

Business and Industry

North Carolina was an agricultural state before the Civil War. But there were towns, even if they were very small by our standards. People practiced a wide variety of occupations, often in addition to farming. And here and there, a few industries were taking root. In this chapter we'll use census data, maps, and business directories to learn about antebellum business and industry.

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Alamance Cotton Mill, built in 1837, pioneered the state's textile industry.

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