

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



CHOWAN NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 53,902 acres in 1992 to 51,341 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 13 percent from 301 acres in 1992 to 340 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 122 farms in 1992 to 108 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

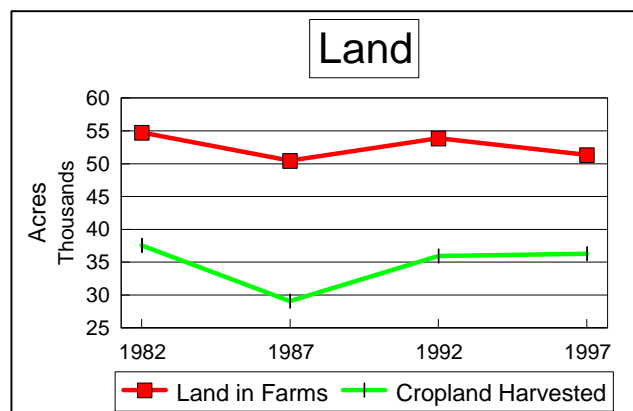
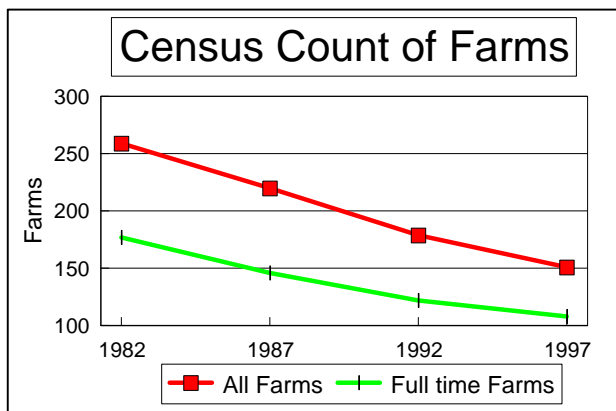
Increased 40 percent to \$34,002,000 in 1997.

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 66 percent from \$135,861 in 1992 to \$225,181 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	34,002	55	100	1,604	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	26,069	34	100	1,057	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,933	68	100	2,047	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cotton, cottonseed	7,165	18	60	188	709
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	5,866	12	97	204	2,237
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	18	96	394	2,790
Hogs and pigs	4,389	42	95	579	2,976
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	3,984	5	98	226	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,700,664	46	68	404	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	39,103	42	95	611	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	521	87	99	2,922	3,063
All goats sold	(D)	70	94	1,616	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	63	83	2,476	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	279,100	47	81	408	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	15,347	41	97	672	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	1,301	85	99	2,912	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	139	75	100	2,755	3,066
All goat inventory	48	87	98	2,276	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	16,304	18	60	204	713
Soybeans for beans-acres	6,319	51	88	1,140	2,144
Total herbs-acres	(D)	2	24	8	649
Corn for grain-acres	5,976	37	100	1,244	2,691
Peanuts-acres	5,274	8	45	70	466

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	44	36	22
\$10,000 or more	107	143	-25
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	23,034	19,565	18
Average per farmdollars..	152,542	109,300	40
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	9,774	3,072	218
Average per farmdollars..	64,731	17,162	277
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	113	140	-19
Partnership or corporation	38	37	3
Other	-	2	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	108	122	-11
Other	43	57	-25
Operators by sex:			
Male	145	172	-16
Female	6	7	-14
Operators by race:			
White	142	166	-14
Black and other races	9	13	-31
Average age of operator	51.8	52.5	-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.