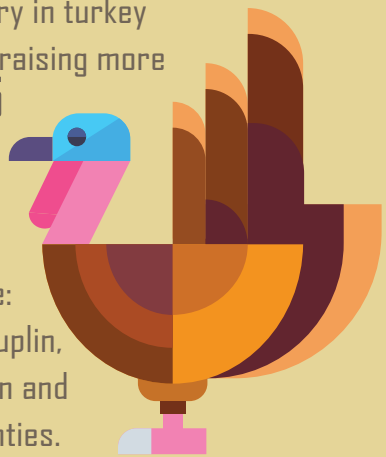
GIVE THANKS for #NCagriculture

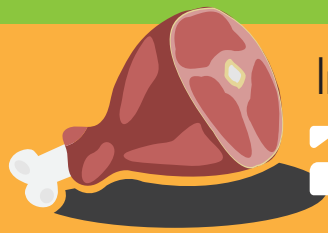
Agribusiness, including food, fiber and forestry, is North Carolina's No. 1 industry, adding $76 billion to the state's economy in 2014.

Turkeys

In the latest rankings, North Carolina ranked **THIRD** in the country in turkey production, raising more than **28.5 million birds.**

Top turkey counties are: Sampson, Duplin, Wayne, Union and Onslow counties.



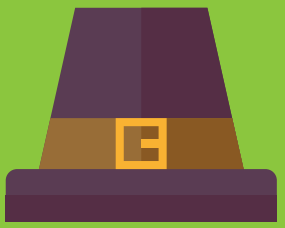


In 2014, North Carolina ranked **2nd** in the nation in hog production

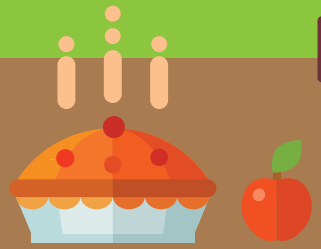
We ♥ N.C. sweet potatoes!

Sweet potato pie, sweet potato casserole, baked or fried sweet pototes, sweet potato cocktails ... this vegetable is versatile AND **super healthy.*** North Carolina farmers produce **53.5%** of the nation's sweet potatoes, ranking the Tar Heel state **FIRST** in production.

(*Ssh! Don't tell the kids.)



Pies



North Carolina ranks 7th in apple production in the U.S. Henderson County leads production.

Sweet potato pie has vitamins A & C, calcium and iron, making it delicious AND nutritious.

Use local pumpkins to make your pies instead of filling from a can for a fresher, tastier dessert.

Each year, N.C.farmers produce between 4 and 5 million pounds of pecans across 45 counties.

Make it a local holiday

North Carolina farmers and producers grow or make many items needed for your holiday meal preparation. Find a local farmers market at **www.ncfarmfresh.com**

North Carolina is now home to **158 wineries, 120 breweries and beer pubs** and **27 distilleries.**

Drink local and drink responsibly.