

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



HALIFAX NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 204,443 acres in 1992 to 185,382 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 591 acres in 1992 to 547 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 254 farms in 1992 to 225 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

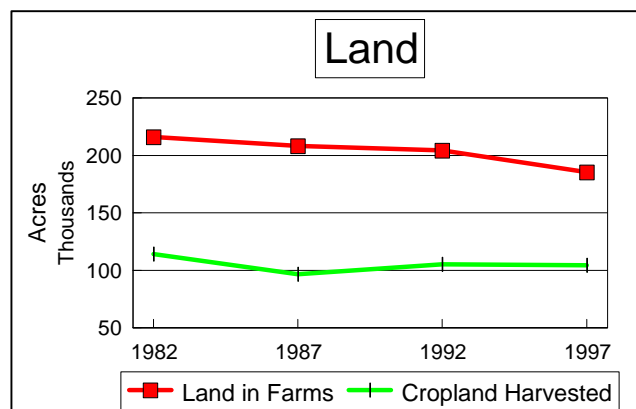
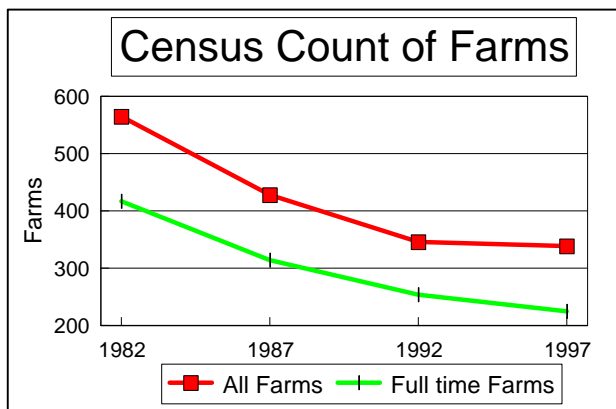
Increased 13 percent to \$97,223,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 55 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 45 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 16 percent from \$248,268 in 1992 to \$286,794 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	97,223	26	100	533	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	53,218	16	100	500	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	44,005	31	100	606	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	22,478	22	95	147	2,976
Cotton, cottonseed	21,593	2	60	66	709
Poultry & poultry products	17,789	27	97	310	2,901
Tobacco	14,493	29	86	58	580
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	12,811	4	97	106	2,237
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	4,283,528	32	68	285	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	308,693	23	95	93	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	81,123	32	72	513	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	5,913	29	99	2,019	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	41	83	2,224	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	634,800	33	81	299	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	102,386	23	98	421	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	88,875	22	97	187	3,005
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	24	51	324	1,790
Cattle and calves inventory	10,018	38	99	2,147	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	56,876	1	60	62	713
Peanuts-acres	19,587	2	45	18	466
Soybeans for beans-acres	8,613	42	88	1,049	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	8,105	34	100	1,144	2,691
Tobacco-acres	3,849	30	86	71	583

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	121	109	11
\$10,000 or more	218	237	-8
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	75,450	71,041	6
Average per farmdollars..	222,567	204,730	9
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	16,461	12,062	36
Average per farmdollars..	48,558	34,760	40
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	280	304	-8
Partnership or corporation	53	41	29
Other	6	1	500
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	225	254	-11
Other	114	92	24
Operators by sex:			
Male	312	331	-6
Female	27	15	80
Operators by race:			
White	273	278	-2
Black and other races	66	68	-3
Average age of operator	53.6	53.2	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.