

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



BLADEN NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased slightly from 127,760 acres in 1992 to 128,231 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 10 percent from 210 acres in 1992 to 232 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 6 percent from 322 farms in 1992 to 302 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

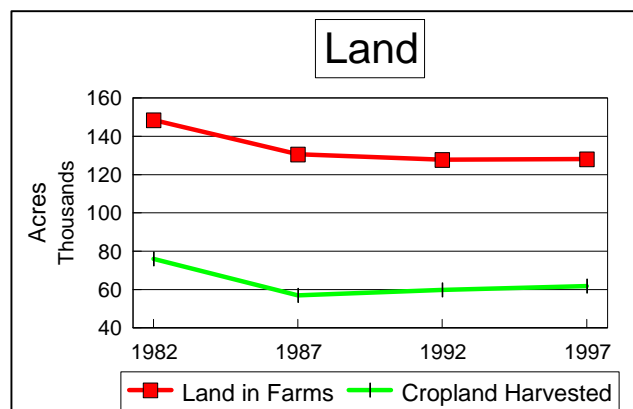
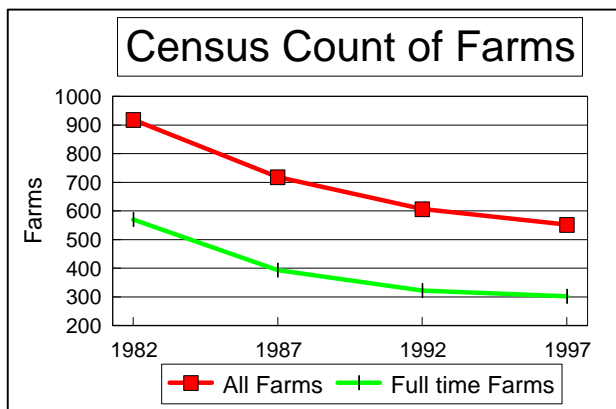
Increased 317 percent to \$238,728,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 15 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 85 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 358 percent from \$94,281 in 1992 to \$431,696 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	238,728	5	100	100	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	202,456	6	100	56	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	36,272	23	100	803	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	183,265	3	95	4	2,976
Poultry & poultry products	17,772	28	97	312	2,901
Tobacco	14,210	30	86	60	580
Fruits, nuts, berries	5,602	2	97	147	2,547
Corn for grain	4,787	16	97	819	2,582
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	4,590,000	31	68	278	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	3,585,511	3	95	3	2,976
Turkeys sold	799,301	15	46	92	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	31,490	45	72	707	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	2,401	59	99	2,581	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	778,065	31	81	269	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	758,701	3	97	5	3,005
All turkeys inventory	325,104	13	74	82	2,361
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	34,211	40	98	656	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	5,253	55	99	2,554	3,064
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Corn for grain-acres	20,770	14	100	804	2,691
Soybeans for beans-acres	14,765	30	88	884	2,144
Cotton-acres	8,151	25	60	277	713
Hay crops-acres	6,847	35	99	2,049	3,061
Wheat-acres	4,084	41	86	1,155	2,612

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	229	313	-27
\$10,000 or more	324	294	10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	185,545	46,746	297
Average per farmdollars..	335,524	77,012	336
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	49,506	10,173	387
Average per farmdollars..	89,523	16,759	434
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	465	531	-12
Partnership or corporation	87	70	24
Other	1	6	-83
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	302	322	-6
Other	251	285	-12
Operators by sex:			
Male	507	547	-7
Female	46	60	-23
Operators by race:			
White	491	513	-4
Black and other races	62	94	-34
Average age of operator	55.2	55.7	-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.