

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 13 percent from 52,974 acres in 1992 to 59,826 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 104 acres in 1992 to 106 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 5 percent from 261 farms in 1992 to 274 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

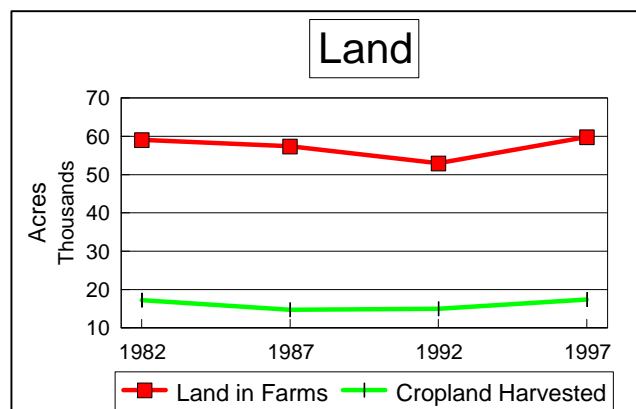
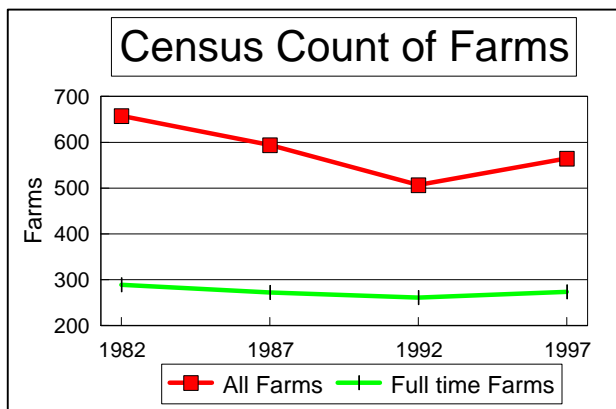
Increased 33 percent to \$46,791,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 19 percent from \$69,460 in 1992 to \$82,817 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	46,791	43	100	1,261	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	42,149	34	100	630	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	4,642	84	100	2,163	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	32,392	19	97	189	2,901
Dairy products	7,028	6	67	490	2,563
Tobacco	2,776	53	86	220	580
Cattle and calves	2,647	24	99	1,940	3,063
Fruits, nuts, berries	720	6	97	381	2,547
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	11,373,400	16	68	171	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	1,668,309	5	72	43	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	6,692	26	99	1,923	3,063
All goats sold	293	9	94	334	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	76	95	2,340	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	1,887,125	16	81	166	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	681,000	7	98	117	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	484,625	2	72	23	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	178,025	5	51	89	1,790
Cattle and calves inventory	20,408	13	99	1,519	3,064
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	11,791	17	99	1,527	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,921	7	88	502	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	1,024	73	88	1,577	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	894	73	100	1,896	2,691
Tobacco-acres	759	56	86	232	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 .....	317	267	19
\$10,000 or more .....	248	240	3
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	34,225	30,335	13
Average per farm .....dollars..	60,575	59,832	1
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	4,127	5,036	-18
Average per farm .....dollars..	7,304	9,933	-26
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	507	464	9
Partnership or corporation .....	55	42	31
Other .....	3	1	200
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	274	261	5
Other .....	291	246	18
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	511	459	11
Female .....	54	48	13
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	559	504	11
Black and other races .....	6	3	100
Average age of operator .....	53.2	53.5	-1

(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.