

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 7 percent from 47,837 acres in 1992 to 51,091 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 74 acres in 1992 to 82 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 317 farms in 1992 to 284 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

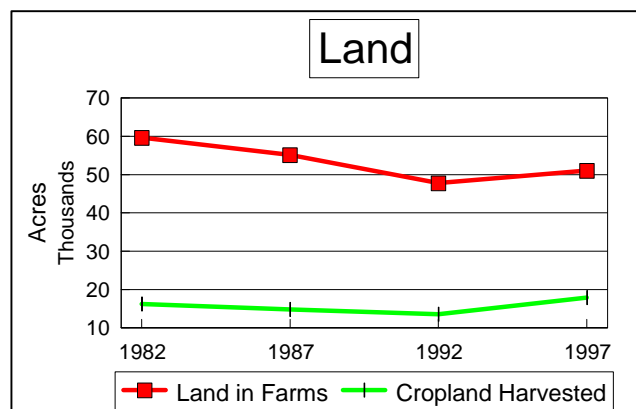
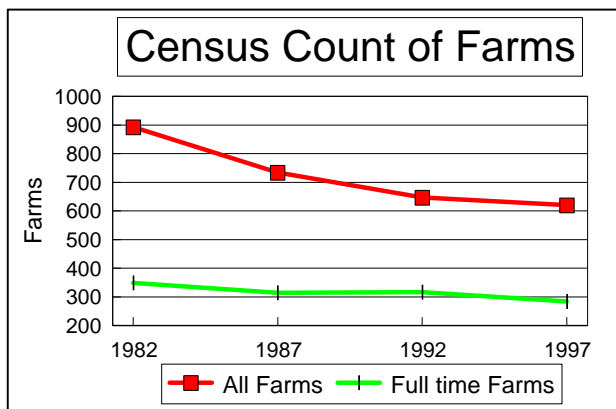
Increased 21 percent to \$16,262,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 84 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 16 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 26 percent from \$20,710 in 1992 to \$26,187 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	16,262	79	100	2,244	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	13,620	60	100	1,555	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,642	82	100	2,629	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Tobacco	8,736	38	86	110	580
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,668	28	96	603	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,163	49	99	2,466	3,063
Dairy products	721	40	67	1,570	2,563
Horses and ponies	686	3	96	183	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	50	72	867	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	3,319	48	99	2,432	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	169	6	96	455	3,015
All goats sold	84	47	94	1,015	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	68	33	83	2,155	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	7,247	47	99	2,384	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	1,178	4	100	578	3,066
All goat inventory	330	40	98	741	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	192	65	98	2,330	3,002
Sheep and lamb inventory	120	32	90	2,089	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	7,206	33	99	1,999	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,823	64	88	1,325	2,144
Tobacco-acres	2,764	37	86	99	583
Corn for grain-acres	2,196	55	100	1,608	2,691
Wheat-acres	1,848	66	86	1,456	2,612

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 .....	438	443	-1
\$10,000 or more .....	183	204	-10
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	9,930	9,459	5
Average per farm .....dollars..	16,016	14,619	10
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,708	2,219	67
Average per farm .....dollars..	5,981	3,430	74
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	565	581	-3
Partnership or corporation .....	53	62	-15
Other .....	3	4	-25
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	284	317	-10
Other .....	337	330	2
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	558	582	-4
Female .....	63	65	-3
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	613	643	-5
Black and other races .....	8	4	100
Average age of operator .....	58.2	57.2	2

(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.