

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



TRANSYLVANIA NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 2 percent from 12,388 acres in 1992 to 12,675 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 3 percent from 71 acres in 1992 to 73 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 10 percent from 69 farms in 1992 to 62 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

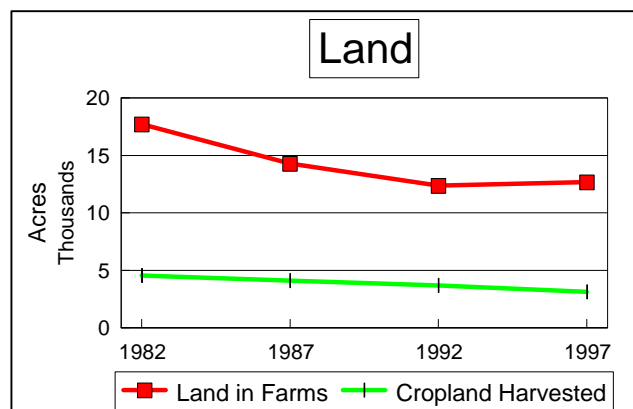
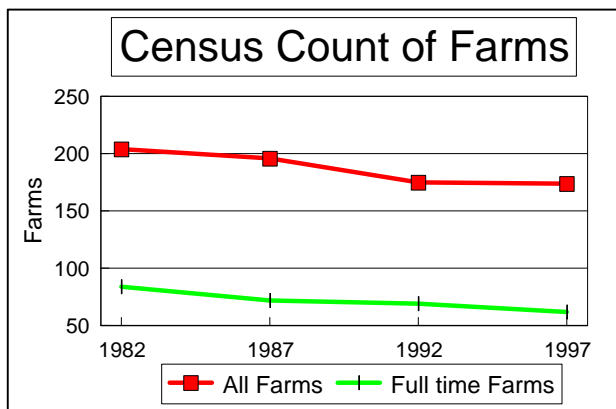
Increased 66 percent to \$10,314,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 33 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 67 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 67 percent from \$35,602 in 1992 to \$59,279 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	10,314	86	100	2,486	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	6,883	70	100	2,144	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	3,432	88	100	2,301	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Aquaculture	(D)	1	55	31	1,505
Nursery and greenhouse crops	3,184	26	96	541	2,790
Dairy products	(D)	32	67	1,356	2,563
Cattle and calves	473	70	99	2,771	3,063
Tobacco	70	81	86	443	580
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	1,348	70	99	2,762	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	30	63	1,109	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	93	95	2,873	2,976
Sheep and lambs sold	(D)	69	83	2,620	2,765
Horses and ponies sold	7	80	96	2,819	3,015
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	2,795	68	99	2,761	3,064
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	243	62	98	2,209	3,002
Horse and pony inventory	215	61	100	2,537	3,066
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	57	86	2,041	2,884
Rabbit inventory	47	23	62	1,144	2,456
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	2,121	67	99	2,694	3,061
Corn for silage-acres	418	40	88	1,519	2,473
All nursery-acres	324	26	95	724	2,619
Corn for grain-acres	216	85	100	2,233	2,691
Cut christmas trees harvested-acres	175	8	74	128	1,965

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	119	119	
\$10,000 or more	55	56	-2
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	6,346	4,919	29
Average per farmdollars..	36,469	27,950	30
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	3,687	1,313	181
Average per farmdollars..	21,188	7,463	184
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	147	152	-3
Partnership or corporation	25	22	14
Other	2	1	100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	62	69	-10
Other	112	106	6
Operators by sex:			
Male	163	162	1
Female	11	13	-15
Operators by race:			
White	172	175	-2
Black and other races	2	-	
Average age of operator	55.4	57.1	-3

(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.