

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



FRANKLIN NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 16 percent from 118,291 acres in 1992 to 136,941 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 21 percent from 215 acres in 1992 to 261 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 17 percent from 319 farms in 1992 to 265 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

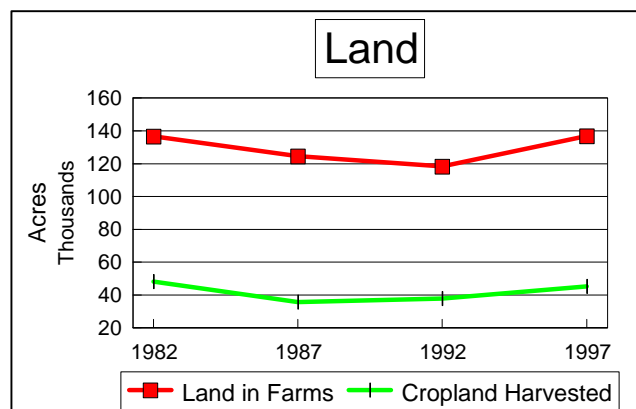
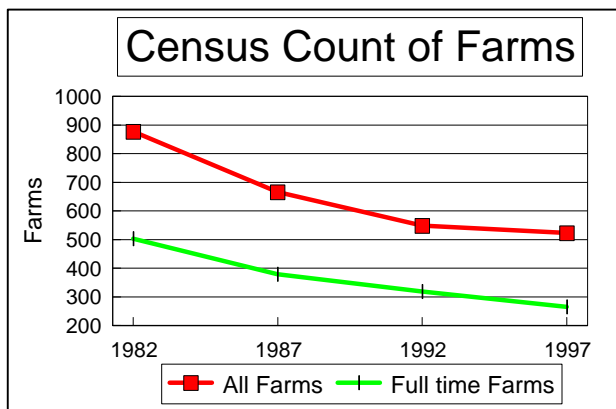
Increased 30 percent to \$60,792,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 66 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 34 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 36 percent from \$85,278 in 1992 to \$116,015 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	60,792	38	100	971	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	40,109	22	100	716	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	20,683	45	100	1,214	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	28,977	16	86	21	580
Poultry & poultry products	9,559	43	97	455	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	5,663	16	96	352	2,790
Hogs and pigs	4,732	40	95	551	2,976
Dairy products	(D)	17	67	683	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,152,944	42	68	374	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	9	72	127	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	66,535	39	95	441	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	4,975	34	99	2,175	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	179	16	83	1,776	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	422,023	12	98	177	3,002
Broiler inventory	386,720	42	81	360	2,620
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	86,042	13	72	165	2,549
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	21	51	308	1,790
Hogs and pigs inventory	19,060	38	97	614	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	16,209	27	88	851	2,144
Wheat-acres	10,154	20	86	766	2,612
Tobacco-acres	7,932	15	86	19	583
Hay crops-acres	7,540	32	99	1,961	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	1,955	57	100	1,657	2,691

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	265	231	15
\$10,000 or more	259	318	-19
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	42,265	37,271	13
Average per farmdollars..	80,658	67,766	19
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	11,566	9,111	27
Average per farmdollars..	22,073	16,566	33
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	465	490	-5
Partnership or corporation	56	57	-2
Other	3	2	50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	265	319	-17
Other	259	230	13
Operators by sex:			
Male	473	508	-7
Female	51	41	24
Operators by race:			
White	484	482	0
Black and other races	40	67	-40
Average age of operator	55.2	54.0	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.