

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



PERSON NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 115,854 acres in 1992 to 120,470 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 23 percent from 243 acres in 1992 to 300 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 21 percent from 289 farms in 1992 to 228 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

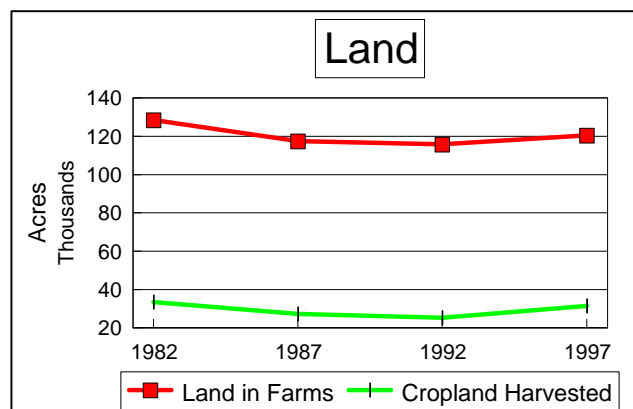
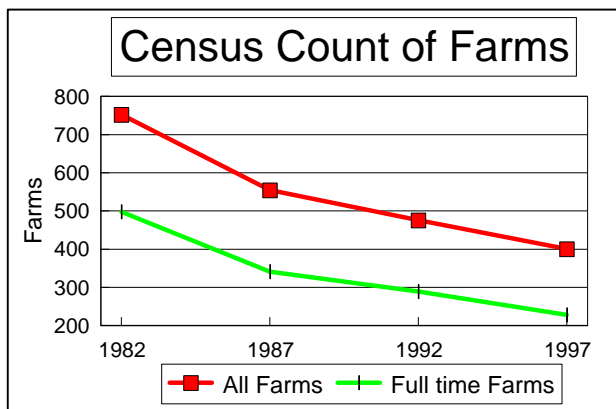
Increased 13 percent to \$29,042,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 86 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 14 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 34 percent from \$54,029 in 1992 to \$72,423 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	29,042	62	100	1,764	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	24,952	37	100	1,092	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	4,090	79	100	2,453	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	21,757	20	86	31	580
Hogs and pigs	2,148	48	95	793	2,976
Cattle and calves	1,207	47	99	2,443	3,063
Soybeans	1,187	46	88	1,135	2,136
Wheat	937	26	85	939	2,578
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Hogs and pigs sold	21,392	50	95	794	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	3,464	45	99	2,400	3,063
All goats sold	(D)	39	94	832	2,686
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	48	63	1,562	2,200
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	48	83	2,364	2,765
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Hogs and pigs inventory	12,649	42	97	731	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	8,293	45	99	2,305	3,064
All goat inventory	359	35	98	672	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	127	76	100	2,787	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	(D)	39	90	2,195	2,864
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	8,089	31	99	1,901	3,061
Wheat-acres	7,739	25	86	869	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	6,474	49	88	1,135	2,144
Tobacco-acres	6,346	20	86	27	583
Corn for grain-acres	3,307	50	100	1,482	2,691

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	167	181	-8
\$10,000 or more	234	295	-21
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	18,496	18,326	1
Average per farmdollars..	46,124	38,500	20
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	7,779	8,734	-11
Average per farmdollars..	19,400	18,350	6
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	343	404	-15
Partnership or corporation	57	67	-15
Other	1	5	-80
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	228	289	-21
Other	173	187	-7
Operators by sex:			
Male	378	446	-15
Female	23	30	-23
Operators by race:			
White	367	419	-12
Black and other races	34	57	-40
Average age of operator	55.4	54.7	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.