

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



ROCKINGHAM NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 130,879 acres in 1992 to 133,842 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 19 percent from 145 acres in 1992 to 172 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 20 percent from 481 farms in 1992 to 385 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

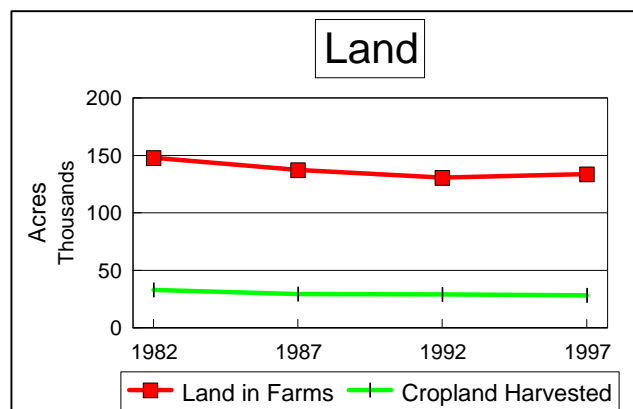
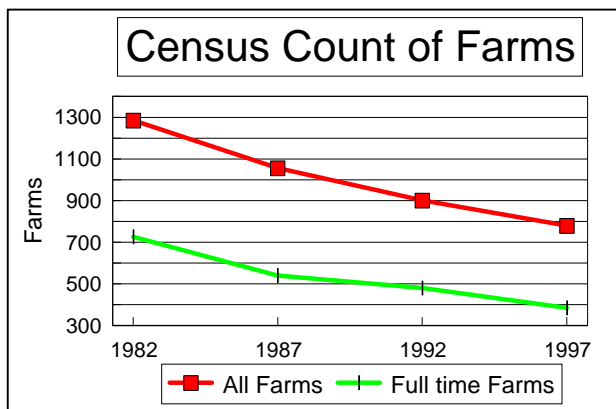
Increased 19 percent to \$37,172,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 81 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 19 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 38 percent from \$34,556 in 1992 to \$47,657 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	37,172	50	100	1,513	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	30,150	31	100	930	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	7,022	69	100	2,132	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	26,483	17	86	22	580
Dairy products	2,376	26	67	979	2,563
Nursery and greenhouse crops	1,670	41	96	762	2,790
Cattle and calves	1,609	39	99	2,299	3,063
Hogs and pigs	(D)	49	95	907	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	62	68	598	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	43	72	668	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	46	95	766	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	4,453	39	99	2,245	3,063
Horses and ponies sold	162	8	96	492	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	38	98	604	3,002
Broiler inventory	(D)	61	81	590	2,620
Cattle and calves inventory	11,086	33	99	2,048	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	48	97	989	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	660	21	100	1,217	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	11,350	21	99	1,584	3,061
Tobacco-acres	7,432	18	86	22	583
Wheat-acres	5,465	31	86	1,013	2,612
Soybeans for beans-acres	2,185	68	88	1,390	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	1,930	58	100	1,659	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	396	452	-12
\$10,000 or more	384	450	-15
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	22,823	18,184	26
Average per farmdollars..	29,298	20,182	45
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	9,976	11,243	-11
Average per farmdollars..	12,806	12,478	3
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	696	783	-11
Partnership or corporation	82	118	-31
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	385	481	-20
Other	395	421	-6
Operators by sex:			
Male	720	857	-16
Female	60	45	33
Operators by race:			
White	754	862	-13
Black and other races	26	40	-35
Average age of operator	55.1	55.2	-0

(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.