

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



GUILFORD NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 113,654 acres in 1992 to 111,882 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 117 acres in 1992 to 122 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 481 farms in 1992 to 438 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

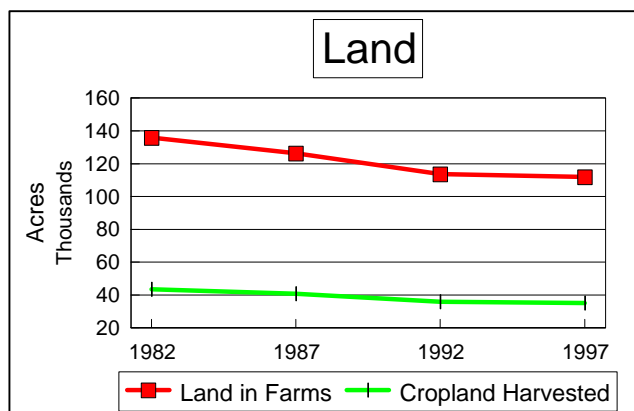
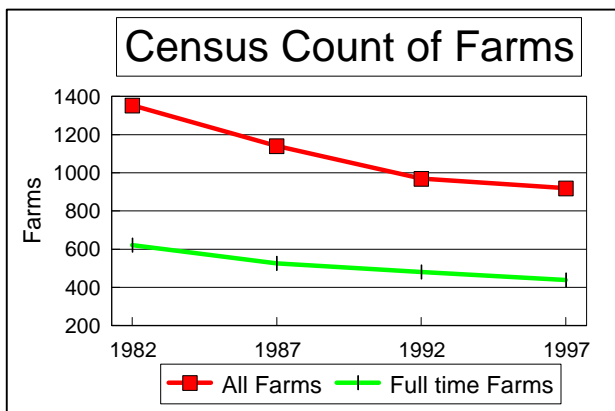
Increased 25 percent to \$48,872,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 68 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 32 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 32 percent from \$40,310 in 1992 to \$53,121 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	48,872	42	100	1,226	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	33,313	26	100	864	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	15,558	54	100	1,482	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	19,456	24	86	40	580
Nursery and greenhouse crops	10,842	8	96	191	2,790
Dairy products	4,857	14	67	651	2,563
Hogs and pigs	4,418	41	95	574	2,976
Cattle and calves	2,906	19	99	1,875	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	56	68	552	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	19	72	273	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	39,227	41	95	609	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	7,529	21	99	1,838	3,063
All goats sold	506	3	94	184	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	62,702	33	98	534	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	(D)	16	72	213	2,549
Broiler inventory	(D)	57	81	540	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	16,344	20	99	1,739	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	10,148	45	97	803	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	13,915	11	99	1,369	3,061
Wheat-acres	5,953	29	86	979	2,612
Tobacco-acres	5,450	22	86	41	583
Corn for grain-acres	4,352	46	100	1,378	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	4,078	59	88	1,255	2,144

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	564	604	-7
\$10,000 or more	356	366	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	29,988	28,210	6
Average per farmdollars..	32,632	29,082	12
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	11,098	10,871	2
Average per farmdollars..	12,076	11,207	8
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	793	847	-6
Partnership or corporation	121	116	4
Other	6	7	-14
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	438	481	-9
Other	482	489	-1
Operators by sex:			
Male	847	886	-4
Female	73	84	-13
Operators by race:			
White	907	960	-6
Black and other races	13	10	30
Average age of operator	58.5	56.8	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.