

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Decreased 3 percent from 21,218 acres in 1992 to 20,680 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 15 percent from 109 acres in 1992 to 93 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 5 percent from 86 farms in 1992 to 90 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

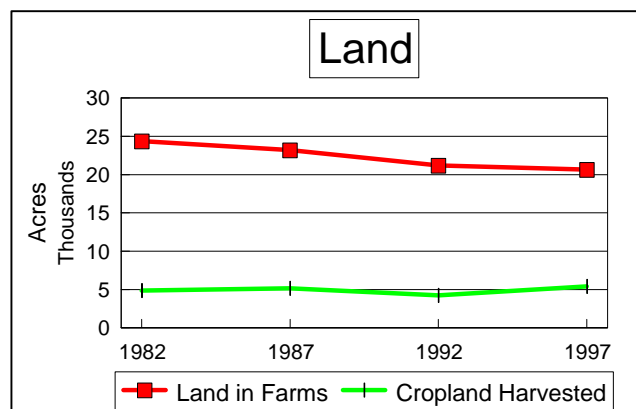
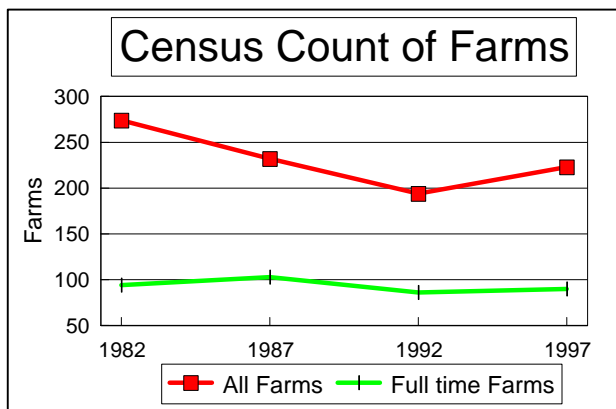
Increased 55 percent to \$13,473,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 62 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 38 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 35 percent from \$44,707 in 1992 to \$60,418 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	13,473	83	100	2,360	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	8,308	74	100	1,869	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	5,165	76	100	2,346	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	7,868	13	96	267	2,790
Poultry & poultry products	3,768	53	97	655	2,901
Dairy products	764	36	67	1,548	2,563
Cattle and calves	486	69	99	2,767	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	131	65	97	2,568	3,043
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	765,280	51	68	480	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	159,950	23	72	378	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	1,321	71	99	2,769	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	220	77	95	2,370	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	35	49	96	1,999	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	147,751	19	98	345	3,002
Broiler inventory	106,230	52	81	498	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	3,459	65	99	2,701	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	237	58	100	2,453	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	114	77	97	2,448	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	3,028	60	99	2,564	3,061
All nursery-acres	997	13	95	302	2,619
Corn for silage-acres	563	36	88	1,373	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	480	81	100	2,067	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	206	10	98	748	2,693

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	166	134	24
\$10,000 or more	57	60	-5
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	9,218	6,335	46
Average per farmdollars..	40,969	32,655	25
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,412	1,277	167
Average per farmdollars..	15,165	6,583	130
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	203	174	17
Partnership or corporation	19	20	-5
Other	1	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	90	86	5
Other	133	108	23
Operators by sex:			
Male	204	187	9
Female	19	7	171
Operators by race:			
White	220	194	13
Black and other races	3	-	
Average age of operator	55.5	55.3	0

(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.