

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



BERTIE NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Decreased 9 percent from 170,006 acres in 1992 to 154,338 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 12 percent from 373 acres in 1992 to 416 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 302 farms in 1992 to 262 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

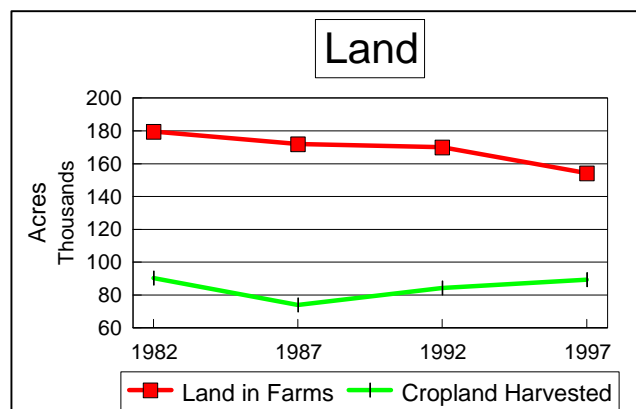
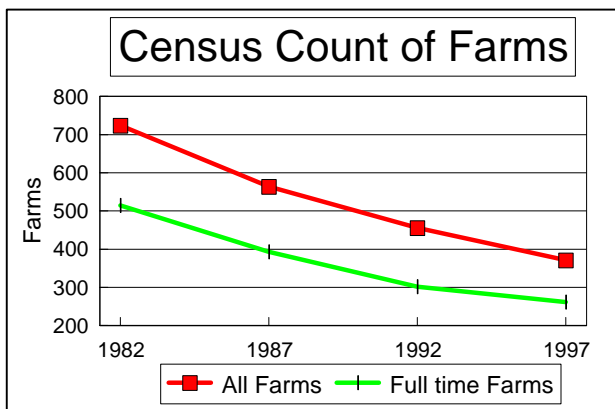
Increased 46 percent to \$110,924,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 60 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 40 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 80 percent from \$166,236 in 1992 to \$298,986 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	110,924	19	100	430	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	66,386	11	100	350	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	44,537	30	100	595	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Poultry & poultry products	34,637	16	97	178	2,901
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	29,882	1	97	46	2,237
Tobacco	14,510	28	86	57	580
Cotton, cottonseed	14,468	7	60	112	709
Hogs and pigs	9,690	32	95	340	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	18,372,040	8	68	108	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	121,355	34	95	283	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	615	83	99	2,906	3,063
All goats sold	(D)	83	94	2,288	2,686
Horses and ponies sold	(D)	90	96	2,934	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	3,646,105	8	81	88	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	45,351	30	97	326	3,005
Cattle and calves inventory	1,537	81	99	2,890	3,064
All goat inventory	270	50	98	899	2,983
Horse and pony inventory	95	81	100	2,874	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Cotton-acres	34,319	6	60	108	713
Corn for grain-acres	21,279	13	100	795	2,691
Peanuts-acres	16,738	3	45	25	466
Soybeans for beans-acres	10,677	34	88	979	2,144
Total herbs-acres	(D)	1	24	4	649

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	75	98	-23
\$10,000 or more	296	358	-17
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	72,137	56,320	28
Average per farmdollars..	194,964	123,510	58
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	30,022	18,185	65
Average per farmdollars..	81,141	39,880	103
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	286	361	-21
Partnership or corporation	83	88	-6
Other	2	7	-71
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	262	302	-13
Other	109	154	-29
Operators by sex:			
Male	350	427	-18
Female	21	29	-28
Operators by race:			
White	314	385	-18
Black and other races	57	71	-20
Average age of operator	55.2	54.1	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.