

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



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Land in farms

Increased 3 percent from 104,874 acres in 1992 to 107,555 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Decreased 1 percent from 140 acres in 1992 to 138 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 5 percent from 331 farms in 1992 to 314 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

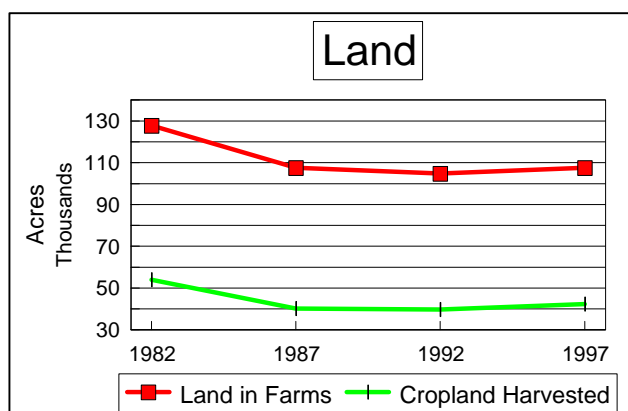
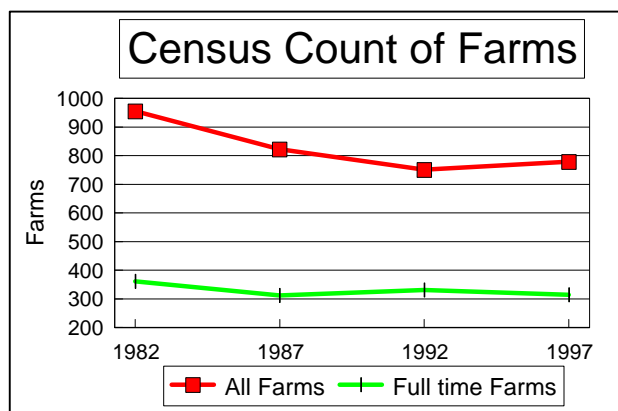
Increased 22 percent to \$31,828,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 41 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 59 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 17 percent from \$34,838 in 1992 to \$40,858 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	31,828	60	100	1,667	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	18,704	46	100	1,316	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	13,124	62	100	1,581	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Dairy products	8,073	4	67	445	2,563
Poultry & poultry products	5,811	50	97	554	2,901
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	4,302	3	98	209	2,739
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,597	25	96	497	2,790
Cattle and calves	3,587	15	99	1,726	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	482,669	18	46	125	1,353
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	61	68	595	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	38	72	574	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	9,679	13	99	1,632	3,063
Hogs and pigs sold	6,005	61	95	1,179	2,976
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	107,000	21	74	161	2,361
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	68,292	31	98	508	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	24,787	6	99	1,329	3,064
Broiler inventory	(D)	62	81	593	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	3,171	58	97	1,179	3,005
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	19,367	4	99	1,066	3,061
Soybeans for beans-acres	10,364	36	88	988	2,144
Wheat-acres	6,011	28	86	975	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	5,121	43	100	1,308	2,691
Corn for silage-acres	3,033	6	88	485	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	536	530	1
\$10,000 or more	243	221	10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	22,954	20,819	10
Average per farmdollars..	29,466	27,759	6
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	5,315	4,495	18
Average per farmdollars..	6,823	5,993	14
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	677	668	1
Partnership or corporation	99	76	30
Other	3	7	-57
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	314	331	-5
Other	465	420	11
Operators by sex:			
Male	727	700	4
Female	52	51	2
Operators by race:			
White	767	736	4
Black and other races	12	15	-20
Average age of operator	56.4	57.0	-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.