

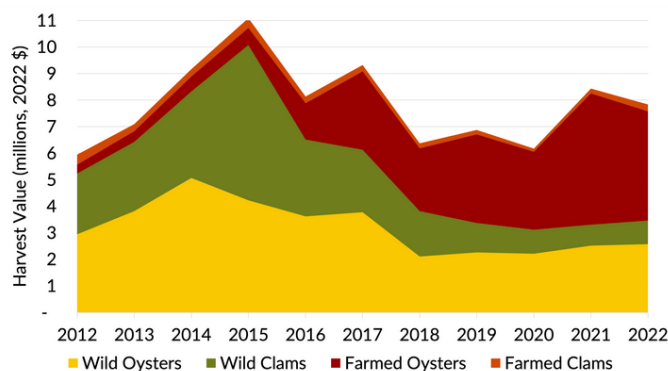
# The Economic Impact of North Carolina's Oyster Mariculture Industry

In 2022, North Carolina's wild and farmed shellfish industry contributed \$31.66 million to the state's economy. Of this, the farmed oyster industry provided almost half, \$14.69 million in economic impact and 283 jobs. The industry has become the most important component of the shellfish sector in the state.

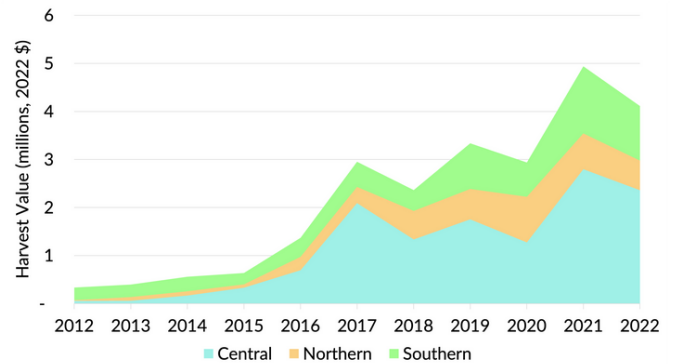
## Statewide Economic Impact

<b>Harvesting</b>	
economic impact	\$7.07M
employment	123
<b>Preparation and Processing</b>	
economic impact	\$0.88M
employment	13
<b>Fish Markets and Retailers</b>	
economic impact	\$0.59M
employment	12
<b>Seafood Restaurants</b>	
economic impact	\$6.15M
employment	136
<b>Total</b>	
economic impact	\$14.69M
employment	283

## N.C. Shellfish Landings



## Sales by Region



## Contribution by Region



### Northern District

farmed oyster impact:  
\$2.20M  
jobs contributed:  
42



### Central District

farmed oyster impact:  
\$8.42M  
jobs contributed:  
162



### Southern District

farmed oyster impact:  
\$4.06M  
jobs contributed:  
78

## Value Added Income

All impact figures are value-added income for 2022. For the harvesting sector value-added is total sales. At the processing, restaurant, and retail levels, value-added is sales minus the cost of non-labor inputs. Value-added does not include non-North Carolina inputs, and avoids double counting product used several times in the production chain. Economists view value-added as the most accurate measure of economic impact.

Methodology and additional details for the estimates included in this factsheet are available by emailing [eric.edwards@ncsu.edu](mailto:eric.edwards@ncsu.edu).