

# 1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture  
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



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### Land in farms

Increased 6 percent from 167,379 acres in 1992 to 178,173 acres in 1997.

### Average size of farms

Decreased 3 percent from 161 acres in 1992 to 156 acres in 1997.

### Full time farms

Increased 2 percent from 544 farms in 1992 to 556 farms in 1997.

### Market value of agricultural products sold

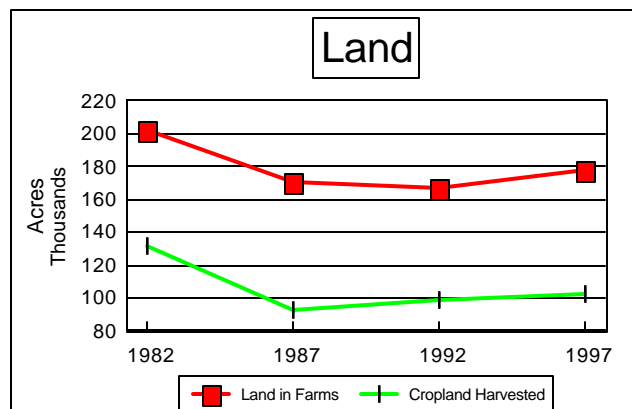
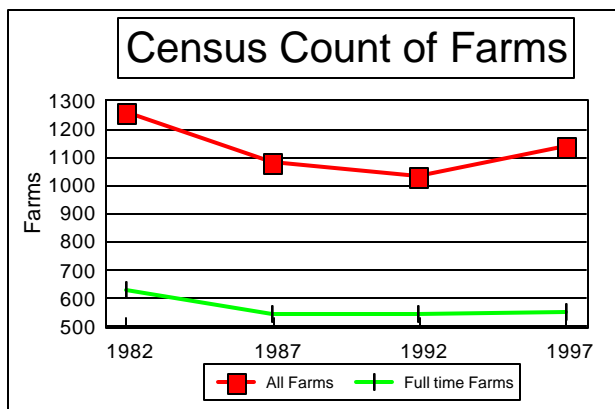
Increased 18 percent to \$283,564,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 11 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 89 percent of the market value.

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

Increased 7 percent from \$232,265 in 1992 to \$248,304 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	283,564	4	100	75	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	252,591	4	100	40	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	30,972	30	100	913	3,070
<b>TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)</b>					
Poultry & poultry products	238,605	1	97	7	2,901
Soybeans	9,968	3	88	541	2,136
Hogs and pigs	8,810	35	95	369	2,976
Corn for grain	7,076	8	97	682	2,582
Wheat	6,148	2	85	320	2,578
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	69,650,167	2	68	12	1,882
Turkeys sold	6,012,448	4	46	7	1,353
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	1,450,748	6	72	55	2,203
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	(D)	1	63	18	2,200
Hogs and pigs sold	98,272	35	95	337	2,976
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)</b>					
Broiler inventory	11,388,600	2	81	13	2,620
All turkeys inventory	1,843,911	4	74	10	2,361
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	1,189,987	2	98	66	3,002
Pullets 13 to less than 20 weeks inventory	86,442	12	72	163	2,549
Ducks, geese, and other poultry inventory	(D)	1	86	29	2,884
<b>TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA</b>					
Soybeans for beans-acres	53,688	4	88	489	2,144
Wheat-acres	34,204	3	86	402	2,612
Corn for grain-acres	24,706	9	100	743	2,691
Hay crops-acres	11,220	22	99	1,592	3,061
Cotton-acres	7,798	26	60	282	713

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 .....	603	502	20
\$10,000 or more .....	539	535	1
Total farm production expenses .....\$1,000..	232,550	204,532	14
Average per farm .....dollars..	204,350	196,855	4
<b>Net cash return from agricultural sales</b>			
for the farm unit .....\$1,000..	34,123	31,809	7
Average per farm .....dollars..	29,932	30,615	-2
<b>Farms by type of organization:</b>			
Individual or family .....	1,012	947	7
Partnership or corporation .....	127	87	46
Other .....	3	3	
<b>OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
<b>Operators by principal occupation:</b>			
Farming .....	556	544	2
Other .....	586	493	19
<b>Operators by sex:</b>			
Male .....	1,029	938	10
Female .....	113	99	14
<b>Operators by race:</b>			
White .....	1,126	1,023	10
Black and other races .....	16	14	14
Average age of operator .....	55.8	54.2	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.