

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



MADISON NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Decreased 14 percent from 93,320 acres in 1992 to 80,041 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 11 percent from 79 acres in 1992 to 88 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 21 percent from 520 farms in 1992 to 413 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

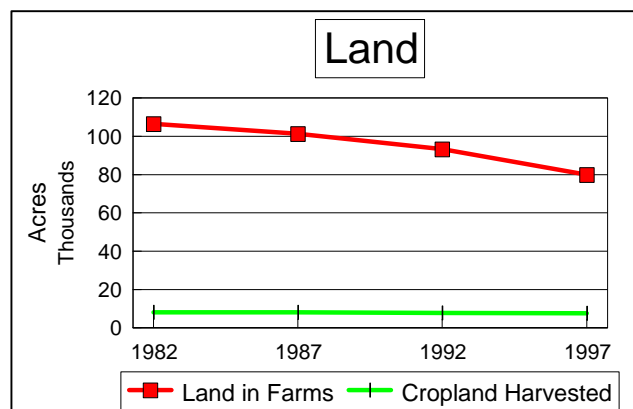
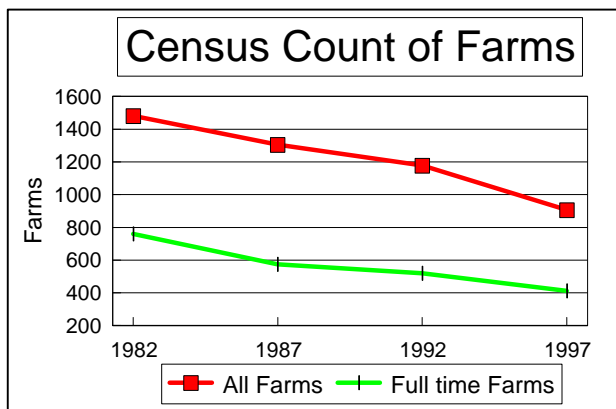
Decreased 2 percent to \$10,120,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 78 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 22 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 28 percent from \$8,741 in 1992 to \$11,158 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	10,120	87	100	2,493	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	7,857	75	100	1,898	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	2,263	83	100	2,685	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	5,308	45	86	153	580
Nursery and greenhouse crops	2,117	34	96	682	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,524	40	99	2,330	3,063
Dairy products	475	48	67	1,775	2,563
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	213	49	98	1,027	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	4,511	38	99	2,240	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	391	5	83	1,382	2,765
All goats sold	171	22	94	560	2,686
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	43	63	1,462	2,200
Horses and ponies sold	25	55	96	2,299	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	10,372	35	99	2,117	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	749	4	90	1,149	2,864
All goat inventory	722	11	98	286	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	502	51	98	1,687	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	414	40	100	1,842	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	4,800	46	99	2,309	3,061
Tobacco-acres	2,179	40	86	123	583
All nursery-acres	454	20	95	577	2,619
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	266	7	74	84	1,965
Corn for silage-acres	209	53	88	1,796	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	657	894	-27
\$10,000 or more	250	284	-12
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	6,638	5,352	24
Average per farmdollars..	7,327	4,539	61
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	2,597	4,022	-35
Average per farmdollars..	2,866	3,412	-16
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	846	1,080	-22
Partnership or corporation	58	97	-40
Other	3	1	200
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	413	520	-21
Other	494	658	-25
Operators by sex:			
Male	822	1,059	-22
Female	85	119	-29
Operators by race:			
White	898	1,176	-24
Black and other races	9	2	350
Average age of operator	57.4	55.7	3

(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.