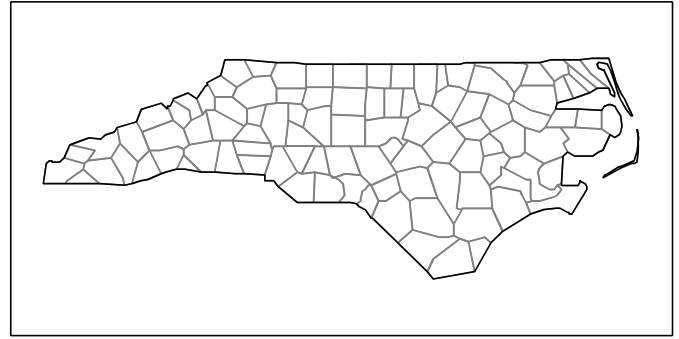




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Number of farms

53,930 farms in 2002, 59,120 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

Land in farms

9,079,001 acres in 2002, 9,444,867 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Average size of farm

168 acres in 2002, 160 acres in 1997, up 5 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$6,961,686,000 in 2002, \$7,832,362,000 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,008,634,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$4,953,052,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

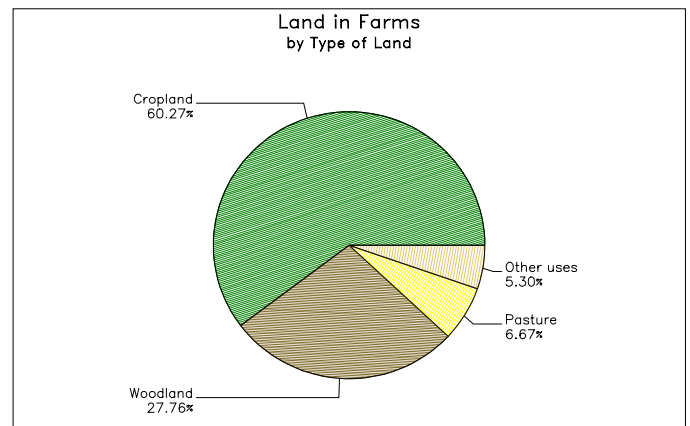
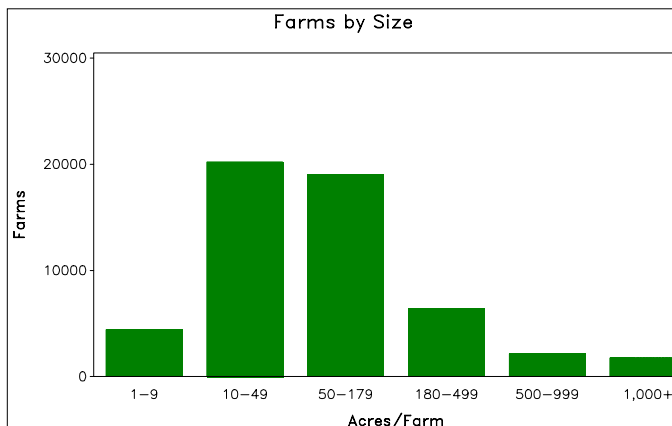
\$129,087 in 2002, \$132,482 in 1997, down 3 percent.

Government Payments

\$97,696,000 in 2002, \$52,546,000 in 1997, up 86 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,935 in 2002, \$3,911 in 1997, up 103 percent.



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Ranked items within U.S., 2002

| Item | Quantity | U.S. Rank | Universe ¹ |
|---|-------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000) | | | |
| Total value of agricultural products sold | 6,961,686 | 8 | 50 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 2,008,634 | 15 | 50 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 4,953,052 | 6 | 50 |
| VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000) | | | |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas | 359,296 | 24 | 50 |
| Tobacco | 630,397 | 1 | 23 |
| Cotton and cottonseed | 181,835 | 6 | 17 |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes | 215,247 | 14 | 50 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries | 55,756 | 15 | 50 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod | 424,478 | 8 | 50 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops | 57,625 | 2 | 50 |
| Other crops and hay | 84,001 | 31 | 50 |
| Poultry and eggs | 2,382,365 | 3 | 50 |
| Cattle and calves | 185,222 | 36 | 50 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows | 150,406 | 30 | 50 |
| Hogs and pigs | 2,183,646 | 2 | 50 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products | 2,960 | 31 | 50 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys | 15,202 | 21 | 50 |
| Aquaculture | 17,669 | 14 | 50 |
| Other animals and other animal products | 15,581 | 18 | 50 |
| TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number) | | | |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens | 149,439,592 | 4 | 50 |
| Turkeys | 14,554,229 | 2 | 50 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older | 10,150,213 | 12 | 50 |
| Hogs and pigs | 9,887,421 | 2 | 50 |
| Cattle and calves | 848,061 | 35 | 50 |
| TOP CROP ITEMS (acres) | | | |
| Soybeans | 1,314,672 | 16 | 41 |
| All Cotton | 924,097 | 4 | 17 |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 715,519 | 29 | 50 |
| Corn for grain | 700,045 | 17 | 49 |
| All Wheat for grain | 446,438 | 17 | 48 |

Other State Highlights

| Economic Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|-----------|
| Farms by value of sales | |
| Less than \$1,000 | 13,520 |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499 | 8,576 |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999 | 6,350 |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999 | 5,925 |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 4,585 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999 | 1,273 |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999 | 1,848 |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999 | 854 |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999 | 2,208 |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999 | 2,630 |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999 | 2,579 |
| \$500,000 or more | 3,582 |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000) | 5,645,471 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 104,672 |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 1,557,074 |
| Average per farm (\$) | 28,869 |

| Operator Characteristics | Quantity |
|---|----------|
| Principal operators by primary occupation: | |
| Farming | 31,669 |
| Other | 22,261 |
| Principal operators by sex: | |
| Male | 48,574 |
| Female | 5,356 |
| Average age of principal operator (years) | 56.1 |
| All operators ² by race: | |
| White | 71,052 |
| Black or African American | 2,121 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 612 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 12 |
| Asian | 152 |
| More than one race | 280 |
| All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 780 |

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of states in U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.