

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



SAMPSON NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 266,067 acres in 1992 to 270,840 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 15 percent from 198 acres in 1992 to 228 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 801 farms in 1992 to 698 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

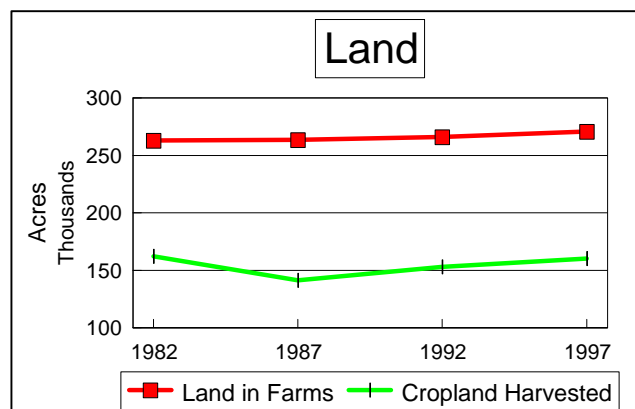
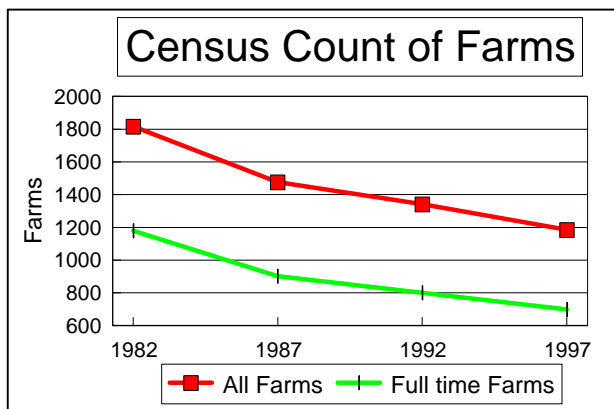
Increased 106 percent to \$732,859,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 14 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 86 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 133 percent from \$264,645 in 1992 to \$617,925 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	732,859	2	100	17	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	632,306	2	100	8	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	100,553	2	100	143	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	511,261	1	95	1	2,976
Poultry & poultry products	112,276	5	97	35	2,901
Tobacco	38,519	10	86	13	580
Cotton, cottonseed	21,380	3	60	68	709
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	14,511	1	98	78	2,739
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Turkeys sold	9,684,903	2	46	3	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	7,049,390	2	95	2	2,976
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	4,695,000	30	68	272	1,882
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	677,547	10	72	129	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	12,764	6	99	1,395	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
All turkeys inventory	3,233,308	2	74	3	2,361
Hogs and pigs inventory	1,775,702	2	97	2	3,005
Broiler inventory	890,830	26	81	250	2,620
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	201,075	6	72	74	2,549
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	152,220	17	98	339	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	49,472	5	88	518	2,144
Cotton-acres	42,202	3	60	85	713
Corn for grain-acres	30,218	7	100	671	2,691
Wheat-acres	16,839	10	86	589	2,612
Hay crops-acres	12,093	16	99	1,501	3,061

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	356	460	-23
\$10,000 or more	830	882	-6
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	577,584	290,677	99
Average per farmdollars..	487,412	216,278	125
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	144,212	61,372	135
Average per farmdollars..	121,698	45,664	167
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	962	1,123	-14
Partnership or corporation	214	210	2
Other	10	9	11
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	698	801	-13
Other	488	541	-10
Operators by sex:			
Male	1,122	1,273	-12
Female	64	69	-7
Operators by race:			
White	1,104	1,208	-9
Black and other races	82	134	-39
Average age of operator	52.9	53.7	-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.