

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



ALLEGHANY NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 18 percent from 72,621 acres in 1992 to 85,964 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 7 percent from 148 acres in 1992 to 158 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 238 farms in 1992 to 229 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

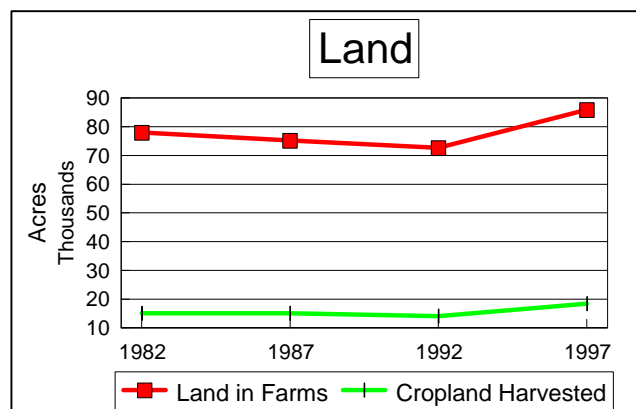
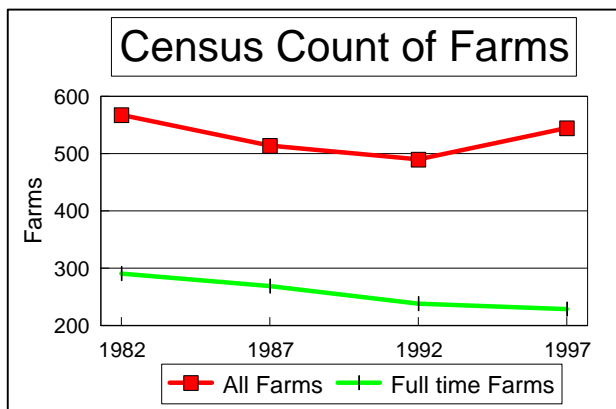
Increased 52 percent to \$25,340,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 44 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 56 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 37 percent from \$33,958 in 1992 to \$46,496 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	25,340	67	100	1,906	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	14,244	55	100	1,562	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	11,097	67	100	1,692	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	8,886	3	67	412	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	8,866	10	96	236	2,790
Cattle and calves	4,642	8	99	1,508	3,063
Tobacco	1,324	65	86	290	580
Poultry & poultry products	(D)	69	97	1,050	2,901
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	57	68	554	1,882
Cattle and calves sold	10,789	9	99	1,546	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	734	1	83	1,002	2,765
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	4	17	231	611
All goats sold	29	75	94	1,782	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	(D)	54	81	526	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	24,473	7	99	1,345	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	770	3	90	1,133	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	377	45	100	1,953	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	92	80	98	2,666	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	10,954	26	99	1,619	3,061
All nursery-acres	4,192	3	95	52	2,619
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	2,855	2	74	7	1,965
Corn for silage-acres	2,464	9	88	586	2,473
Tobacco-acres	512	62	86	263	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	324	291	11
\$10,000 or more	221	199	11
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	16,077	13,828	16
Average per farmdollars..	29,445	28,221	4
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,232	2,439	156
Average per farmdollars..	11,414	4,977	129
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	490	441	11
Partnership or corporation	55	48	15
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	229	238	-4
Other	316	252	25
Operators by sex:			
Male	508	454	12
Female	37	36	3
Operators by race:			
White	543	488	11
Black and other races	2	2	
Average age of operator	56.4	55.9	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.