

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



RANDOLPH NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 144,858 acres in 1992 to 148,301 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 112 acres in 1992 to 109 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased slightly from 631 farms in 1992 to 630 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

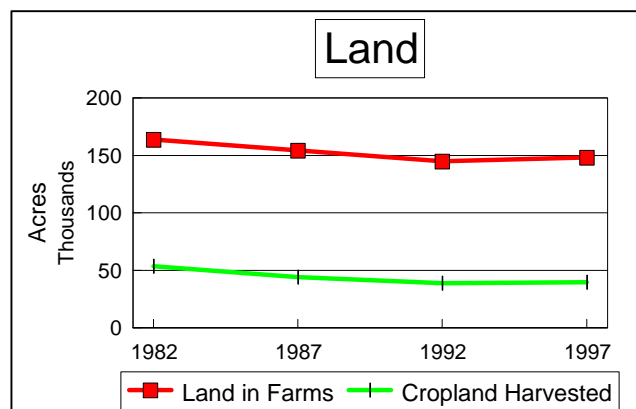
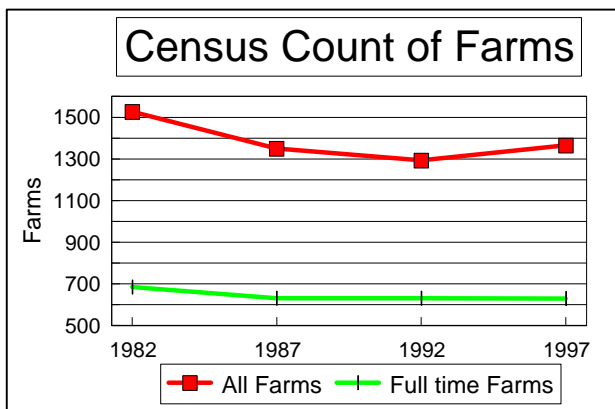
Increased 43 percent to \$147,329,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 10 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 90 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 35 percent from \$79,629 in 1992 to \$107,855 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 | 147,329 | 14 | 100 | 252 | 3,076 |
| Value of livestock and poultry | 132,116 | 7 | 100 | 112 | 3,069 |
| Value of crops including nursery | 15,214 | 56 | 100 | 1,468 | 3,070 |
| TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000) | | | | | |
| Poultry & poultry products | 103,878 | 6 | 97 | 42 | 2,901 |
| Dairy products | 13,044 | 2 | 67 | 297 | 2,563 |
| Hogs and pigs | 7,859 | 37 | 95 | 396 | 2,976 |
| Cattle and calves | 6,773 | 2 | 99 | 1,220 | 3,063 |
| Nursery and greenhouse crops | 6,609 | 14 | 96 | 306 | 2,790 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number) | | | | | |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold | 43,975,897 | 3 | 68 | 36 | 1,882 |
| Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold | 1,689,970 | 4 | 72 | 40 | 2,203 |
| Turkeys sold | 265,605 | 22 | 46 | 170 | 1,353 |
| Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold | (D) | 4 | 63 | 79 | 2,200 |
| Hogs and pigs sold | 66,966 | 38 | 95 | 435 | 2,976 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number) | | | | | |
| Broiler inventory | 8,710,717 | 3 | 81 | 22 | 2,620 |
| Layers 20 weeks and older inventory | 747,210 | 5 | 98 | 108 | 3,002 |
| Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory | 318,533 | 5 | 72 | 42 | 2,549 |
| Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory | 230,507 | 3 | 51 | 65 | 1,790 |
| All turkeys inventory | 93,001 | 22 | 74 | 173 | 2,361 |
| TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA | | | | | |
| Hay crops-acres | 21,075 | 2 | 99 | 987 | 3,061 |
| Soybeans for beans-acres | 5,953 | 53 | 88 | 1,158 | 2,144 |
| Corn for grain-acres | 5,414 | 42 | 100 | 1,288 | 2,691 |
| Wheat-acres | 3,458 | 47 | 86 | 1,218 | 2,612 |
| Corn for silage-acres | 3,193 | 4 | 88 | 464 | 2,473 |

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 | 829 | 761 | 9 |
| \$10,000 or more | 537 | 532 | 1 |
| Total farm production expenses\$1,000.. | 100,981 | 77,384 | 30 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 73,870 | 59,894 | 23 |
| Net cash return from agricultural sales | | | |
| for the farm unit\$1,000.. | 16,183 | 19,330 | -16 |
| Average per farmdollars.. | 11,838 | 14,961 | -21 |
| Farms by type of organization: | | | |
| Individual or family | 1,240 | 1,169 | 6 |
| Partnership or corporation | 120 | 121 | -1 |
| Other | 6 | 3 | 100 |
| OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
| Operators by principal occupation: | | | |
| Farming | 630 | 631 | -0 |
| Other | 736 | 662 | 11 |
| Operators by sex: | | | |
| Male | 1,249 | 1,202 | 4 |
| Female | 117 | 91 | 29 |
| Operators by race: | | | |
| White | 1,359 | 1,285 | 6 |
| Black and other races | 7 | 8 | -13 |
| Average age of operator | 54.7 | 55.1 | -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.