Agriculture and agribusiness — food, fiber, and forestry — account for almost one-fifth of the state’s income and employees. Almost 17 percent, or $71.6 billion, of the $425 billion gross state product is contributed by food, fiber, and forestry industries. These industries account for 638,000 of the state’s 3.8 million employees. The following are the value-added incomes derived from the state’s agricultural sector for 2010.

The figures reflect value-added income for 2010. 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.