

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. 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

The figures reflect value-added income for **2018**. 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	\$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