

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 7 percent from 67,491 acres in 1992 to 72,515 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 4 percent from 156 acres in 1992 to 150 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 8 percent from 224 farms in 1992 to 243 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

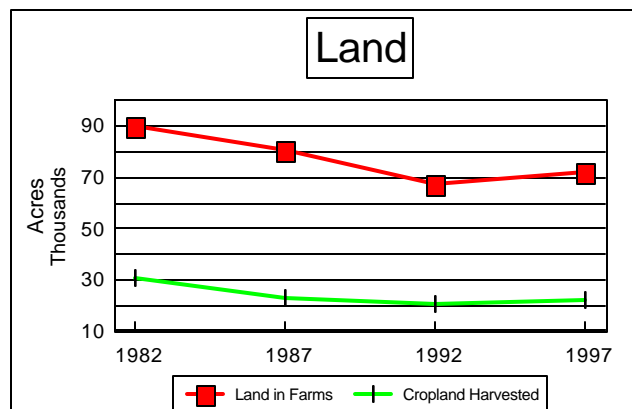
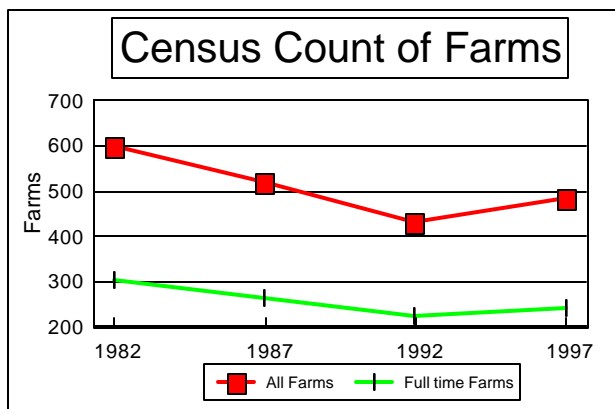
Decreased 23 percent to \$25,835,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 47 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 53 percent of the market value.

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

Decreased 32 percent from \$77,852 in 1992 to \$53,268 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	25,835	66	100	1,889	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	13,792	57	100	1,596	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	12,043	66	100	1,641	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Dairy products	6,370	8	67	534	2,563
Tobacco	6,020	43	86	140	580
Nursery and greenhouse crops	4,511	20	96	425	2,790
Hogs and pigs	3,010	43	95	689	2,976
Cattle and calves	2,589	26	99	1,965	3,063
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	75,000	33	72	539	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	29,350	43	95	701	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	6,724	25	99	1,920	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	630	2	83	1,108	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	75	30	96	1,229	3,015
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	106,249	21	98	414	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	18,323	39	97	623	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	15,300	22	99	1,795	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	989	10	100	759	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	718	5	90	1,170	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	12,280	14	99	1,484	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,790	65	88	1,326	2,144
Wheat-acres	2,136	64	86	1,406	2,612
Corn for silage-acres	2,118	11	88	661	2,473
Corn for grain-acres	1,892	60	100	1,667	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 .....	293	250	17
\$10,000 or more .....	192	183	5
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	17,937	26,471	-32
Average per farm .....dollars..	36,984	61,275	-40
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	3,586	6,966	-49
Average per farm .....dollars..	7,394	16,125	-54
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	404	372	9
Partnership or corporation .....	76	60	27
Other .....	5	1	400
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	243	224	8
Other .....	242	209	16
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	409	386	6
Female .....	76	47	62
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	460	415	11
Black and other races .....	25	18	39
Average age of operator .....	55.6	55.3	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.