

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



CABARRUS NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 63,067 acres in 1992 to 63,102 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 147 acres in 1992 to 131 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 203 farms in 1992 to 184 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

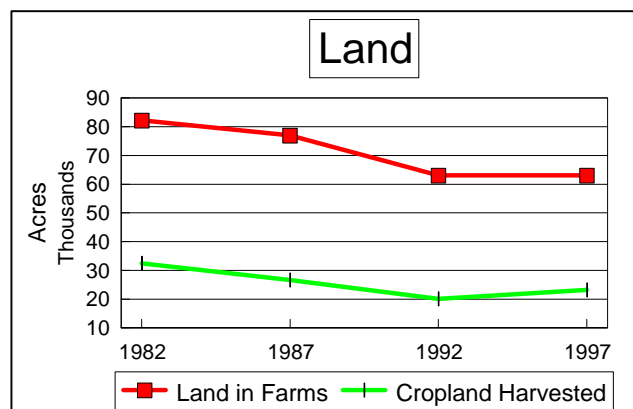
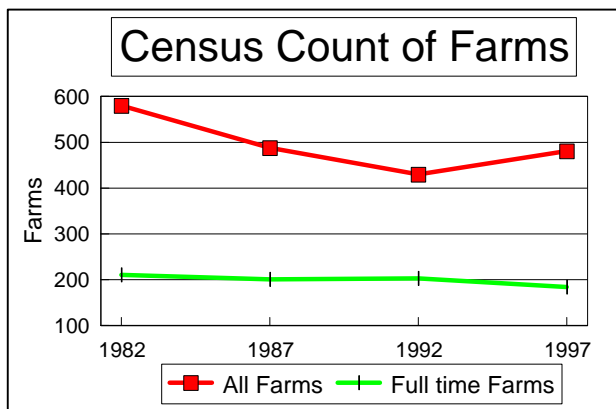
Increased 67 percent to \$20,860,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 25 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 75 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 50 percent from \$28,988 in 1992 to \$43,368 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	20,860	73	100	2,069	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	15,693	53	100	1,474	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	5,167	82	100	2,108	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	6,444	48	97	528	2,901
Hogs and pigs	(D)	38	95	457	2,976
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,388	31	96	638	2,790
Cattle and calves	2,093	31	99	2,130	3,063
Soybeans	950	53	88	1,193	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	473,000	19	46	127	1,353
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	55	68	549	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	27	72	458	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	40	95	534	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	6,244	28	99	1,972	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	111,019	20	74	156	2,361
Broiler inventory	(D)	56	81	529	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	35	98	538	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	22	72	311	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	19	51	286	1,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	11,626	18	99	1,547	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	6,483	48	88	1,134	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	3,155	51	100	1,501	2,691
Wheat-acres	3,010	52	86	1,270	2,612
Barley-acres	680	9	54	446	1,411

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	344	306	12
\$10,000 or more	137	124	10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	17,011	10,672	59
Average per farmdollars..	35,366	24,761	43
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,318	1,890	76
Average per farmdollars..	6,898	4,386	57
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	428	391	9
Partnership or corporation	52	38	37
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	184	203	-9
Other	297	227	31
Operators by sex:			
Male	437	397	10
Female	44	33	33
Operators by race:			
White	477	426	12
Black and other races	4	4	
Average age of operator	56.7	57.6	-2

(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.