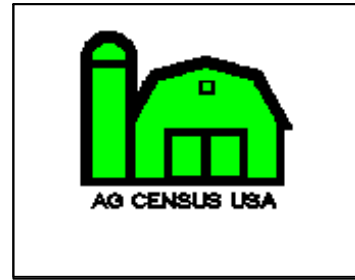


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## CHATHAM NORTH CAROLINA

### Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 108,363 acres in 1992 to 112,923 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased slightly from 117 acres in 1992 to 118 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 466 farms in 1992 to 421 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

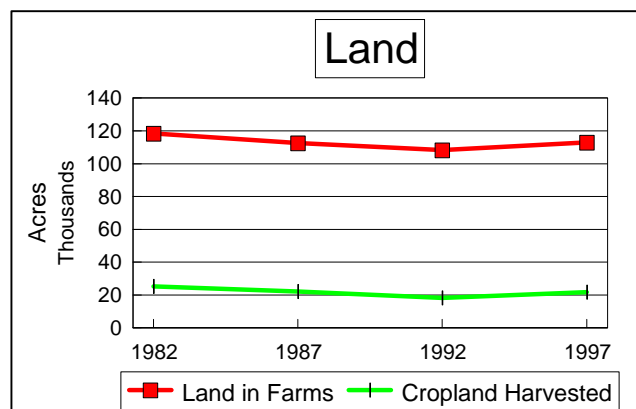
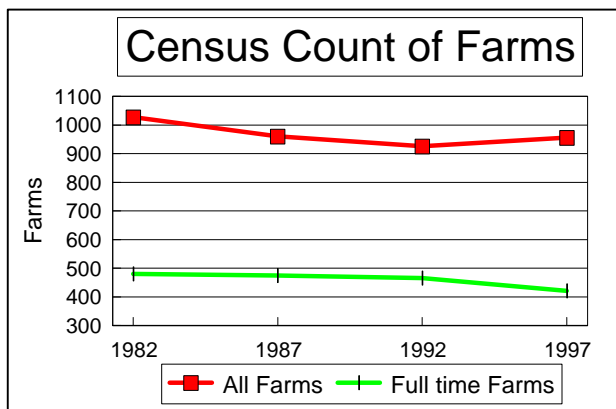
Increased 30 percent to \$120,705,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 4 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 96 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 26 percent from \$100,021 in 1992 to \$126,261 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	120,705	16	100	372	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	116,096	11	100	142	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,610	85	100	2,166	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	101,753	7	97	43	2,901
Cattle and calves	6,439	3	99	1,260	3,063
Dairy products	4,942	13	67	643	2,563
Tobacco	2,416	54	86	230	580
Hogs and pigs	2,194	47	95	789	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	32,300,662	5	68	62	1,882
Turkeys sold	1,121,226	13	46	77	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	654,696	11	72	134	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	17,920	51	95	846	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	17,721	3	99	1,108	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	7,162,478	4	81	37	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	282,663	14	98	243	3,002
All turkeys inventory	191,528	18	74	116	2,361
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	156,156	7	72	97	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	84,215	12	51	157	1,790
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	15,443	7	99	1,285	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,658	70	88	1,461	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	1,529	18	88	825	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	1,190	70	100	1,807	2,691
Tobacco-acres	1,146	50	86	186	583

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 .....	556	500	11
\$10,000 or more .....	400	426	-6
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	90,511	72,498	25
Average per farm .....dollars..	94,479	78,207	21
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	18,198	15,423	18
Average per farm .....dollars..	18,996	16,637	14
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	870	837	4
Partnership or corporation .....	85	88	-3
Other .....	1	1	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	421	466	-10
Other .....	535	460	16
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	850	819	4
Female .....	106	107	-1
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	936	908	3
Black and other races .....	20	18	11
Average age of operator .....	54.9	54.8	0

(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.