

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



## CASWELL NORTH CAROLINA

### Land in farms

Increased 10 percent from 125,428 acres in 1992 to 137,873 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 17 percent from 209 acres in 1992 to 244 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 320 farms in 1992 to 289 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

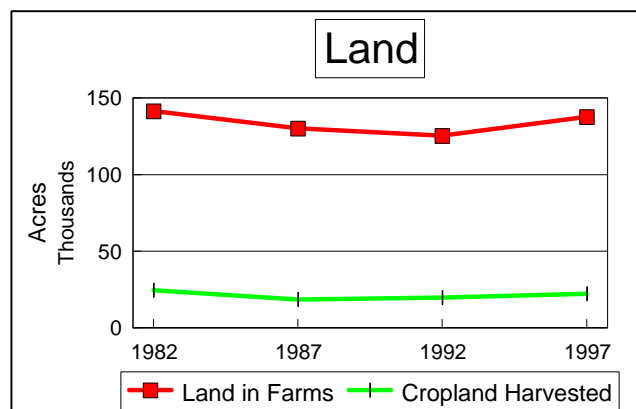
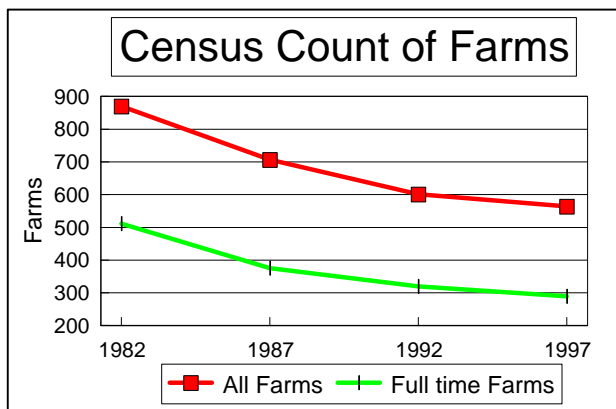
Increased 35 percent to \$28,385,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 77 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 23 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 44 percent from \$34,869 in 1992 to \$50,327 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	28,385	63	100	1,795	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	21,894	44	100	1,189	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,491	73	100	2,189	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Tobacco	20,370	22	86	36	580
Cattle and calves	3,631	14	99	1,719	3,063
Poultry & poultry products	1,325	62	97	900	2,901
Dairy products	991	33	67	1,421	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	502	75	96	1,339	2,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	56,385	39	72	611	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	63	68	706	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	8,328	16	99	1,763	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	4,507	64	95	1,266	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	29	63	1,069	2,200
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	61,431	34	98	537	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	12,428	30	99	1,954	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,365	62	97	1,274	3,005
Broiler inventory	(D)	63	81	706	2,620
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	23	86	734	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	11,487	19	99	1,565	3,061
Tobacco-acres	6,095	21	86	32	583
Wheat-acres	2,586	57	86	1,329	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	1,231	68	100	1,795	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	975	74	88	1,585	2,144

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 .....	258	261	-1
\$10,000 or more .....	306	340	-10
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	19,544	13,106	49
Average per farm .....dollars..	34,653	21,771	59
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	6,388	6,181	3
Average per farm .....dollars..	11,326	10,268	10
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	490	527	-7
Partnership or corporation .....	68	69	-1
Other .....	6	5	20
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	289	320	-10
Other .....	275	281	-2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	525	559	-6
Female .....	39	42	-7
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	483	519	-7
Black and other races .....	81	82	-1
Average age of operator .....	54.6	54.6	

(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.