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**Nicholas County**

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	570	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	102,192	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	104	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	179	169
Proportion of land area in farms	81.8%	51.6%
<b><u>Principal Operators</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Operators	570	77,064
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	281	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	343	49,548
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal operators	56.9	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	28	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	489	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	81	8,200
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	21.7	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	60	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	140	17,257

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**Principal Operators** (continued)

Tenure

Number of farms where principal operator is...

Full owner	427	58,664
Part owner	115	15,250
Tenant	28	3,150

**Farm Workers**

Hired farm labor	752	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$2,189,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	312	10,820
Unpaid labor*	680	76,822

**Farm Production**

Expenses

Total production expenses	\$21,243,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$37,269	\$62,002

Total Products Sold

Market value of products sold	\$20,739,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$36,385	\$65,755

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	944	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	158,244	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	76	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	168	169
Proportion of land area in farms	42.1%	51.6%
<b><u>Principal Operators</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Operators	944	77,064
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	293	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	613	49,548
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal operators	56.8	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	46	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	876	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	68	8,200
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	22.9	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	99	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	209	17,257

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**Principal Operators** (continued)

Tenure

Number of farms where principal operator is...

Full owner	777	58,664
Part owner	141	15,250
Tenant	26	3,150

**Farm Workers**

Hired farm labor	356	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$2,412,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	24	10,820
Unpaid labor*	819	76,822

**Farm Production**

Expenses

Total production expenses	\$76,761,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$81,314	\$62,002

Total Products Sold

Market value of products sold	\$98,835,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$104,698	\$65,755

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	419	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	60,354	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	43	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	144	169
Proportion of land area in farms	50.4%	51.6%
<b><u>Principal Operators</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Operators	419	77,064
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	168	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	301	49,548
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal operators	59.8	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	18	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	320	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	99	8,200
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	20.6	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	27	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	89	17,257

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**Principal Operators** (continued)

Tenure

Number of farms where principal operator is...

Full owner	324	58,664
Part owner	71	15,250
Tenant	24	3,150

**Farm Workers**

Hired farm labor	334	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$4,209,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	9	10,820
Unpaid labor*	476	76,822

**Farm Production**

Expenses

Total production expenses	\$18,943,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$45,209	\$62,002

Total Products Sold

Market value of products sold	\$14,849,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$35,439	\$65,755

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Total number of farms	701	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	131,959	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	105	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	188	169
Proportion of land area in farms	58.7%	51.6%
<b><u>Principal Operators</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Operators	701	77,064
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	286	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	468	49,548
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal operators	58.5	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	39	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	619	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	82	8,200
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	22.4	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	66	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	147	17,257

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**Principal Operators** (continued)

Tenure

Number of farms where principal operator is...

Full owner	558	58,664
Part owner	126	15,250
Tenant	17	3,150

**Farm Workers**

Hired farm labor	512	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$1,010,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	63	10,820
Unpaid labor*	833	76,822

**Farm Production**

Expenses

Total production expenses	\$20,484,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$29,221	\$62,002

Total Products Sold

Market value of products sold	\$21,239,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$30,298	\$65,755

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Total number of farms	163	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	27,560	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	100	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	169	169
Proportion of land area in farms	21.8%	51.6%
<b><u>Principal Operators</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Operators	163	77,064
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	77	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	103	49,548
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal operators	57.4	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	6	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	142	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	21	8,200
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	23.2	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	7	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	30	17,257

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Tenure

Number of farms where principal operator is...

Full owner	113	58,664
Part owner	44	15,250
Tenant	6	3,150

**Farm Workers**

Hired farm labor	155	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$133,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	0	10,820
Unpaid labor*	166	76,822

**Farm Production**

Expenses

Total production expenses	\$2,186,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$13,412	\$62,002

Total Products Sold

Market value of products sold	\$1,620,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$9,940	\$65,755

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Total number of farms	810	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	101,299	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	81	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	125	169
Proportion of land area in farms	57.1%	51.6%
<b><u>Principal Operators</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Operators	810	77,064
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	269	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	562	49,548
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal operators	57.4	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	41	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	731	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	79	8,200
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	23.0	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	55	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	161	17,257

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Tenure

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Part owner	136	15,250
Tenant	24	3,150

