

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



## CALDWELL NORTH CAROLINA

### Land in farms

Increased 19 percent from 31,184 acres in 1992 to 37,050 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 18 percent from 95 acres in 1992 to 112 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 14 percent from 134 farms in 1992 to 115 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

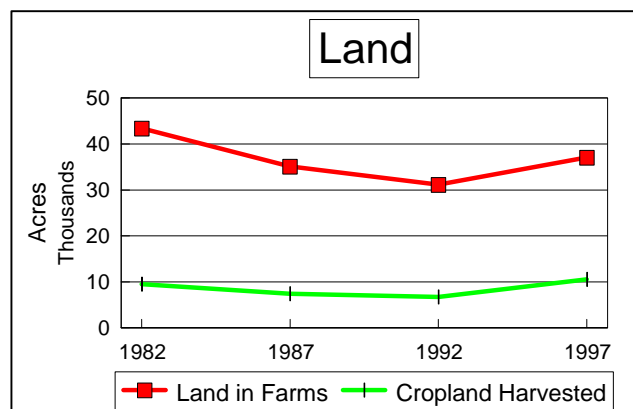
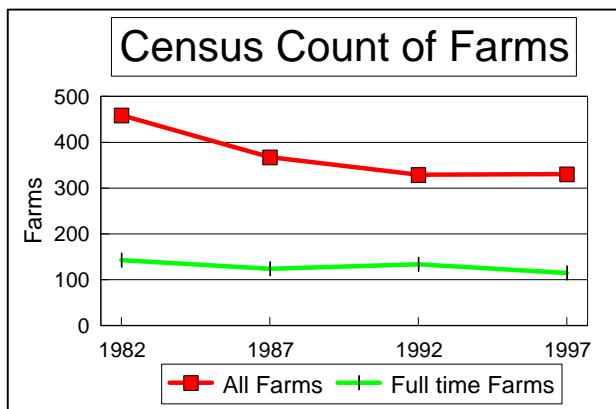
Increased 88 percent to \$23,712,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 58 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 42 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 87 percent from \$38,363 in 1992 to \$71,638 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	23,712	69	100	1,967	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	13,773	59	100	1,546	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	9,939	62	100	1,863	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	11,535	7	96	180	2,790
Poultry & poultry products	4,560	52	97	625	2,901
Dairy products	3,504	19	67	794	2,563
Tobacco	1,540	63	86	270	580
Cattle and calves	886	57	99	2,593	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,971,460	43	68	380	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	81,304	31	72	512	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	5,836	62	95	1,182	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	2,560	54	99	2,552	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	101	20	96	911	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	349,977	43	81	377	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	72,968	27	98	491	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	6,918	49	99	2,410	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	4,552	53	97	1,045	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	507	33	100	1,576	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	5,358	41	99	2,226	3,061
All nursery-acres	1,819	7	95	152	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	1,251	67	100	1,787	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	812	76	88	1,620	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	576	35	88	1,363	2,473

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 .....	239	220	9
\$10,000 or more .....	92	109	-16
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	12,639	9,716	30
Average per farm .....dollars..	38,301	29,712	29
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	8,048	2,536	217
Average per farm .....dollars..	24,387	7,755	214
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	304	292	4
Partnership or corporation .....	27	37	-27
Other .....			
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	115	134	-14
Other .....	216	195	11
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	315	310	2
Female .....	16	19	-16
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	329	329	
Black and other races .....	2	-	
Average age of operator .....	56.4	54.9	3

(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.