

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



## GRAHAM NORTH CAROLINA

### Land in farms

Decreased 19 percent from 8,882 acres in 1992 to 7,194 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 8 percent from 60 acres in 1992 to 65 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 24 percent from 51 farms in 1992 to 39 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

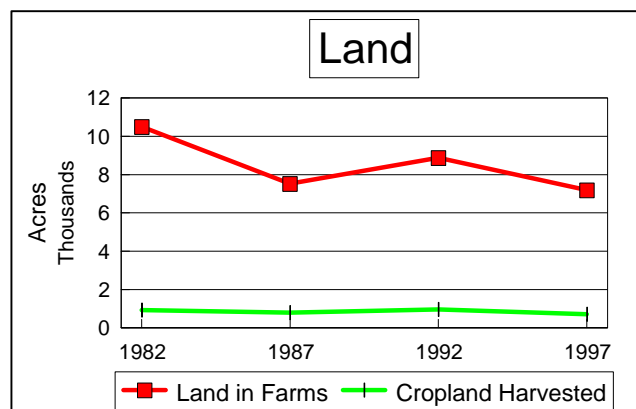
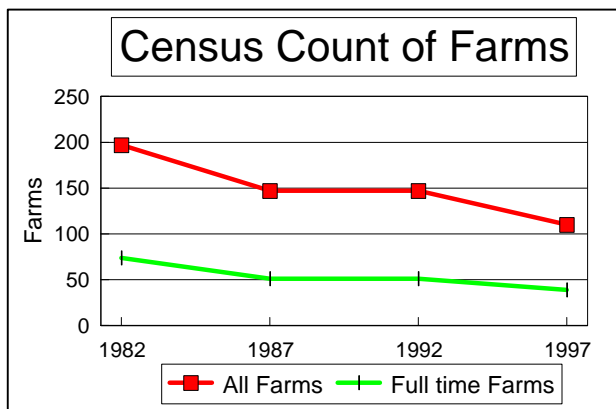
Decreased 12 percent to \$1,094,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 22 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 78 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 18 percent from \$8,432 in 1992 to \$9,946 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	1,094	99	100	3,002	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	857	94	100	2,901	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	237	100	100	2,970	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Aquaculture	(D)	7	55	167	1,505
Cattle and calves	244	82	99	2,895	3,063
Tobacco	177	78	86	402	580
Nursery and greenhouse crops	46	93	96	2,283	2,790
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	14	90	97	2,968	3,043
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	645	82	99	2,900	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	13	35	876	1,593
All goats sold	(D)	86	94	2,387	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	6	82	96	2,838	3,015
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	78	83	2,731	2,765
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	1,187	88	99	2,921	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	84	83	98	2,688	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	60	90	100	2,956	3,066
All goat inventory	47	88	98	2,288	2,983
Rabbit inventory	(D)	33	62	1,567	2,456
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	570	83	99	2,932	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	94	68	88	2,045	2,473
Tobacco-acres	66	76	86	392	583
All nursery-acres	15	86	95	1,969	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	5	98	100	2,627	2,691

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	111	-19
\$10,000 or more .....	20	36	-44
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	679	744	-9
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,173	5,058	22
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	132	186	-29
Average per farm .....dollars..	1,202	1,267	-5
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	100	133	-25
Partnership or corporation .....	10	14	-29
Other .....			
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	39	51	-24
Other .....	71	96	-26
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	100	138	-28
Female .....	10	9	11
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	110	147	-25
Black and other races .....			
Average age of operator .....	56.1	54.4	3

(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.