**Farm Workers**

Hired farm labor	507	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$1,081,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	56	10,820
Unpaid labor*	965	76,822

**Farm Production**

Expenses

Total production expenses	\$12,448,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$15,368	\$62,002

Total Products Sold

Market value of products sold	\$11,475,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$14,166	\$65,755

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	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	49	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	10,953	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	48	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	224	169
Proportion of land area in farms	5.0%	51.6%
<b><u>Principal Operators</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Operators	49	77,064
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	22	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	37	49,548
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal operators	52.2	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	4	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	43	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	6	8,200
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	13.0	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	14	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	23	17,257

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**Principal Operators** (continued)

Tenure

Number of farms where principal operator is...

Full owner	28	58,664
Part owner	15	15,250
Tenant	6	3,150

**Farm Workers**

Hired farm labor	n/a	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$130,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	0	10,820
Unpaid labor*	47	76,822

**Farm Production**

Expenses

Total production expenses	\$1,694,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$34,581	\$62,002

Total Products Sold

Market value of products sold	\$2,062,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$42,073	\$65,755

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	56	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	13,387	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	95	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	239	169
Proportion of land area in farms	2.7%	51.6%
<b><u>Principal Operators</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Operators	56	77,064
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	24	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	35	49,548
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal operators	60.8	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	0	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	50	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	6	8,200
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	18.8	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	11	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	17	17,257

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**Principal Operators** (continued)

Tenure

Number of farms where principal operator is...

Full owner	36	58,664
Part owner	19	15,250
Tenant	1	3,150

**Farm Workers**

Hired farm labor	15	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$58,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	n/a	10,820
Unpaid labor*	83	76,822

**Farm Production**

Expenses

Total production expenses	\$1,665,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$29,731	\$62,002

Total Products Sold

Market value of products sold	\$561,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$10,015	\$65,755

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	229	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	30,055	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	65	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	131	169
Proportion of land area in farms	26.2%	51.6%
<b><u>Principal Operators</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Operators	229	77,064
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	91	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	142	49,548
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal operators	59.2	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	3	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	209	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	20	8,200
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	21.9	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	28	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	51	17,257

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**Principal Operators** (continued)

Tenure

Number of farms where principal operator is...

Full owner	193	58,664
Part owner	31	15,250
Tenant	5	3,150

**Farm Workers**

Hired farm labor	135	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$328,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	0	10,820
Unpaid labor*	269	76,822

**Farm Production**

Expenses

Total production expenses	\$3,552,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$15,513	\$62,002

Total Products Sold

Market value of products sold	\$2,467,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$10,772	\$65,755

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<b><u>Farms</u></b>		
Total number of farms	1,713	77,064
Land in farms (in acres)	228,187	13,049,347
Median size of farm (in acres)	70	75
Average size of farm (in acres)	133	169
Proportion of land area in farms	54.2%	51.6%
<b><u>Principal Operators</u></b>		
Total Number of Principal Operators	1,713	77,064
<b><u>Work</u></b>		
Number of principal operators for whom primary occupation is farming	856	32,137
Number of principal operators working any days off the farm	991	49,548
<b><u>Age and Sex</u></b>		
Average age of principal operators	58.0	57.6
Number of principal operators who are under 35 years old	94	4,479
Number of principal operators who are male	1,554	68,864
Number of principal operators who are female	159	8,200
<b><u>Length of Time Farming</u></b>		
Average number of years principal operator on present farm	22.7	22.4
Number of principal operators on present farm for 4 years or less	195	6,618
Number of principal operators on present farm for 9 years or less	405	17,257

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**Principal Operators** (continued)

Tenure

Number of farms where principal operator is...

Full owner	1,180	58,664
Part owner	446	15,250
Tenant	87	3,150

**Farm Workers**

Hired farm labor	906	68,586
Hired farm labor payroll	\$2,926,000	\$377,169,000
Total migrant workers*	87	10,820
Unpaid labor*	1,432	76,822

**Farm Production**

Expenses

Total production expenses	\$64,650,000	\$4,778,105,000
Production expenses (average per farm)	\$37,741	\$62,002

Total Products Sold

Market value of products sold	\$63,505,000	\$5,067,334,000
Market value of agricultural products sold (average per farm)	\$37,073	\$65,755

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