

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



NASH NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 179,051 acres in 1992 to 175,278 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 16 percent from 320 acres in 1992 to 371 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 364 farms in 1992 to 291 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

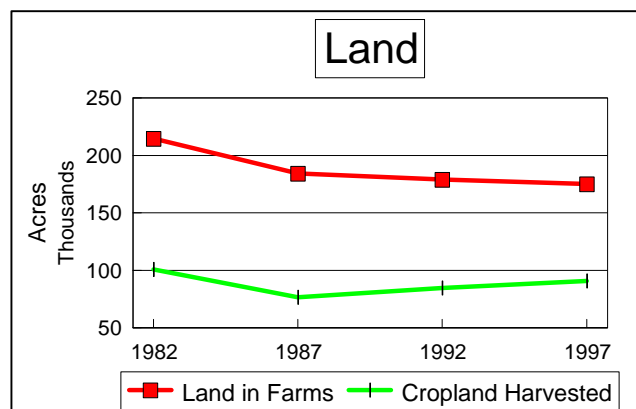
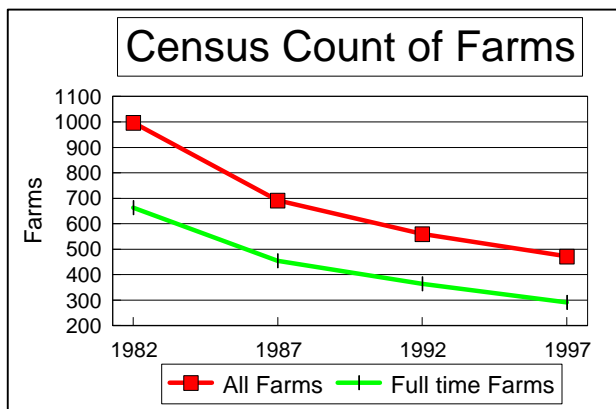
Increased 35 percent to \$167,761,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 51 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 49 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 60 percent from \$222,274 in 1992 to \$355,426 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	167,761	12	100	193	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	85,222	5	100	210	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	82,539	19	100	261	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	50,929	4	86	6	580
Poultry & poultry products	49,473	11	97	120	2,901
Hogs and pigs	31,430	16	95	94	2,976
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	14,526	3	97	101	2,237
Cotton, cottonseed	8,682	11	60	166	709
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	12,759,797	15	68	157	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	5,056,742	1	72	5	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	330,064	22	95	84	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	3,449	46	99	2,402	3,063
All goats sold	161	26	94	600	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	2,383,560	14	81	140	2,620
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,177,770	3	98	67	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	951,712	1	51	5	1,790
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	795,672	1	72	6	2,549
Hogs and pigs inventory	89,209	21	97	186	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	26,885	17	88	709	2,144
Cotton-acres	23,009	10	60	158	713
Tobacco-acres	13,374	4	86	5	583
Wheat-acres	9,008	23	86	804	2,612
Sweetpotatoes-acres	7,157	1	72	1	465

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	153	172	-11
\$10,000 or more	319	388	-18
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	116,881	99,178	18
Average per farmdollars..	248,683	176,787	41
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	42,047	22,416	88
Average per farmdollars..	89,461	39,958	124
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	385	463	-17
Partnership or corporation	85	92	-8
Other	2	5	-60
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	291	364	-20
Other	181	196	-8
Operators by sex:			
Male	445	527	-16
Female	27	33	-18
Operators by race:			
White	453	526	-14
Black and other races	19	34	-44
Average age of operator	53.0	52.7	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.