Agriculture and agribusiness — food, fiber, and forestry — account for almost one-fifth of the state’s income and employees. Nearly 20 percent, or $59.2 billion, of the $300 billion gross state product is contributed by food, fiber, and forestry industries. These industries account for 671,000 of the state’s 3.8 million employees. The following are the value-added incomes derived from the state’s agricultural sector for 2002.

### Total Income

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### Agricultural and Agribusiness Employment

671,000, or 18 percent, of North Carolina’s 3.8 million total employees work in agriculture.

### Fiber Industries

- **Manufacturing**: $3.6 billion (including textile mill and apparel products)
- **Wholesaling**: $0.7 billion (including apparel, piece goods, and notions)
- **Retailing**: $2.2 billion (including apparel and accessory stores)
- **Total**: $6.5 billion

### Forestry Industries

- **Farming**: $1.8 billion (including total income from farm and commercial forestry)
- **Manufacturing**: $5.6 billion (including furniture and fixtures, lumber and wood products, and paper and allied products)
- **Total**: $7.4 billion

### Agriculture/Food Industries

- **Farming**: $7.6 billion (including crops, livestock, aquaculture, ornamentals, and turf)
- **Manufacturing**: $22.0 billion (including food and tobacco products, and agricultural chemicals)
- **Wholesaling**: $3.8 billion (including food and tobacco, and farm supplies and products)
- **Retailing**: $11.9 billion (including food stores and restaurants)
- **Total**: $45.3 billion

The figures reflect **value-added income** for 2002. At the farm level, value added is sales. At the manufacturing, wholesale, and retail levels, value added is sales minus the cost of non-labor inputs. 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.