

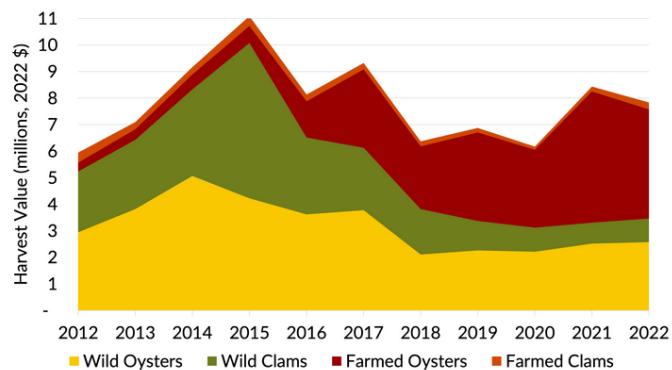
The Economic Impact of North Carolina's Oyster Mariculture Industry

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.

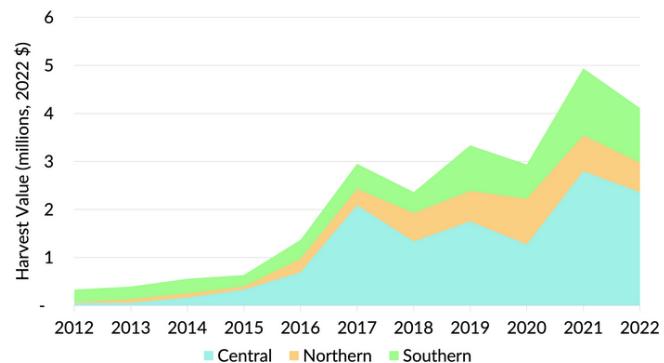
Statewide Economic Impact

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