

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



LENOIR NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 141,761 acres in 1992 to 149,650 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 25 percent from 267 acres in 1992 to 335 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 347 farms in 1992 to 303 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

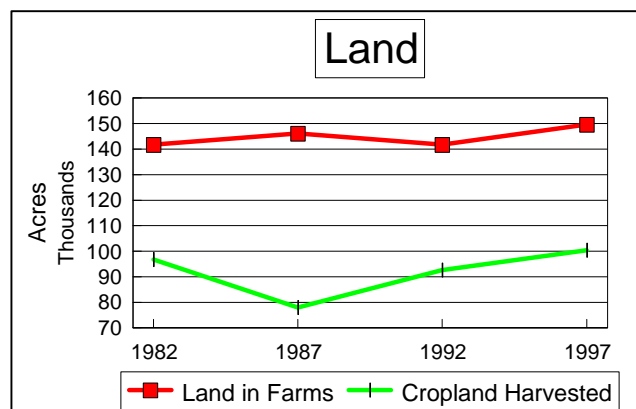
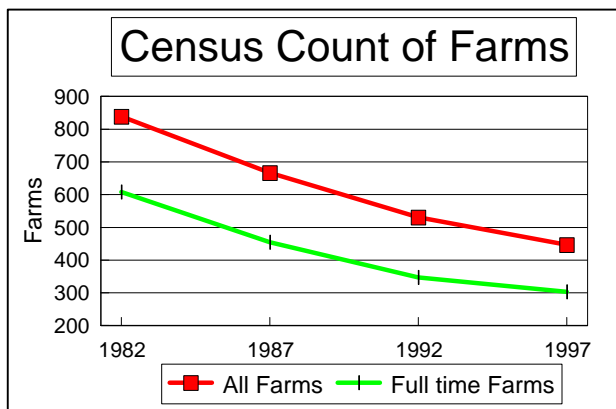
Increased 101 percent to \$199,573,000 in 1997.

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 139 percent from \$186,538 in 1992 to \$446,473 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	199,573	8	100	136	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	126,685	9	100	122	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	72,888	7	100	289	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	90,875	6	95	13	2,976
Tobacco	41,378	8	86	10	580
Poultry & poultry products	34,524	17	97	179	2,901
Cotton, cottonseed	15,083	6	60	111	709
Corn for grain	5,402	14	97	778	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	2,881,964	6	46	32	1,353
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,331,982	40	68	368	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	953,803	11	95	16	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	257,769	20	72	282	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	1,492	67	99	2,727	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	878,203	6	74	34	2,361
Hogs and pigs inventory	315,588	7	97	24	3,005
Broiler inventory	251,082	49	81	424	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	68,819	30	98	507	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	63,002	13	51	189	1,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	29,330	9	60	124	713
Soybeans for beans-acres	27,000	16	88	705	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	23,788	11	100	755	2,691
Wheat-acres	14,434	12	86	633	2,612
Tobacco-acres	10,958	7	86	9	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	102	122	-16
\$10,000 or more	345	409	-16
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	146,423	80,585	82
Average per farmdollars..	328,303	151,475	117
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	47,091	17,570	168
Average per farmdollars..	105,584	33,025	220
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	364	452	-19
Partnership or corporation	79	76	4
Other	4	3	33
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	303	347	-13
Other	144	184	-22
Operators by sex:			
Male	421	487	-14
Female	26	44	-41
Operators by race:			
White	437	512	-15
Black and other races	10	19	-47
Average age of operator	53.1	52.2	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.