

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service



WILSON NORTH CAROLINA

Land in farms

Decreased 10 percent from 142,312 acres in 1992 to 128,108 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 14 percent from 291 acres in 1992 to 333 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 26 percent from 351 farms in 1992 to 261 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

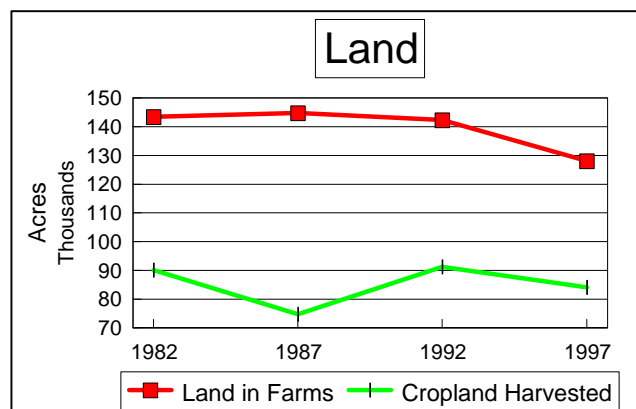
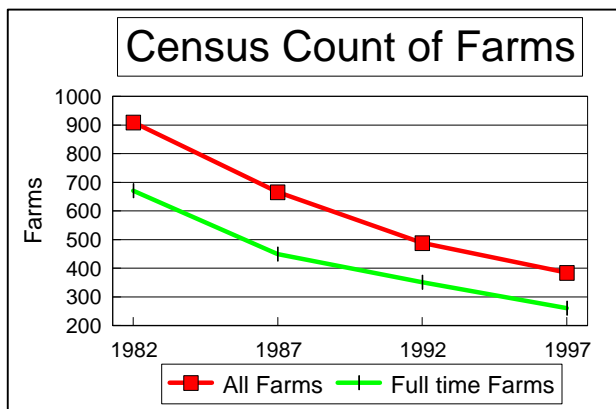
Increased 34 percent to \$120,443,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 70 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 30 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 71 percent from \$183,430 in 1992 to \$312,840 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	120,443	17	100	375	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	84,489	6	100	213	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	35,954	35	100	748	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Tobacco	43,853	5	86	7	580
Hogs and pigs	18,517	23	95	190	2,976
Poultry & poultry products	16,112	33	97	336	2,901
Nursery and greenhouse crops	14,454	5	96	147	2,790
Cotton, cottonseed	7,403	16	60	184	709
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold	2,696,000	39	68	347	1,882
Hogs and pigs sold	223,333	27	95	144	2,976
Layers, pullets, and pullet chicks sold	(D)	47	72	767	2,203
Cattle and calves sold	957	77	99	2,829	3,063
Ducks, geese, and other poultry sold	130	35	63	1,277	2,200
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Broiler inventory	472,000	39	81	336	2,620
Hogs and pigs inventory	77,487	24	97	213	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	(D)	44	98	720	3,002
Cattle and calves inventory	2,282	73	99	2,805	3,064
Horse and pony inventory	468	37	100	1,686	3,066
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Soybeans for beans-acres	33,762	13	88	647	2,144
Cotton-acres	15,414	19	60	210	713
Corn for grain-acres	12,695	24	100	986	2,691
Wheat-acres	12,143	17	86	695	2,612
Tobacco-acres	10,808	8	86	10	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	121	118	3
\$10,000 or more	264	371	-29
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	87,044	61,427	42
Average per farmdollars..	226,677	125,876	80
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	25,115	23,874	5
Average per farmdollars..	65,404	48,923	34
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	304	368	-17
Partnership or corporation	81	120	-33
Other	-	1	-100
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	261	351	-26
Other	124	138	-10
Operators by sex:			
Male	365	445	-18
Female	20	44	-55
Operators by race:			
White	370	463	-20
Black and other races	15	26	-42
Average age of operator	52.9	53.7	-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.