

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased slightly from 104,426 acres in 1992 to 104,922 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Unchanged from 101 acres in 1992 to 101 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 8 percent from 460 farms in 1992 to 425 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

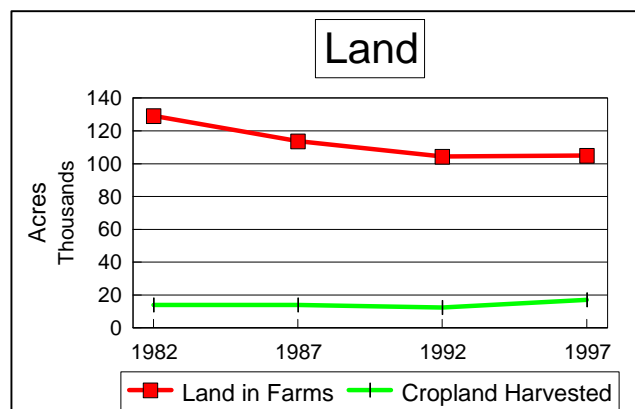
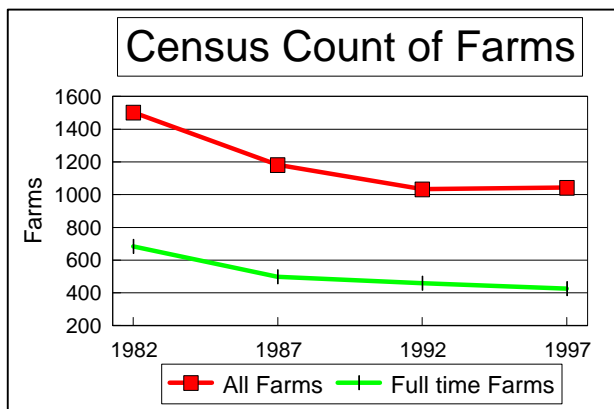
Increased 98 percent to \$22,160,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 75 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 25 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 96 percent from \$10,815 in 1992 to \$21,246 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	22,160	72	100	2,021	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	16,593	53	100	1,411	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,567	74	100	2,288	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	14,119	6	96	152	2,790
Cattle and calves	4,785	7	99	1,488	3,063
Tobacco	2,060	58	86	243	580
Dairy products	568	46	67	1,684	2,563
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	278	40	97	2,125	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	10,960	8	99	1,533	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	552	4	83	1,175	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	460	72	95	2,091	2,976
All goats sold	167	24	94	579	2,686
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	4	17	231	611
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	19,081	15	99	1,577	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	892	1	90	1,040	2,864
All goat inventory	542	20	98	440	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	392	43	100	1,903	3,066
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	344	54	98	1,968	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	9,314	29	99	1,780	3,061
All nursery-acres	6,502	2	95	25	2,619
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	4,758	1	74	2	1,965
Tobacco-acres	871	54	86	217	583
Corn for silage-acres	373	42	88	1,560	2,473

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	692	731	-5
\$10,000 or more	351	302	16
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	13,651	7,783	75
Average per farmdollars..	13,088	7,542	74
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,915	3,284	141
Average per farmdollars..	7,588	3,182	138
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	913	932	-2
Partnership or corporation	129	92	40
Other	1	9	-89
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	425	460	-8
Other	618	573	8
Operators by sex:			
Male	966	938	3
Female	77	95	-19
Operators by race:			
White	1,041	1,025	2
Black and other races	2	8	-75
Average age of operator	56.7	56.7	

(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.