

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



## DURHAM NORTH CAROLINA

### Land in farms

Increased 13 percent from 19,676 acres in 1992 to 22,238 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 14 percent from 123 acres in 1992 to 140 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 85 farms in 1992 to 74 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

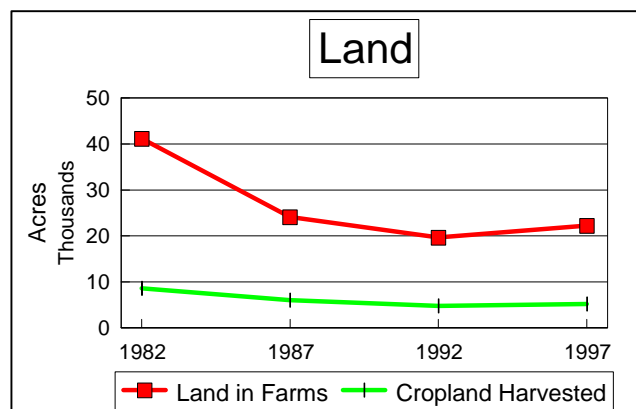
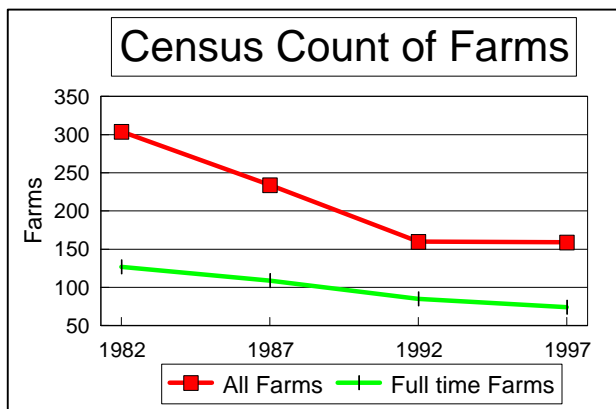
Increased 9 percent to \$7,247,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 86 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 14 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 10 percent from \$41,481 in 1992 to \$45,576 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	7,247	89	100	2,650	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	6,200	78	100	2,019	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,046	91	100	2,869	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Tobacco	5,187	47	86	156	580
Nursery and greenhouse crops	712	64	96	1,147	2,790
Cattle and calves	621	67	99	2,711	3,063
Horses and ponies	(D)	15	96	500	3,015
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	117	68	97	2,619	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	1,378	69	99	2,755	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	192	14	83	1,736	2,765
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	36	63	1,293	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	38	46	96	1,931	3,015
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	90	95	2,852	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	2,845	67	99	2,758	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	439	38	100	1,769	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	31	86	1,270	2,884
Sheep and lamb inventory	228	19	90	1,794	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	71	86	98	2,731	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	2,171	66	99	2,685	3,061
Tobacco-acres	1,709	46	86	146	583
Wheat-acres	524	74	86	1,888	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	433	80	88	1,744	2,144
Corn for silage-acres	229	52	88	1,774	2,473

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	90	84	7
\$10,000 or more .....	69	76	-9
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	4,203	5,140	-18
Average per farm .....dollars..	26,599	31,727	-16
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,142	2,043	-44
Average per farm .....dollars..	7,228	12,614	-43
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	131	128	2
Partnership or corporation .....	26	29	-10
Other .....	2	3	-33
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	74	85	-13
Other .....	85	75	13
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	130	139	-6
Female .....	29	21	38
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	149	153	-3
Black and other races .....	10	7	43
Average age of operator .....	57.7	55.6	4

(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.