

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
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## CAMDEN NORTH CAROLINA

### Land in farms

Increased 20 percent from 43,056 acres in 1992 to 51,685 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 40 percent from 484 acres in 1992 to 680 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 66 farms in 1992 to 53 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

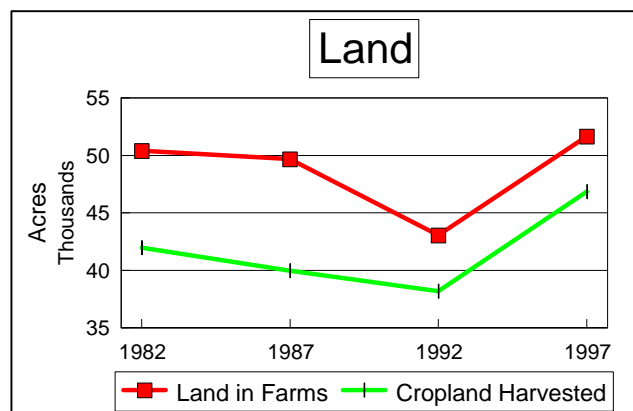
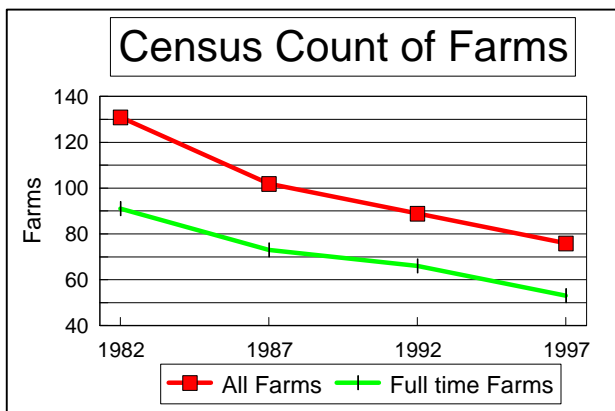
Increased 19 percent to \$19,747,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 94 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 6 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 39 percent from \$186,853 in 1992 to \$259,827 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	19,747	74	100	2,118	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	18,506	49	100	1,323	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,241	88	100	2,839	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Soybeans	5,619	16	88	713	2,136
Corn for grain	5,261	15	97	788	2,582
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	3,475	16	97	279	2,237
Wheat	2,747	10	85	556	2,578
Hogs and pigs	(D)	53	95	974	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	48	95	778	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	115	97	99	3,018	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	41	46	83	2,339	2,765
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	69	72	2,107	2,203
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	82	96	2,838	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Hogs and pigs inventory	4,569	52	97	1,041	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	(D)	98	99	3,015	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	84	98	2,701	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	68	49	90	2,330	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	41	94	100	2,997	3,066
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	25,899	18	88	723	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	17,204	19	100	870	2,691
Wheat-acres	14,344	13	86	635	2,612
Potatoes-acres	2,670	3	80	94	1,733
Cotton-acres	925	42	60	492	713

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 .....	25	28	-11
\$10,000 or more .....	51	61	-16
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	14,455	15,028	-4
Average per farm .....dollars..	190,199	170,771	11
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	5,292	1,693	213
Average per farm .....dollars..	69,628	19,235	262
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	59	69	-14
Partnership or corporation .....	17	17	
Other .....	-	3	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	53	66	-20
Other .....	23	23	
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	74	85	-13
Female .....	2	4	-50
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	75	84	-11
Black and other races .....	1	5	-80
Average age of operator .....	56.4	53.6	5

(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.