

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 13 percent from 36,975 acres in 1992 to 41,792 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 4 percent from 157 acres in 1992 to 163 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 5 percent from 110 farms in 1992 to 115 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

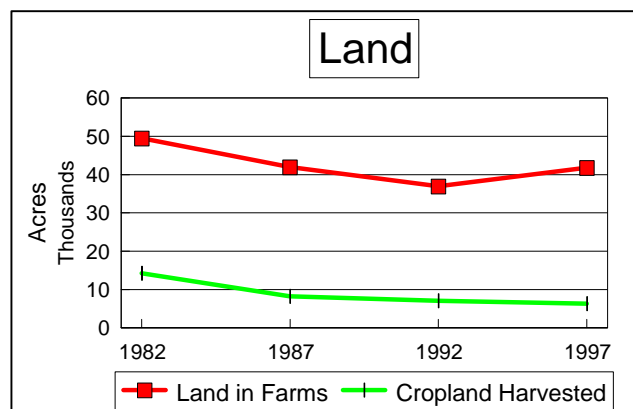
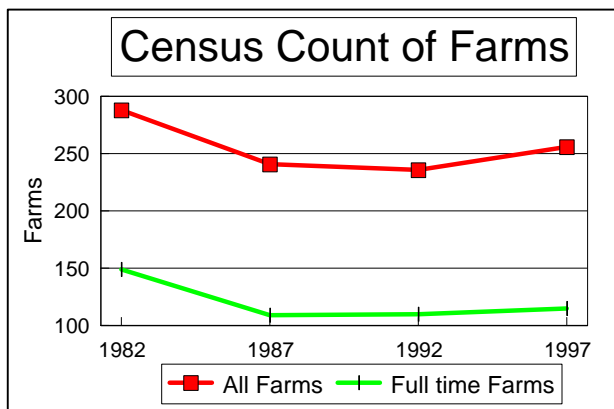
Increased 22 percent to \$46,160,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 8 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 92 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 13 percent from \$160,208 in 1992 to \$180,312 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	46,160	45	100	1,277	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	42,561	32	100	625	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,599	87	100	2,281	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	35,370	15	97	174	2,901
Hogs and pigs	6,053	39	95	468	2,976
Tobacco	1,440	64	86	281	580
Cattle and calves	1,099	50	99	2,499	3,063
Fruits, nuts, berries	929	5	97	327	2,547
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	15,413,134	13	68	128	1,882
Turkeys sold	212,000	24	46	191	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	127,491	33	95	272	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	36	72	555	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	2,695	52	99	2,530	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	3,011,568	12	81	110	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	29	98	500	3,002
All turkeys inventory	(D)	24	74	203	2,361
Hogs and pigs inventory	22,965	37	97	541	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	6,033	50	99	2,481	3,064
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	3,297	57	99	2,528	3,061
Corn for grain-acres	825	76	100	1,918	2,691
Land in orchards-acres	574	4	98	438	2,693
Soybeans for beans-acres	483	79	88	1,725	2,144
Wheat-acres	405	75	86	1,963	2,612

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 .....	160	129	24
\$10,000 or more .....	96	107	-10
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	38,938	30,067	30
Average per farm .....dollars..	152,697	127,404	20
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	4,361	6,316	-31
Average per farm .....dollars..	17,101	26,763	-36
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	224	211	6
Partnership or corporation .....	31	24	29
Other .....	1	1	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	115	110	5
Other .....	141	126	12
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	234	216	8
Female .....	22	20	10
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	249	232	7
Black and other races .....	7	4	75
Average age of operator .....	55.7	55.2	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.