

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Decreased 2 percent from 292,152 acres in 1992 to 285,186 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 16 percent from 245 acres in 1992 to 284 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 24 percent from 715 farms in 1992 to 540 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

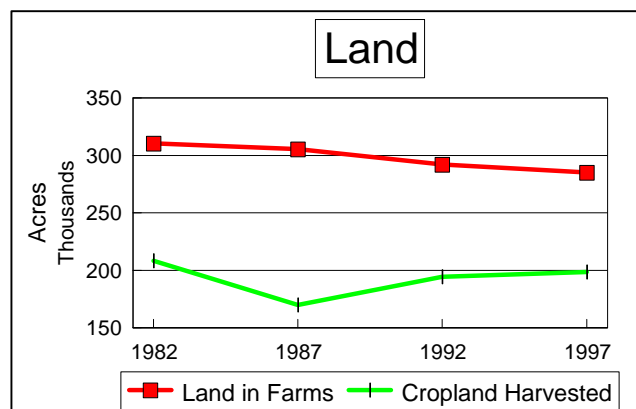
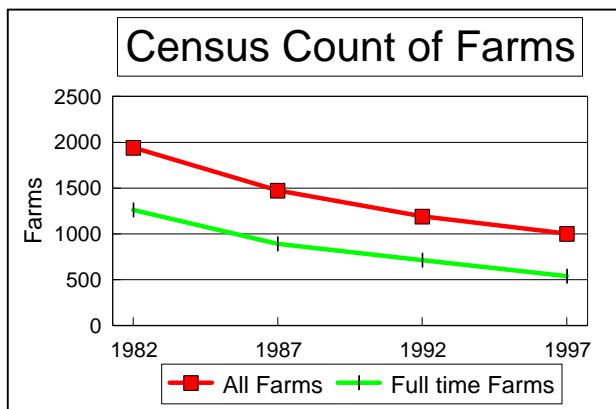
Increased 105 percent to \$221,444,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 46 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 54 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 144 percent from \$90,493 in 1992 to \$220,562 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	221,444	6	100	117	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	120,097	10	100	133	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	101,348	1	100	137	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Hogs and pigs	85,053	7	95	18	2,976
Tobacco	55,352	3	86	3	580
Poultry & poultry products	34,218	18	97	181	2,901
Cotton, cottonseed	12,876	9	60	122	709
Soybeans	12,393	2	88	477	2,136
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	15,469,580	12	68	127	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	1,148,498	8	95	11	2,976
Turkeys sold	625,533	17	46	107	1,353
Cattle and calves sold	2,306	60	99	2,604	3,063
All goats sold	238	16	94	408	2,686
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	2,351,165	15	81	141	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	327,559	6	97	20	3,005
All turkeys inventory	257,219	14	74	99	2,361
Cattle and calves inventory	5,162	56	99	2,563	3,064
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	791	24	86	785	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	91,288	1	88	253	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	41,982	3	100	570	2,691
Wheat-acres	40,652	2	86	348	2,612
Cotton-acres	30,193	8	60	119	713
Tobacco-acres	16,891	3	86	3	583

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 .....	401	427	-6
\$10,000 or more .....	603	766	-21
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	161,987	77,817	108
Average per farm .....dollars..	161,663	65,283	148
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	55,095	28,302	95
Average per farm .....dollars..	54,930	23,743	131
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	848	998	-15
Partnership or corporation .....	147	185	-21
Other .....	9	10	-10
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	540	715	-24
Other .....	464	478	-3
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	910	1,086	-16
Female .....	94	107	-12
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	615	714	-14
Black and other races .....	389	479	-19
Average age of operator .....	54.8	53.7	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.