

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



NORTHAMPTON NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 155,213 acres in 1992 to 160,464 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 15 percent from 407 acres in 1992 to 469 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 244 farms in 1992 to 235 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

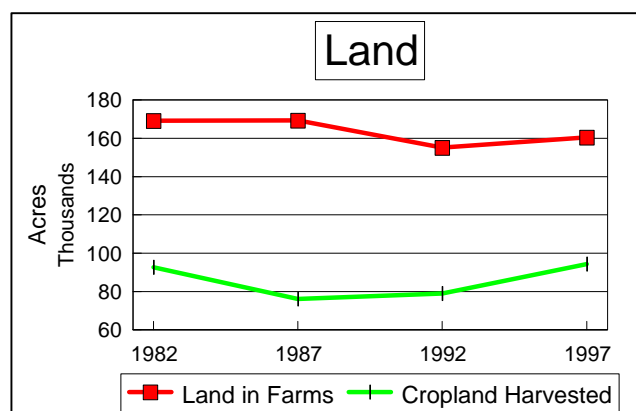
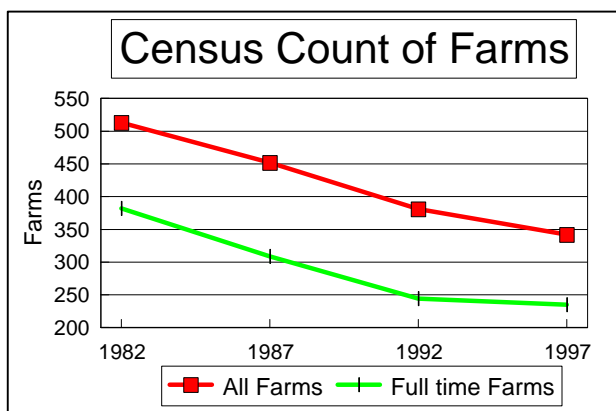
Increased 29 percent to \$92,228,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 45 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 55 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 44 percent from \$187,659 in 1992 to \$269,673 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	92,228	28	100	581	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	50,644	26	100	498	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	41,584	20	100	696	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	26,558	20	95	120	2,976
Poultry & poultry products	23,607	24	97	248	2,901
Cotton, cottonseed	22,101	1	60	64	709
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	14,811	2	97	99	2,237
Soybeans	1,379	41	88	1,095	2,136
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	8,657,500	18	68	208	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	361,215	19	95	74	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	44	72	702	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	1,237	73	99	2,783	3,063
All goats sold	(D)	77	94	1,917	2,686
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	1,447,140	18	81	200	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	135,931	15	97	101	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	41	98	660	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	2,914	66	99	2,752	3,064
All goat inventory	255	53	98	946	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	54,929	2	60	66	713
Peanuts-acres	22,514	1	45	11	466
Soybeans for beans-acres	8,165	44	88	1,065	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	5,615	40	100	1,274	2,691
Wheat-acres	2,690	55	86	1,312	2,612

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	74	83	-11
\$10,000 or more	268	298	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	75,255	54,113	39
Average per farmdollars..	220,689	142,028	55
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	10,616	15,644	-32
Average per farmdollars..	31,133	41,059	-24
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	282	333	-15
Partnership or corporation	59	47	26
Other	1	1	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	235	244	-4
Other	107	137	-22
Operators by sex:			
Male	330	359	-8
Female	12	22	-45
Operators by race:			
White	290	329	-12
Black and other races	52	52	
Average age of operator	52.0	51.5	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.