Cattle – All Cattle
County Estimates

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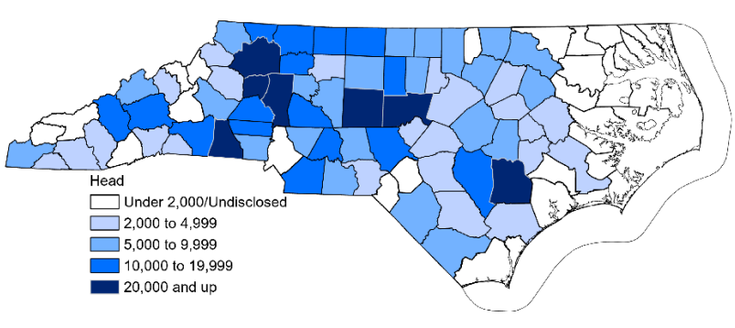
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Number on Farms January 1

Counties	2025	2026	Counties	2025	2026
	(Head)			*(Head)*	
Alamance	11,800	11,300	Johnston	9,400	9,000
Alexander	21,000	20,000	Jones	500	500
Alleghany	20,000	19,300	Lee	2,200	2,100
Anson	9,100	8,700	Lenoir	4,300	4,100
Ashe	9,200	8,800	Lincoln	14,400	13,800
Avery	800	800	McDowell	1,600	1,500
Beaufort	600	600	Macon	3,900	3,700
Bertie	200	200	Madison	5,300	5,100
Bladen	4,400	4,200	Martin	600	600
Brunswick	1,700	1,600	Mecklenburg	1,500	1,500
Buncombe	14,000	13,400	Mitchell	1,800	1,700
Burke	5,500	5,300	Montgomery	6,200	5,900
Cabarrus	10,100	9,700	Moore	12,100	11,600
Caldwell	4,900	4,700	Nash	5,000	4,800
Camden	200	200	New Hanover	(D)	(D)
Carteret	400	400	Northampton	600	600
Caswell	8,800	8,500	Onslow	1,900	1,800
Catawba	11,300	10,900	Orange	6,300	6,000
Chatham	30,500	29,500	Pamlico	200	200
Cherokee	6,500	6,200	Pasquotank	300	300
Chowan	800	800	Pender	3,100	2,900
Clay	4,100	3,900	Perquimans	300	300
Cleveland	21,000	20,000	Person	6,800	6,500
Columbus	5,500	5,200	Pitt	3,400	3,200
Craven	3,300	3,200	Polk	2,700	2,600
Cumberland	2,800	2,700	Randolph	44,000	42,000
Currituck	(D)	(D)	Richmond	3,800	3,600
Dare	*	*	Robeson	7,800	7,500
Davidson	9,400	9,000	Rockingham	10,500	10,000
Davie	8,700	8,300	Rowan	18,200	17,500
Duplin	22,000	21,000	Rutherford	11,600	11,100
Durham	3,100	2,900	Sampson	19,000	18,300
Edgecombe	5,500	5,200	Scotland	800	700
Forsyth	2,400	2,300	Stanly	12,800	12,300
Franklin	10,000	9,600	Stokes	11,100	10,600
Gaston	7,300	7,000	Surry	17,900	17,200
Gates	1,500	1,400	Swain	300	200
Graham	300	300	Transylvania	1,000	1,000
Granville	7,300	7,000	Tyrrell	100	100
Greene	2,400	2,300	Union	17,100	16,400
Guilford	10,000	9,600	Vance	900	900
Halifax	6,400	6,100	Wake	3,700	3,500
Harnett	4,800	4,600	Warren	6,800	6,600
Haywood	11,000	10,500	Washington	600	600
Henderson	2,400	2,300	Watauga	5,100	4,900
Hertford	200	200	Wayne	7,200	6,900
Hoke	1,500	1,500	Wilkes	34,500	33,000
Hyde	300	200	Wilson	3,200	3,100
Iredell	40,000	38,500	Yadkin	17,300	16,600
Jackson	2,000	2,000	Yancey	3,200	3,100
			Other Counties	100	100
			State Total	720,000	690,000

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

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Leading Counties [1]	Head
Randolph	42,000
Iredell	38,500
Wilkes	33,000
Chatham	29,500
Duplin	21,000
Alexander[2]	20,000
Cleveland[2]	20,000
Alleghany	19,300
Sampson	18,300
Rowan	17,500
Surry	17,200

[1] Ranking of published counties only.
[2] Ranked 6th.