

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



GATES NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Decreased 4 percent from 64,532 acres in 1992 to 62,004 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 30 percent from 324 acres in 1992 to 422 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 125 farms in 1992 to 100 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

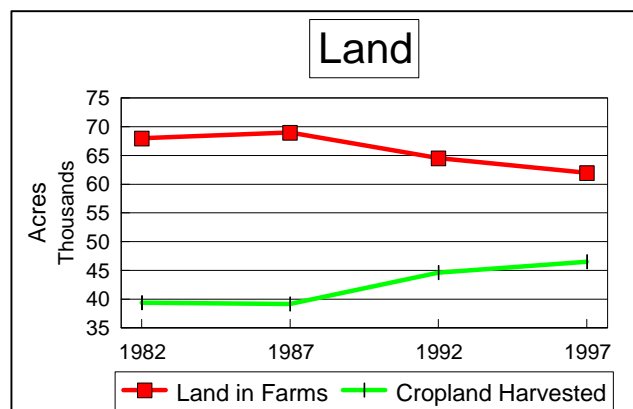
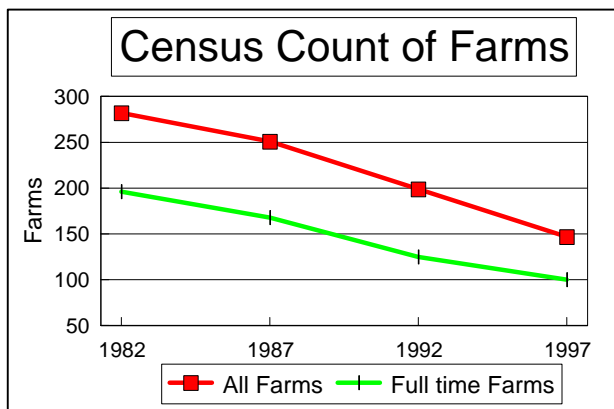
Increased 52 percent to \$44,943,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 106 percent from \$148,534 in 1992 to \$305,737 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	44,943	46	100	1,313	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	27,710	39	100	945	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	17,233	52	100	1,382	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	18,567	26	97	303	2,901
Hogs and pigs	8,884	34	95	366	2,976
Cotton, cottonseed	6,754	21	60	201	709
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	5,834	13	97	205	2,237
Soybeans	1,792	35	88	1,015	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	4,735,000	29	68	271	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold (D)		33	72	539	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	71,732	37	95	416	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	558	86	99	2,916	3,063
All goats sold	414	6	94	233	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	584,360	34	81	306	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory (D)		18	98	341	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	30,349	36	97	446	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	1,261	87	99	2,916	3,064
All goat inventory	496	24	98	484	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	18,840	13	60	186	713
Corn for grain-acres	10,791	29	100	1,054	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	9,217	37	88	1,021	2,144
Peanuts-acres	6,824	7	45	64	466
Wheat-acres	2,493	60	86	1,343	2,612

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	42	58	-28
\$10,000 or more	105	141	-26
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	32,639	24,589	33
Average per farmdollars..	222,033	122,946	81
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	11,406	4,731	141
Average per farmdollars..	77,589	23,657	228
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	124	174	-29
Partnership or corporation	23	24	-4
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	100	125	-20
Other	47	74	-36
Operators by sex:			
Male	140	192	-27
Female	7	7	
Operators by race:			
White	139	187	-26
Black and other races	8	12	-33
Average age of operator	51.4	51.0	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.