

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



CURRITUCK NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Decreased 5 percent from 41,750 acres in 1992 to 39,571 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased slightly from 464 acres in 1992 to 460 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 22 percent from 69 farms in 1992 to 54 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

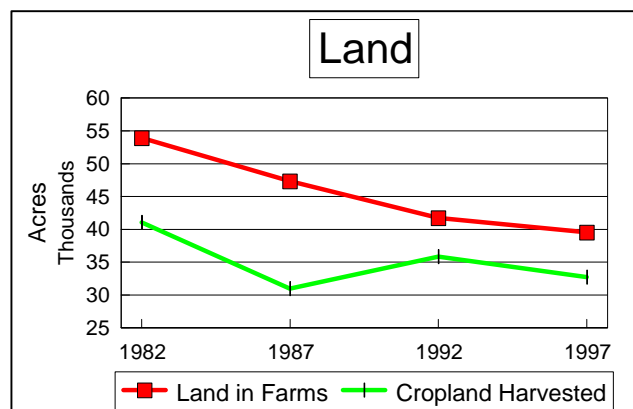
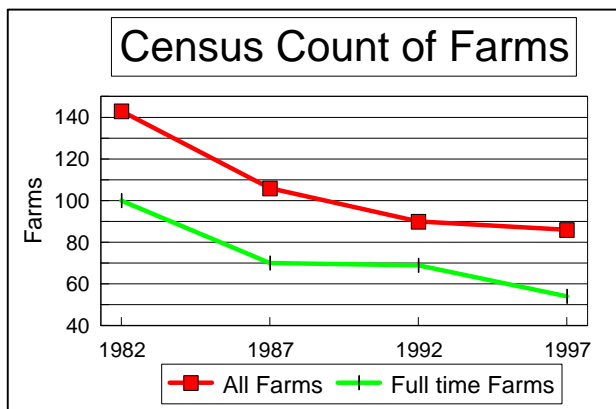
Increased 4 percent to \$14,964,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 93 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 7 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 8 percent from \$160,589 in 1992 to \$174,005 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	14,964	81	100	2,302	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	13,934	57	100	1,529	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,030	92	100	2,871	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Soybeans	4,054	19	88	793	2,136
Corn for grain	3,496	21	97	927	2,582
Wheat	1,824	18	85	685	2,578
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,781	40	96	741	2,790
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	(D)	25	97	416	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	11,205	54	95	992	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	28	63	1,033	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	113	98	99	3,019	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	78	83	2,731	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	93	96	2,988	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	4,270	54	97	1,071	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	290	95	99	3,008	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	115	52	86	1,916	2,884
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	95	79	98	2,658	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	71	84	100	2,919	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	18,489	24	88	811	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	11,309	28	100	1,038	2,691
Wheat-acres	9,880	21	86	773	2,612
Cotton-acres	1,780	38	60	433	713
Potatoes-acres	(D)	6	80	160	1,733

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	36	33	9
\$10,000 or more	50	57	-12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	12,026	11,928	1
Average per farmdollars..	139,837	132,535	6
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,938	1,894	55
Average per farmdollars..	34,167	21,041	62
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	68	67	1
Partnership or corporation	18	23	-22
Other			
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	54	69	-22
Other	32	21	52
Operators by sex:			
Male	73	86	-15
Female	13	4	225
Operators by race:			
White	85	89	-4
Black and other races	1	1	
Average age of operator	55.0	50.8	8

(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.