

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 7 percent from 69,961 acres in 1992 to 65,212 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 2 percent from 86 acres in 1992 to 84 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 316 farms in 1992 to 301 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

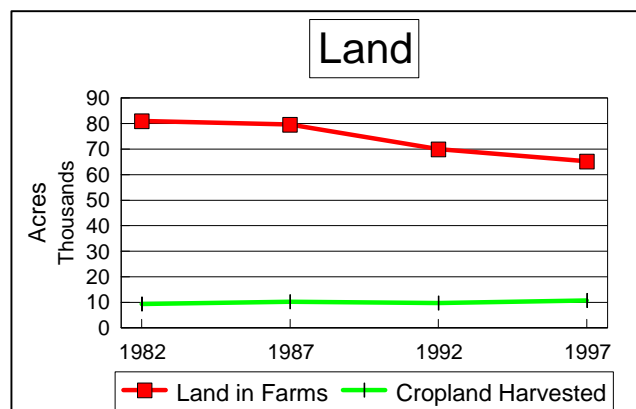
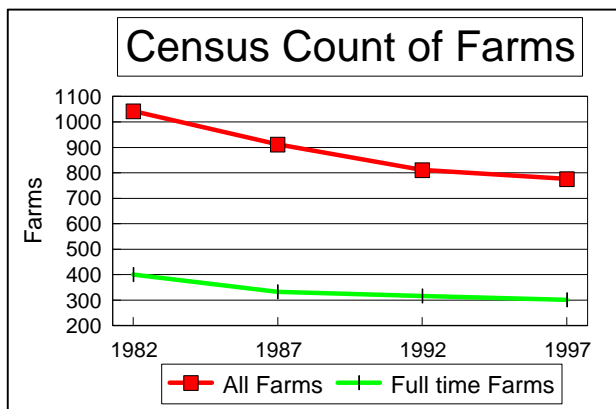
Increased 2 percent to \$14,646,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 37 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 63 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 7 percent from \$17,709 in 1992 to \$18,874 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	14,646	82	100	2,315	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	9,187	65	100	1,916	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	5,459	81	100	2,084	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	4,662	15	67	664	2,563
Cattle and calves	3,107	17	99	1,829	3,063
Tobacco	2,171	56	86	237	580
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,315	48	96	870	2,790
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,306	15	98	473	2,739
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves sold	7,976	19	99	1,799	3,063
All goats sold	353	7	94	285	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	329	9	83	1,478	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	73	32	96	1,261	3,015
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	66	72	2,056	2,203
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves inventory	19,922	14	99	1,543	3,064
All goat inventory	1,587	2	98	121	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	567	27	100	1,425	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	549	6	90	1,358	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	266	60	98	2,148	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	6,781	37	99	2,059	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	2,349	10	88	604	2,473
Tobacco-acres	812	55	86	223	583
Land used for vegetables-acres	294	36	98	809	2,741
Corn for grain-acres	285	83	100	2,194	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 .....	571	598	-5
\$10,000 or more .....	205	214	-4
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	10,579	11,283	-6
Average per farm .....dollars..	13,650	13,878	-2
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	2,613	2,632	-1
Average per farm .....dollars..	3,372	3,237	4
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	706	732	-4
Partnership or corporation .....	66	77	-14
Other .....	4	3	33
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	301	316	-5
Other .....	475	496	-4
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	724	749	-3
Female .....	52	63	-17
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	774	811	-5
Black and other races .....	2	1	100
Average age of operator .....	56.4	56.2	0

(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.