

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased slightly from 63,992 acres in 1992 to 63,419 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 14 percent from 151 acres in 1992 to 172 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 16 percent from 251 farms in 1992 to 210 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

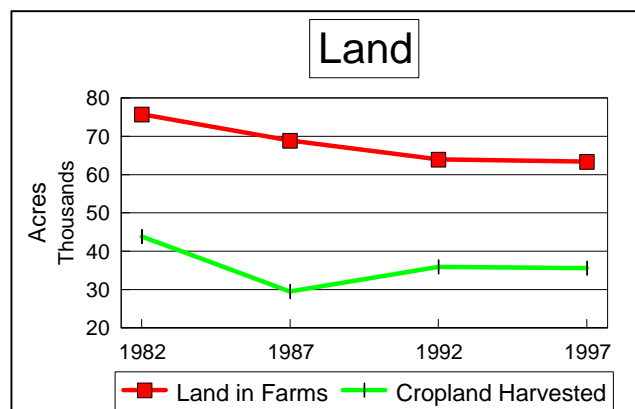
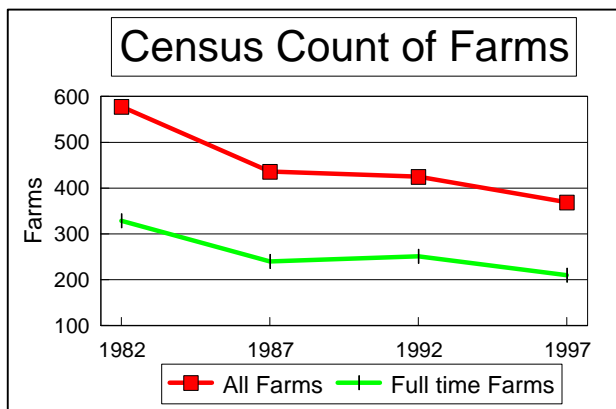
Increased 73 percent to \$101,549,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 22 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 78 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 99 percent from \$138,096 in 1992 to \$275,201 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	101,549	22	100	498	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	79,569	21	100	274	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	21,980	43	100	1,184	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	47,780	14	95	45	2,976
Poultry & poultry products	31,201	20	97	196	2,901
Tobacco	12,855	33	86	74	580
Corn for grain	2,571	27	97	1,029	2,582
Soybeans	2,144	32	88	963	2,136
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Turkeys sold	2,972,443	5	46	29	1,353
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	724,150	52	68	488	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	494,248	16	95	42	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	1,382	68	99	2,753	3,063
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	9	35	743	1,593
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
All turkeys inventory	894,701	5	74	31	2,361
Broiler inventory	149,600	51	81	474	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	144,591	14	97	90	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	2,530	69	99	2,785	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	323	57	98	2,004	3,002
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Corn for grain-acres	12,634	25	100	989	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	11,727	32	88	948	2,144
Cotton-acres	3,600	33	60	361	713
Tobacco-acres	3,450	34	86	79	583
Wheat-acres	3,280	50	86	1,240	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 .....	164	192	-15
\$10,000 or more .....	205	233	-12
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	75,716	50,798	49
Average per farm .....dollars..	205,191	119,524	72
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	21,820	5,981	265
Average per farm .....dollars..	59,131	14,073	320
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	319	365	-13
Partnership or corporation .....	50	59	-15
Other .....	-	1	-100
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	210	251	-16
Other .....	159	174	-9
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	343	393	-13
Female .....	26	32	-19
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	358	414	-14
Black and other races .....	11	11	
Average age of operator .....	55.2	54.0	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.