

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



AVERY NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 37 percent from 19,712 acres in 1992 to 27,037 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 13 percent from 72 acres in 1992 to 63 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 31 percent from 138 farms in 1992 to 181 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

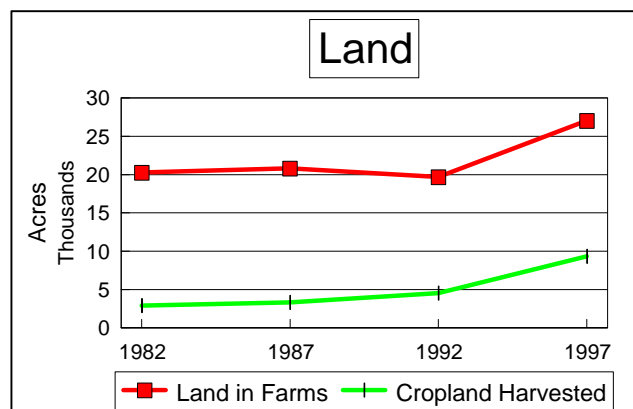
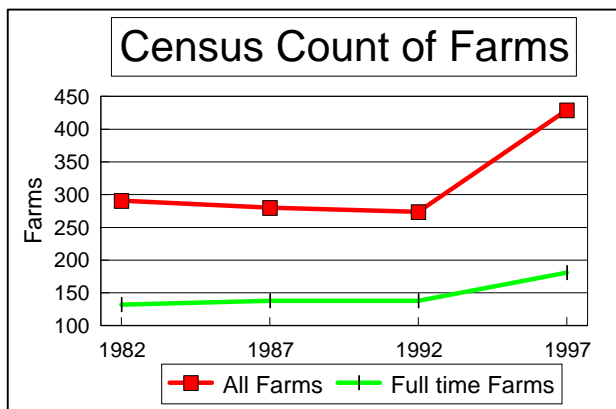
Increased 171 percent to \$16,907,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 98 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 2 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 73 percent from \$22,776 in 1992 to \$39,411 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	16,907	78	100	2,225	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	16,592	54	100	1,412	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	315	99	100	2,979	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	15,983	4	96	138	2,790
Tobacco	442	71	86	353	580
Cattle and calves	303	77	99	2,860	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	68	74	98	1,531	2,739
Fruits, nuts, berries	64	39	97	1,107	2,547
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	731	81	99	2,883	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	52	83	2,394	2,765
All goats sold	(D)	76	94	1,883	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	88	95	2,843	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	6	82	96	2,838	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	1,490	84	99	2,896	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	174	69	100	2,657	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	49	90	2,330	2,864
All goat inventory	(D)	89	98	2,298	2,983
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	45	89	98	2,824	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
All nursery-acres	7,929	1	95	14	2,619
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	2,582	3	74	8	1,965
Hay crops-acres	1,213	77	99	2,842	3,061
Tobacco-acres	138	71	86	356	583
Land in orchards-acres	105	20	98	1,017	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	228	173	32
\$10,000 or more	201	101	99
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	8,051	4,192	92
Average per farmdollars..	18,679	15,354	22
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	6,520	1,540	323
Average per farmdollars..	15,127	5,640	168
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	332	220	51
Partnership or corporation	94	53	77
Other	3	1	200
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	181	138	31
Other	248	136	82
Operators by sex:			
Male	404	258	57
Female	25	16	56
Operators by race:			
White	428	274	56
Black and other races	1	-	
Average age of operator	53.2	51.8	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.