

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



WAYNE NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Increased 28 percent from 179,554 acres in 1992 to 229,423 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 39 percent from 199 acres in 1992 to 277 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 13 percent from 599 farms in 1992 to 519 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

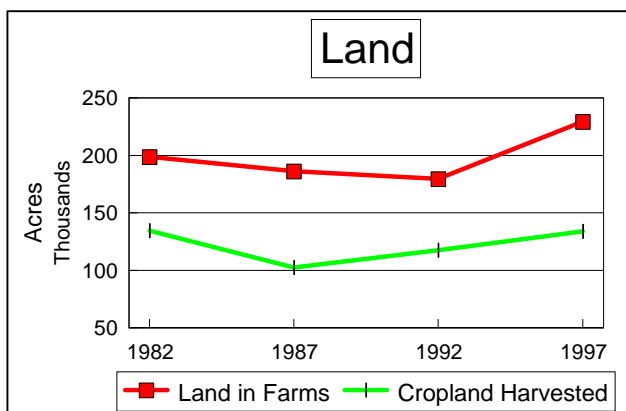
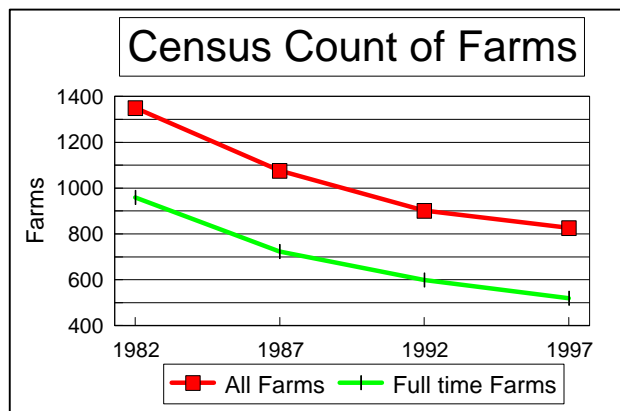
Increased 74 percent to \$337,089,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 21 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 79 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 90 percent from \$215,025 in 1992 to \$407,604 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	337,089	3	100	52	3,076
Value of livestock and poultry	264,822	3	100	37	3,069
Value of crops including nursery	72,267	8	100	293	3,070
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Hogs and pigs	141,722	4	95	7	2,976
Poultry & poultry products	120,550	4	97	30	2,901
Tobacco	38,797	9	86	12	580
Soybeans	9,733	4	88	554	2,136
Cotton, cottonseed	8,950	10	60	164	709
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	15,795,934	11	68	125	1,882
Turkeys sold	7,382,774	3	46	5	1,353
Hogs and pigs sold	1,896,331	4	95	4	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	324,804	18	72	249	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	4,020	42	99	2,316	3,063
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	2,443,200	13	81	136	2,620
All turkeys inventory	1,932,934	3	74	7	2,361
Hogs and pigs inventory	529,439	4	97	7	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	138,631	20	98	355	3,002
Pullets less than 13 weeks inventory	(D)	15	51	222	1,790
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	55,748	3	88	467	2,144
Corn for grain-acres	31,685	5	100	658	2,691
Wheat-acres	27,507	4	86	448	2,612
Cotton-acres	19,370	11	60	180	713
Tobacco-acres	10,720	9	86	11	583

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	240	248	-3
\$10,000 or more	587	654	-10
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	270,331	156,989	72
Average per farmdollars..	327,674	174,045	88
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	59,753	33,406	79
Average per farmdollars..	72,340	37,035	95
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	702	769	-9
Partnership or corporation	124	129	-4
Other	1	4	-75
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	519	599	-13
Other	308	303	2
Operators by sex:			
Male	764	839	-9
Female	63	63	
Operators by race:			
White	790	864	-9
Black and other races	37	38	-3
Average age of operator	53.6	51.8	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.