

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



BURKE NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 31,671 acres in 1992 to 29,373 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 9 percent from 91 acres in 1992 to 83 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 144 farms in 1992 to 126 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

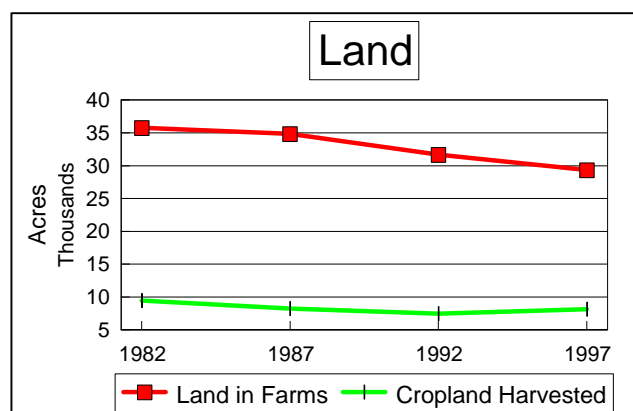
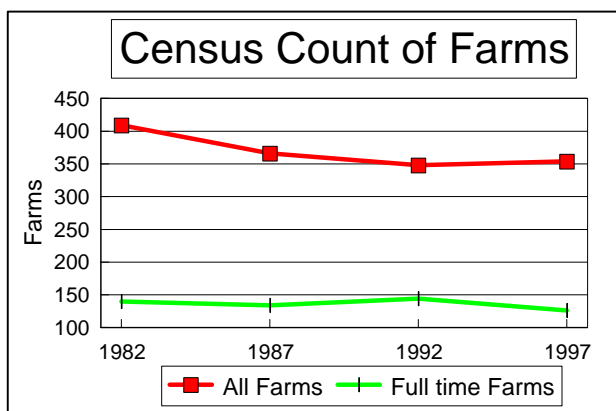
Increased 41 percent to \$28,242,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 34 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 66 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 38 percent from \$57,677 in 1992 to \$79,779 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	28,242	64	100	1,800	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	18,613	47	100	1,319	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	9,629	70	100	1,779	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	15,334	35	97	350	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	9,046	9	96	229	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,816	34	99	2,228	3,063
Dairy products	735	38	67	1,563	2,563
Hogs and pigs	(D)	61	95	1,164	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	4,850,598	27	68	267	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	94,352	29	72	485	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	11	63	277	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	4,723	36	99	2,207	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	65	95	1,290	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	483,693	38	81	331	2,620
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	21	72	277	2,549
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	39	98	652	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	5,928	51	99	2,486	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	60	97	1,231	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	4,428	51	99	2,366	3,061
All nursery-acres	1,670	8	95	166	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	1,223	69	100	1,796	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	540	37	88	1,392	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	120	85	88	1,940	2,144

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	245	249	-2
\$10,000 or more	109	99	10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	18,678	16,855	11
Average per farmdollars..	52,614	48,434	9
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,322	2,711	133
Average per farmdollars..	17,808	7,791	129
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	313	312	0
Partnership or corporation	39	32	22
Other	2	4	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	126	144	-13
Other	228	204	12
Operators by sex:			
Male	331	320	3
Female	23	28	-18
Operators by race:			
White	349	344	1
Black and other races	5	4	25
Average age of operator	55.8	56.3	-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.