

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



CHEROKEE NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 23,929 acres in 1992 to 24,533 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 109 acres in 1992 to 101 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 99 farms in 1992 to 101 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

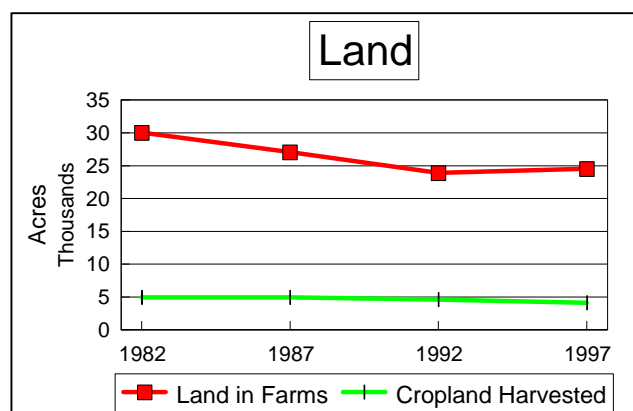
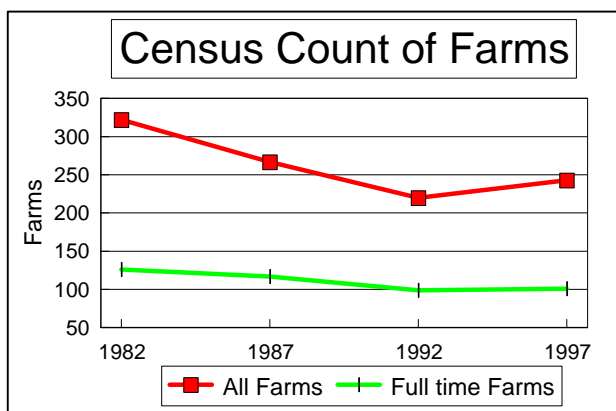
Increased 15 percent to \$12,611,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 4 percent from \$49,871 in 1992 to \$51,899 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	12,611	84	100	2,395	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	11,181	59	100	1,771	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,430	95	100	2,618	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	44	97	459	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	842	61	96	1,054	2,790
Cattle and calves	798	61	99	2,632	3,063
Dairy products	695	42	67	1,580	2,563
Tobacco	183	77	86	401	580
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	22	72	352	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	2,292	61	99	2,605	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	272	75	95	2,299	2,976
All goats sold	53	59	94	1,392	2,686
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	48	63	1,562	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	11	98	176	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	6	51	99	1,790
Cattle and calves inventory	5,017	57	99	2,578	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	330	71	97	2,038	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	230	59	100	2,472	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	3,050	59	99	2,562	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	618	79	100	2,003	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	(D)	83	88	1,886	2,144
Land used for vegetables-acres	147	49	98	1,074	2,741
Corn for silage-acres	(D)	62	88	1,997	2,473

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	198	165	20
\$10,000 or more	45	55	-18
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	10,135	10,871	-7
Average per farmdollars..	41,882	48,969	-14
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	1,021	967	6
Average per farmdollars..	4,219	4,357	-3
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	228	203	12
Partnership or corporation	15	15	
Other	-	2	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	101	99	2
Other	142	121	17
Operators by sex:			
Male	213	207	3
Female	30	13	131
Operators by race:			
White	235	216	9
Black and other races	8	4	100
Average age of operator	57.1	58.4	-2

(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.