

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 7 percent from 101,073 acres in 1992 to 107,801 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 6 percent from 139 acres in 1992 to 147 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 2 percent from 339 farms in 1992 to 333 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

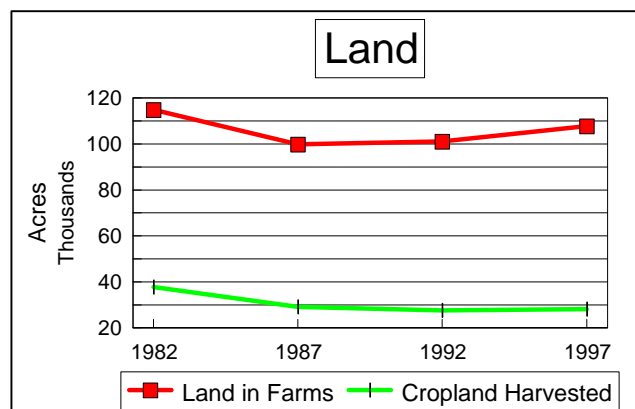
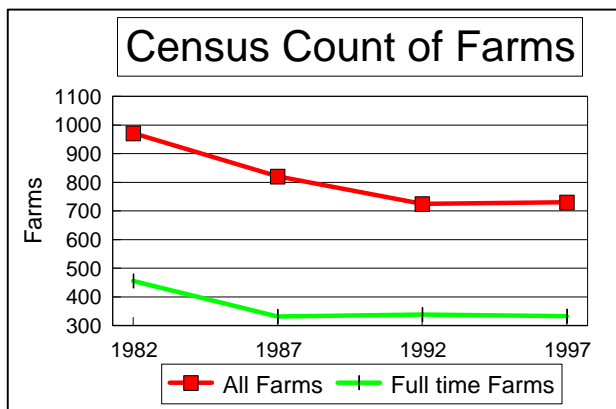
Increased 7 percent to \$34,603,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 6 percent from \$44,815 in 1992 to \$47,337 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	34,603	53	100	1,582	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	21,548	44	100	1,166	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	13,056	63	100	1,585	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Tobacco	10,306	36	86	89	580
Poultry & poultry products	10,090	42	97	437	2,901
Dairy products	7,019	7	67	491	2,563
Cattle and calves	4,051	11	99	1,620	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	579	12	97	1,474	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,918,000	44	68	386	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	584,933	12	72	146	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	9,976	12	99	1,613	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	2,168	69	95	1,520	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	1,542	22	63	656	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	492,560	9	98	158	3,002
Broiler inventory	427,056	40	81	346	2,620
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	17	51	252	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	24	72	329	2,549
Cattle and calves inventory	22,969	9	99	1,399	3,064
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	14,682	8	99	1,323	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	3,357	48	100	1,478	2,691
Tobacco-acres	3,137	36	86	87	583
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,910	63	88	1,315	2,144
Wheat-acres	2,645	56	86	1,322	2,612

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	453	415	9
\$10,000 or more .....	278	310	-10
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	23,534	24,286	-3
Average per farm .....dollars..	32,238	33,498	-4
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	6,617	6,155	8
Average per farm .....dollars..	9,064	8,489	7
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	647	648	-0
Partnership or corporation .....	82	76	8
Other .....	2	1	100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	333	339	-2
Other .....	398	386	3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	674	663	2
Female .....	57	62	-8
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	695	691	1
Black and other races .....	36	34	6
Average age of operator .....	56.2	55.4	1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

\* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.