

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



YANCEY NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 38,394 acres in 1992 to 40,057 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 16 percent from 57 acres in 1992 to 66 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 21 percent from 241 farms in 1992 to 190 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

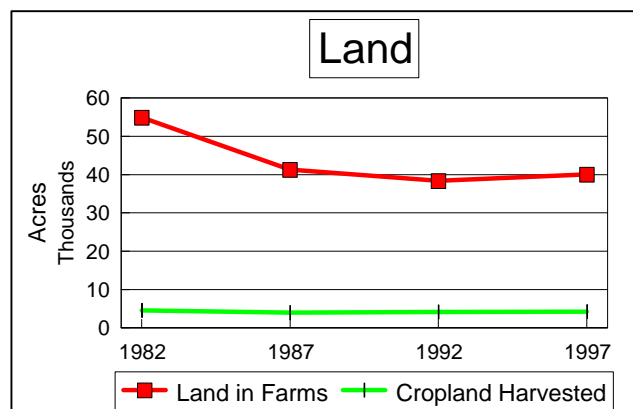
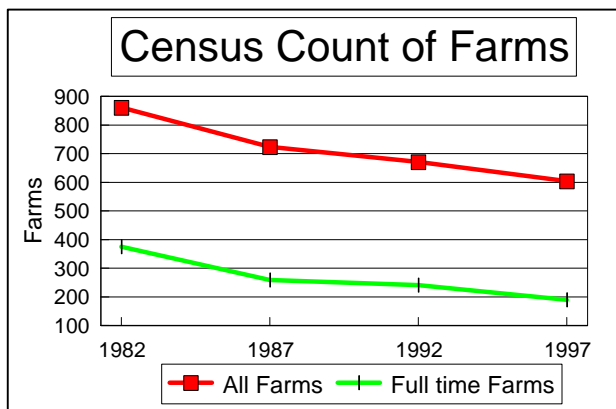
Decreased 2 percent to \$5,347,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 80 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 20 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 9 percent from \$8,121 in 1992 to \$8,853 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	5,347	92	100	2,743	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	4,280	86	100	2,204	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,067	90	100	2,862	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	2,808	52	86	216	580
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,300	49	96	876	2,790
Cattle and calves	712	63	99	2,673	3,063
Dairy products	(D)	57	67	2,157	2,563
Horses and ponies	112	41	96	1,285	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	2,213	63	99	2,623	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	71	95	2,003	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	67	68	1,385	1,882
Horses and ponies sold	30	51	96	2,146	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	57	83	2,442	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	4,976	58	99	2,583	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	238	57	100	2,448	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	237	63	98	2,226	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	209	74	97	2,249	3,005
All goat inventory	164	68	98	1,342	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	2,298	64	99	2,661	3,061
Tobacco-acres	1,169	49	86	182	583
All nursery-acres	451	21	95	581	2,619
Corn for silage-acres	184	55	88	1,851	2,473
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	157	9	74	139	1,965

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	481	547	-12
\$10,000 or more	123	124	-1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	3,144	3,672	-14
Average per farmdollars..	5,188	5,473	-5
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,208	1,719	-30
Average per farmdollars..	1,994	2,563	-22
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	545	608	-10
Partnership or corporation	56	60	-7
Other	3	3	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	190	241	-21
Other	414	430	-4
Operators by sex:			
Male	566	630	-10
Female	38	41	-7
Operators by race:			
White	602	670	-10
Black and other races	2	1	100
Average age of operator	55.3	54.6	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.