

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 9 percent from 23,007 acres in 1992 to 25,170 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 15 percent from 71 acres in 1992 to 82 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 109 farms in 1992 to 92 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

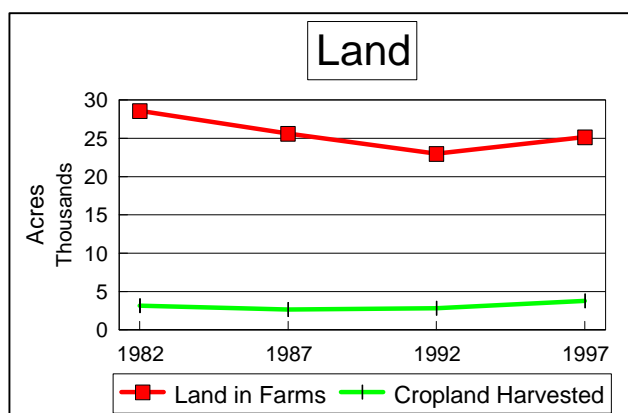
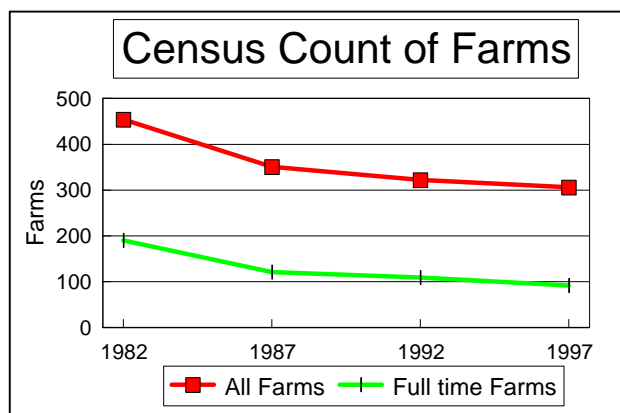
Increased 20 percent to \$3,792,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 80 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 20 percent of the market value.

### Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 26 percent from \$9,805 in 1992 to \$12,394 in 1997.



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### Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	3,792	95	100	2,832	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	3,035	92	100	2,368	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	758	95	100	2,917	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,957	37	96	702	2,790
Tobacco	881	68	86	312	580
Cattle and calves	656	64	99	2,695	3,063
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	112	69	97	2,633	3,043
Fruits, nuts, berries	54	45	97	1,165	2,547
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	19	63	498	2,200
Cattle and calves sold	1,562	66	99	2,717	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	38	48	83	2,364	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	85	95	2,774	2,976
Horses and ponies sold	17	63	96	2,523	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	14	86	345	2,884
Cattle and calves inventory	2,527	70	99	2,786	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	154	73	100	2,712	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	107	35	90	2,140	2,864
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	102	78	98	2,624	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	2,451	62	99	2,641	3,061
All nursery-acres	870	14	95	346	2,619
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	650	6	74	30	1,965
Tobacco-acres	379	66	86	298	583
Corn for grain-acres	55	92	100	2,436	2,691

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

### Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
<b>Farms by value of sales:</b>			
Less than \$10,000 .....	218	247	-12
\$10,000 or more .....	88	75	17
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	2,040	1,971	4
Average per farm .....dollars..	6,622	6,120	8
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	1,063	528	101
Average per farm .....dollars..	3,450	1,641	110
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	277	286	-3
Partnership or corporation .....	29	35	-17
Other .....	-	1	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	92	109	-16
Other .....	214	213	0
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	288	296	-3
Female .....	18	26	-31
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	305	322	-5
Black and other races .....	1	-	
Average age of operator .....	55.5	54.4	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.