

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



POLK NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 33 percent from 23,140 acres in 1992 to 30,701 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 13 percent from 144 acres in 1992 to 163 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 3 percent from 66 farms in 1992 to 68 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

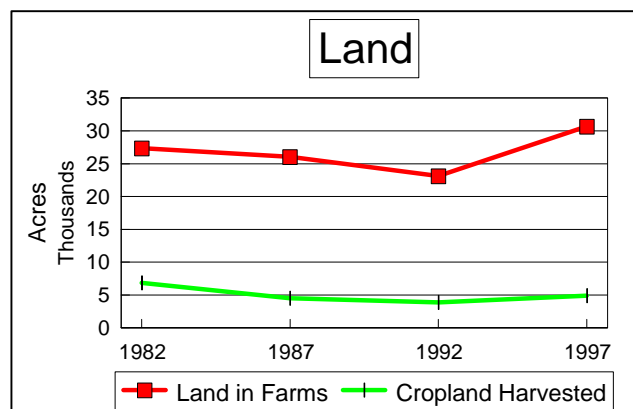
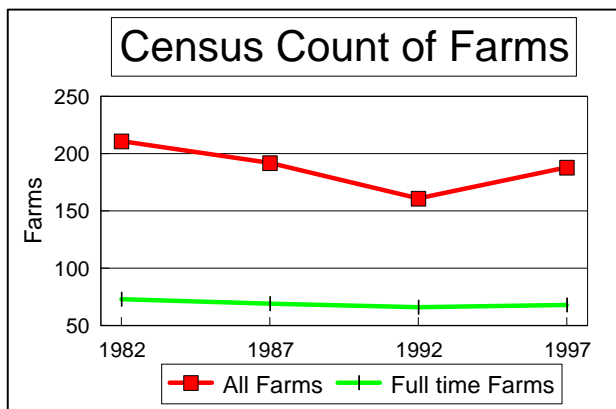
Increased 12 percent to \$3,315,000 in 1997.

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

Decreased 4 percent from \$18,391 in 1992 to \$17,631 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	3,315	97	100	2,862	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	1,676	93	100	2,568	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	1,639	86	100	2,787	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Cattle and calves	865	59	99	2,600	3,063
Nursery and greenhouse crops	(D)	68	96	1,171	2,790
Fruits, nuts, berries	537	9	97	437	2,547
Dairy products	364	50	67	1,889	2,563
Horses and ponies	254	19	96	600	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	51	72	876	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	2,283	62	99	2,606	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	77	28	96	1,208	3,015
All goats sold	(D)	77	94	1,917	2,686
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	91	95	2,860	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	48	98	832	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	4,212	62	99	2,650	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	547	29	100	1,483	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	83	97	2,586	3,005
All goat inventory	63	82	98	2,089	2,983
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	3,563	54	99	2,482	3,061
Land in orchards-acres	628	3	98	422	2,693
Land used for vegetables-acres	(D)	35	98	797	2,741
Soybeans for beans-acres	260	81	88	1,829	2,144
Wheat-acres	243	79	86	2,098	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	146	126	16
\$10,000 or more	42	35	20
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	2,928	3,023	-3
Average per farmdollars..	15,575	18,659	-17
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	85	(183)	146
Average per farmdollars..	454	(1,132)	140
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	172	149	15
Partnership or corporation	15	12	25
Other	1	-	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	68	66	3
Other	120	95	26
Operators by sex:			
Male	162	144	13
Female	26	17	53
Operators by race:			
White	185	160	16
Black and other races	3	1	200
Average age of operator	56.3	59.0	-5

(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.