

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



IREDELL NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 148,135 acres in 1992 to 156,748 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 2 percent from 130 acres in 1992 to 132 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 3 percent from 564 farms in 1992 to 548 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

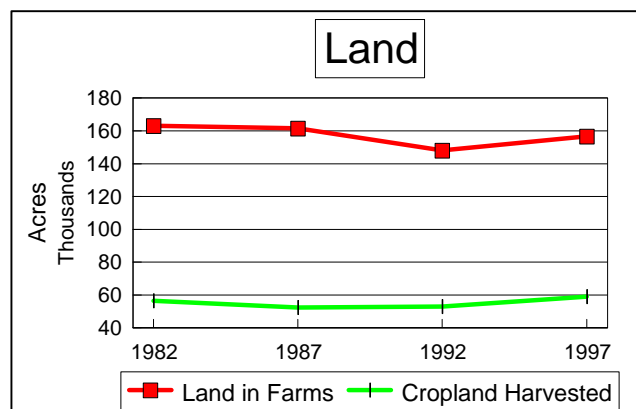
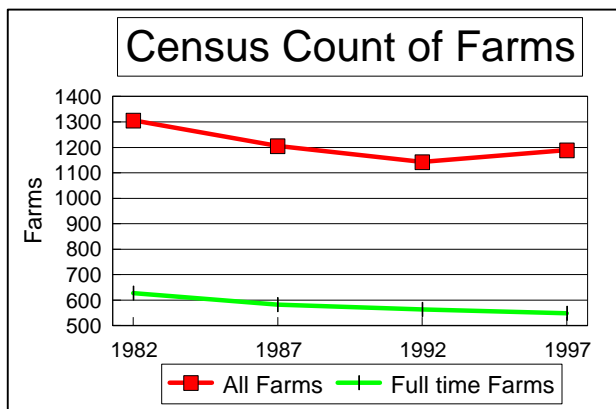
Increased 57 percent to \$99,614,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 51 percent from \$55,653 in 1992 to \$83,780 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	99,614	23	100	519	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	90,016	15	100	220	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	9,598	71	100	1,786	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	54,218	10	97	105	2,901
Dairy products	25,990	1	67	168	2,563
Cattle and calves	8,572	1	99	1,022	3,063
Soybeans	2,148	31	88	962	2,136
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	1,877	2	97	438	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	2,906,256	2	72	11	2,203
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	1,589,315	47	68	409	1,882
Turkeys sold	1,502,067	9	46	57	1,353
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	65,804	5	63	86	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	20,361	1	99	961	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,253,939	1	98	62	3,002
All turkeys inventory	625,536	9	74	55	2,361
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	390,602	3	72	28	2,549
Broiler inventory	311,027	45	81	391	2,620
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	219,400	4	51	69	1,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	30,090	1	99	674	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	10,871	1	88	111	2,473
Soybeans for beans-acres	9,185	38	88	1,022	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	5,727	39	100	1,268	2,691
Wheat-acres	5,345	33	86	1,022	2,612

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	754	718	5
\$10,000 or more	435	425	2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	69,091	54,197	27
Average per farmdollars..	58,108	47,417	23
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	24,487	8,739	180
Average per farmdollars..	20,595	7,646	169
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	1,073	1,009	6
Partnership or corporation	115	127	-9
Other	1	7	-86
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	548	564	-3
Other	641	579	11
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,064	1,042	2
Female	125	101	24
Operators by race:			
White	1,171	1,131	4
Black and other races	18	12	50
Average age of operator	56.6	55.9	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.