

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



DAVIDSON NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 7 percent from 92,192 acres in 1992 to 98,971 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Unchanged from 107 acres in 1992 to 107 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 1 percent from 381 farms in 1992 to 376 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

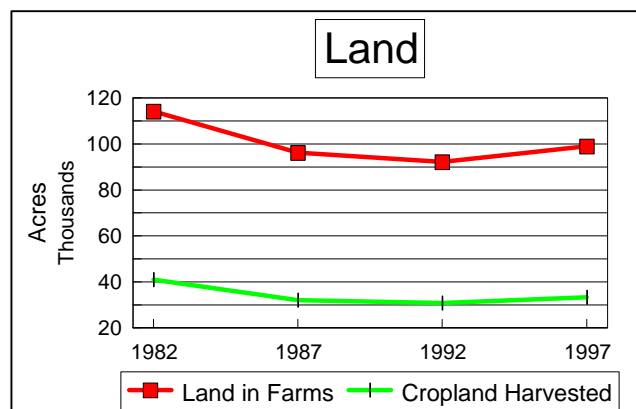
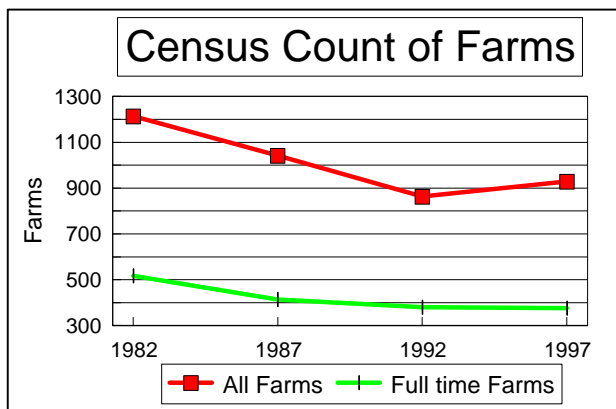
Increased 16 percent to \$23,645,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 45 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 55 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 8 percent from \$23,667 in 1992 to \$25,452 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	23,645	70	100	1,969	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	13,032	58	100	1,639	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	10,613	69	100	1,714	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	6,300	42	86	136	580
Poultry & poultry products	5,291	51	97	583	2,901
Dairy products	4,531	16	67	678	2,563
Cattle and calves	2,639	25	99	1,945	3,063
Soybeans	1,122	49	88	1,152	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,276,850	41	68	372	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	42	72	652	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	7,636	20	99	1,826	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	17	63	478	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	3,329	67	95	1,379	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	397,938	41	81	357	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	37	98	572	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	17,543	19	99	1,666	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	15	86	352	2,884
Hogs and pigs inventory	2,020	64	97	1,346	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	16,307	5	99	1,234	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	6,135	52	88	1,147	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	4,668	45	100	1,343	2,691
Wheat-acres	2,335	63	86	1,372	2,612
Tobacco-acres	2,021	41	86	129	583

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	664	594	12
\$10,000 or more	265	270	-2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	17,290	14,079	23
Average per farmdollars..	18,611	16,314	14
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,690	4,833	-24
Average per farmdollars..	3,972	5,601	-29
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	845	793	7
Partnership or corporation	77	68	13
Other	7	3	133
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	376	381	-1
Other	553	483	14
Operators by sex:			
Male	876	819	7
Female	53	45	18
Operators by race:			
White	926	860	8
Black and other races	3	4	-25
Average age of operator	57.3	56.5	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.