

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 **\$103.2** billion of the **\$662** billion gross state product is contributed by food, fiber and forestry industries. These industries account for **736,679** of the state's 4.6 million employees in 2021. The following are the value-added incomes derived from the state's agricultural and agribusiness sector in **2021**.

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
share of N.C. income	1.5%
Agriculture:	
Food, Fiber and Forestry Industries	
total income	\$103.2B
share of N.C. income	15.6%

Agriculture and Agribusiness Employment

736,679, or **16** percent of North Carolina's 4.6 million employees work in agriculture and agribusiness.

Value-Added Income

The figures reflect value-added income for **2021**. 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

Manufacturing	\$0.8B
<i>Including textile mill and apparel production</i>	
Wholesaling	\$1.6B
<i>including apparel, piece goods and notions</i>	
Retailing	\$2.4B
<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	\$4.3B
<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