

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



HENDERSON NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Decreased 15 percent from 52,281 acres in 1992 to 44,511 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 11 percent from 102 acres in 1992 to 91 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 9 percent from 282 farms in 1992 to 258 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

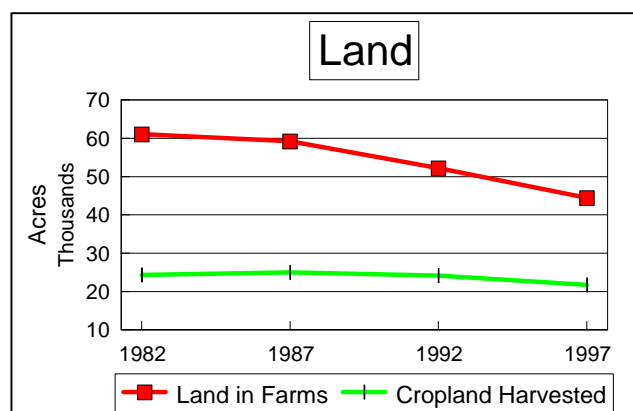
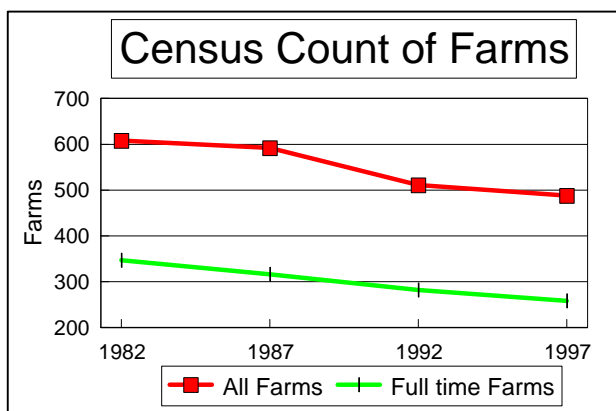
Increased 10 percent to \$46,743,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 86 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 14 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 15 percent from \$83,000 in 1992 to \$95,785 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	46,743	44	100	1,262	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	40,141	21	100	715	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	6,602	72	100	2,179	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	22,586	2	96	87	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	11,738	1	97	112	2,547
Dairy products	5,460	11	67	599	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	4,158	4	98	218	2,739
Corn for grain	(D)	44	97	1,344	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	2,770	51	99	2,515	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	127	13	96	716	3,015
All goats sold	77	52	94	1,085	2,686
Sheep and lambs sold	57	41	83	2,224	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	88	95	2,843	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	8,508	42	99	2,280	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	533	30	100	1,513	3,066
Colony of bees inventory	233	8	88	796	2,588
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	205	64	98	2,292	3,002
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	181	42	86	1,640	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Land in orchards-acres	7,302	1	98	90	2,693
Hay crops-acres	5,718	39	99	2,173	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	3,183	5	88	467	2,473
Land used for vegetables-acres	2,556	5	98	241	2,741
Corn for grain-acres	2,130	56	100	1,619	2,691

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	271	288	-6
\$10,000 or more	217	223	-3
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	32,976	34,297	-4
Average per farmdollars..	67,714	67,118	1
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	12,443	6,548	90
Average per farmdollars..	25,551	12,813	99
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	427	434	-2
Partnership or corporation	57	74	-23
Other	4	3	33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	258	282	-9
Other	230	229	0
Operators by sex:			
Male	440	482	-9
Female	48	29	66
Operators by race:			
White	481	507	-5
Black and other races	7	4	75
Average age of operator	54.3	53.2	2

(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.