

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



MACON NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 22,089 acres in 1992 to 22,784 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 76 acres in 1992 to 74 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 11 percent from 123 farms in 1992 to 110 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

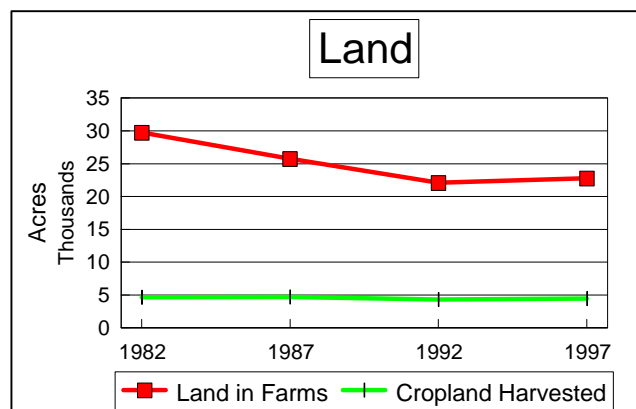
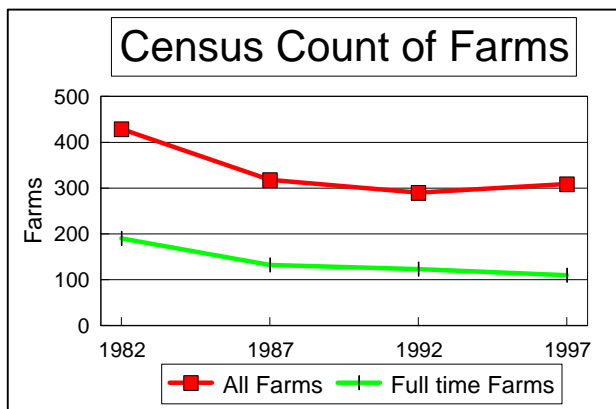
Decreased 11 percent to \$3,447,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 46 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 54 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Decreased 17 percent from \$13,374 in 1992 to \$11,157 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	3,447	96	100	2,855	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	1,847	85	100	2,752	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	1,600	94	100	2,590	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	878	58	99	2,597	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	868	60	96	1,039	2,790
Aquaculture	(D)	8	55	170	1,505
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	468	33	98	773	2,739
Dairy products	(D)	52	67	1,943	2,563
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	2,471	55	99	2,565	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	80	95	2,616	2,976
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	44	63	1,479	2,200
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	18	35	976	1,593
Sheep and lambs sold	34	52	83	2,394	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	5,620	52	99	2,509	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	294	58	98	2,080	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	181	67	100	2,640	3,066
Colony of bees inventory	104	21	88	1,064	2,588
Sheep and lamb inventory	89	42	90	2,215	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	3,710	53	99	2,466	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	442	39	88	1,486	2,473
All nursery-acres	161	42	95	1,002	2,619
Land used for vegetables-acres	137	51	98	1,095	2,741
Corn for grain-acres	81	90	100	2,399	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	244	232	5
\$10,000 or more	65	58	12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,183	2,751	-21
Average per farmdollars..	7,066	9,454	-25
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	879	861	2
Average per farmdollars..	2,843	2,960	-4
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	286	262	9
Partnership or corporation	22	26	-15
Other	1	2	-50
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	110	123	-11
Other	199	167	19
Operators by sex:			
Male	285	264	8
Female	24	26	-8
Operators by race:			
White	305	290	5
Black and other races	4	-	
Average age of operator	57.9	57.5	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.