

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 5 percent from 104,733 acres in 1992 to 110,003 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Increased 23 percent from 97 acres in 1992 to 119 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Decreased 19 percent from 549 farms in 1992 to 447 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

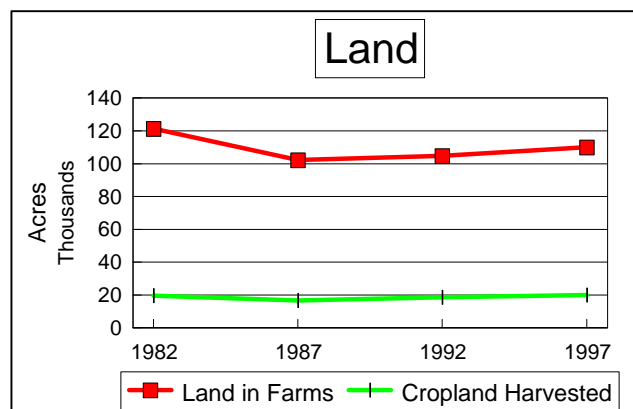
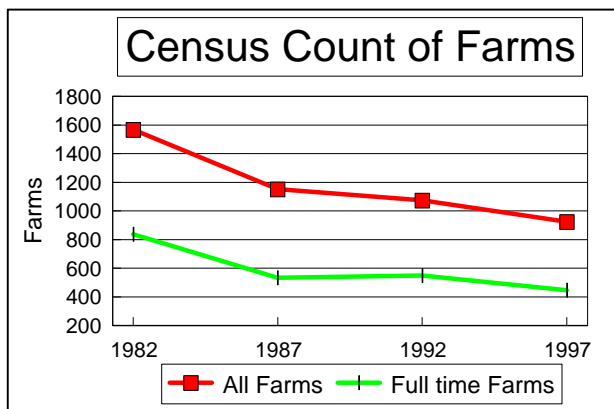
Increased 22 percent to \$33,786,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 69 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 31 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 42 percent from \$25,662 in 1992 to \$36,486 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	33,786	56	100	1,609	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	23,275	38	100	1,139	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	10,511	61	100	1,826	3,069
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Tobacco	22,236	19	86	29	580
Cattle and calves	4,632	9	99	1,510	3,063
Aquaculture	(D)	2	55	59	1,505
Poultry & poultry products	1,394	61	97	887	2,901
Hogs and pigs	(D)	54	95	994	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	28	72	474	2,203
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	52	95	945	2,976
Cattle and calves sold	10,098	11	99	1,603	3,063
Sheep and lambs sold	216	13	83	1,686	2,765
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	(D)	66	68	1,283	1,882
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	105,177	22	98	415	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	13,893	26	99	1,855	3,064
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	50	97	1,028	3,005
Horse and pony inventory	764	17	100	1,058	3,066
Sheep and lamb inventory	429	8	90	1,483	2,864
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Hay crops-acres	10,234	28	99	1,696	3,061
Tobacco-acres	6,848	19	86	24	583
Corn for grain-acres	862	74	100	1,909	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	851	75	88	1,615	2,144
Wheat-acres	821	70	86	1,726	2,612

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 .....	459	485	-5
\$10,000 or more .....	467	590	-21
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	20,122	15,596	29
Average per farm .....dollars..	21,753	14,521	50
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	10,279	10,806	-5
Average per farm .....dollars..	11,113	10,061	10
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	819	956	-14
Partnership or corporation .....	100	119	-16
Other .....	7	-	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	447	549	-19
Other .....	479	526	-9
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	861	969	-11
Female .....	65	106	-39
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	915	1,064	-14
Black and other races .....	11	11	
Average age of operator .....	53.9	53.1	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.