

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



RICHMOND NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 51,916 acres in 1992 to 54,498 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 7 percent from 234 acres in 1992 to 217 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Increased 4 percent from 124 farms in 1992 to 129 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

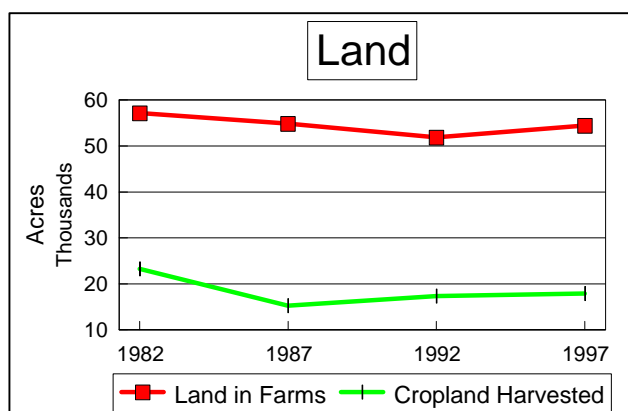
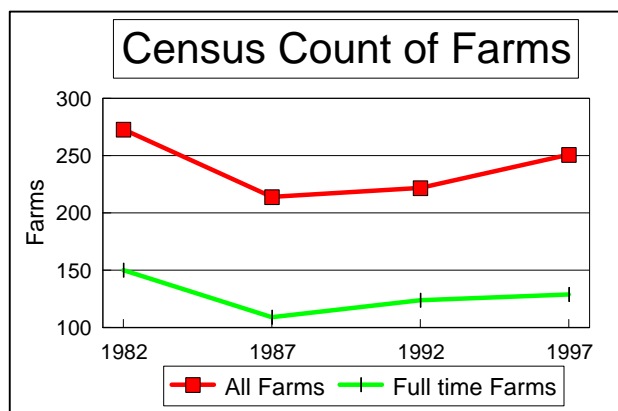
Increased 72 percent to \$66,100,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 17 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 83 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 53 percent from \$172,686 in 1992 to \$263,348 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	66,100	35	100	883	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	55,126	24	100	445	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	10,975	68	100	1,698	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	42,958	14	97	143	2,901
Hogs and pigs	10,826	30	95	309	2,976
Tobacco	4,776	48	86	163	580
Cotton, cottonseed	(D)	33	60	334	709
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	1,581	9	98	420	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	19,349,804	7	68	103	1,882
Turkeys sold	396,708	20	46	137	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	231,933	26	95	137	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	35	72	548	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	9	63	216	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	4,181,650	6	81	76	2,620
All turkeys inventory	154,956	19	74	127	2,361
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	26	98	468	3,002
Hogs and pigs inventory	54,720	29	97	291	3,005
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	4	86	88	2,884
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	4,077	60	88	1,256	2,144
Cotton-acres	(D)	34	60	370	713
Hay crops-acres	3,216	58	99	2,542	3,061
Wheat-acres	2,398	62	86	1,362	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	2,207	54	100	1,606	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	117	73	60
\$10,000 or more	134	149	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	50,563	30,379	66
Average per farmdollars..	201,448	137,460	47
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	10,906	8,500	28
Average per farmdollars..	43,450	38,464	13
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	219	197	11
Partnership or corporation	32	24	33
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	129	124	4
Other	122	98	24
Operators by sex:			
Male	223	191	17
Female	28	31	-10
Operators by race:			
White	248	219	13
Black and other races	3	3	
Average age of operator	54.5	53.5	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.