.5B</b>
<i>including crops, livestock, aquaculture, ornamentals and turf</i>	
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>\$36.1B</b>
<i>including food and tobacco products and agricultural chemicals</i>	
<b>Wholesaling</b>	<b>\$11.1B</b>
<i>including food, tobacco, farm supplies and products</i>	
<b>Retailing</b>	<b>\$27.9B</b>
<i>including food stores and restaurants</i>	
<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$95.6B</b>