

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



COLUMBUS NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 162,634 acres in 1992 to 169,945 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 31 percent from 147 acres in 1992 to 192 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 27 percent from 601 farms in 1992 to 437 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

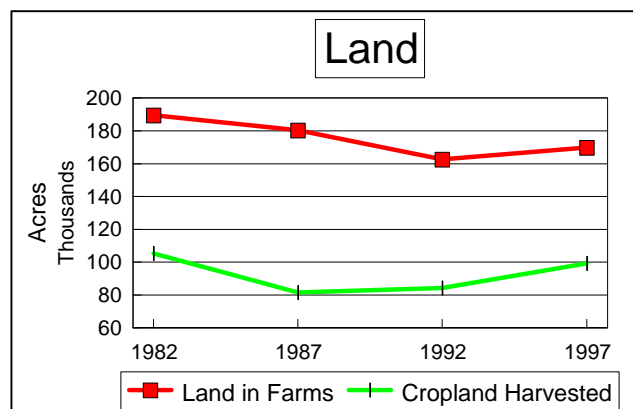
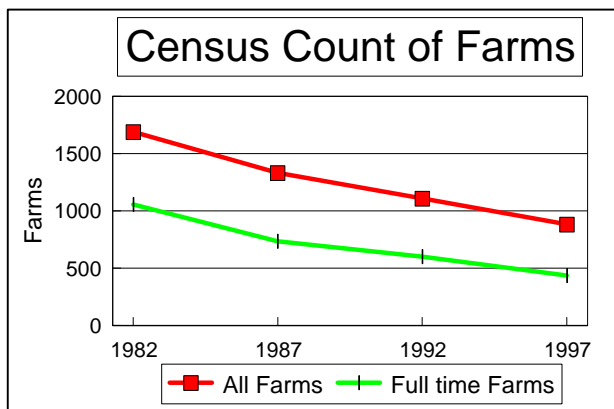
Increased 156 percent to \$139,913,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 48 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 52 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 221 percent from \$49,290 in 1992 to \$158,273 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	139,913	15	100	282	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	72,695	22	100	321	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	67,218	10	100	345	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	68,391	11	95	28	2,976
Tobacco	42,967	7	86	9	580
Corn for grain	7,225	7	97	676	2,582
Soybeans	7,004	11	88	655	2,136
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	3,245	17	97	290	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,522,000	48	68	414	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	1,135,187	9	95	12	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	3,606	44	99	2,379	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	21	63	624	2,200
All goats sold	693	2	94	126	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	257,920	10	97	33	3,005
Broiler inventory	(D)	50	81	462	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	8,364	43	99	2,294	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	17	86	426	2,884
All goat inventory	1,229	6	98	158	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	44,176	9	88	561	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	28,249	8	100	693	2,691
Wheat-acres	14,658	11	86	628	2,612
Tobacco-acres	11,194	6	86	7	583
Hay crops-acres	5,265	42	99	2,241	3,061

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	363	476	-24
\$10,000 or more	521	633	-18
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	95,693	45,890	109
Average per farmdollars..	108,373	41,342	162
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	37,078	8,337	345
Average per farmdollars..	41,991	7,511	459
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	771	1,001	-23
Partnership or corporation	110	104	6
Other	3	4	-25
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	437	601	-27
Other	447	508	-12
Operators by sex:			
Male	811	1,006	-19
Female	73	103	-29
Operators by race:			
White	807	982	-18
Black and other races	77	127	-39
Average age of operator	53.1	53.4	-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.