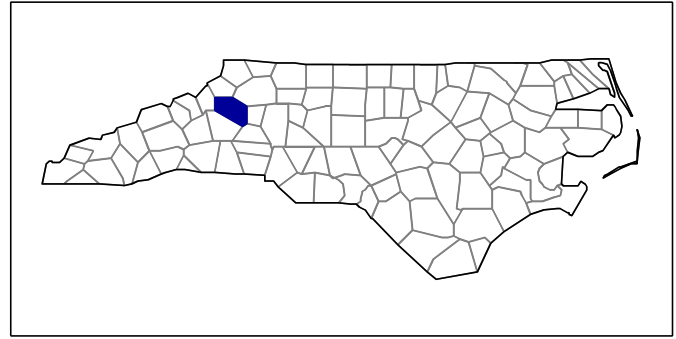




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Number of farms

411 farms in 2002, 414 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

Land in farms

34,918 acres in 2002, 39,660 acres in 1997, down 12 percent.

Average size of farm

85 acres in 2002, 96 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$15,844,000 in 2002, \$24,535,000 in 1997, down 35 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$9,413,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$6,431,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

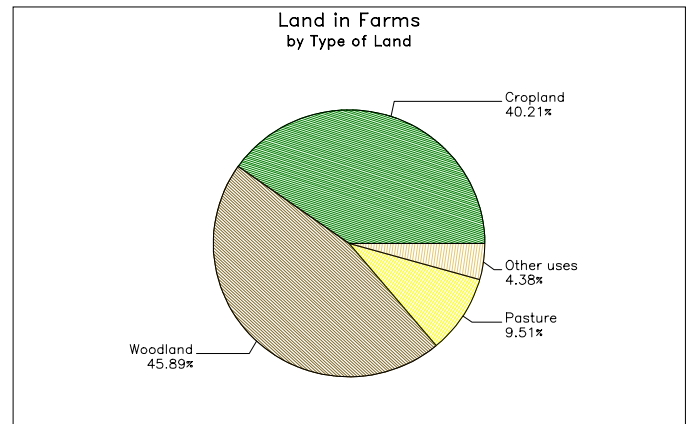
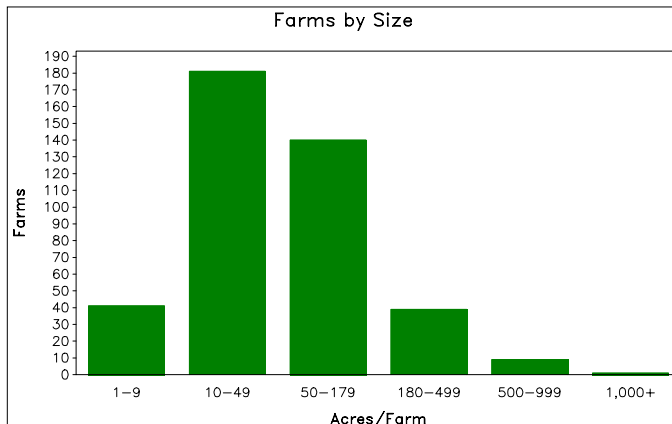
\$38,550 in 2002, \$59,262 in 1997, down 35 percent.

Government Payments

\$70,000 in 2002, \$81,000 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,027 in 2002, \$2,441 in 1997, up 24 percent.



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Ranked items among the 100 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	15,844	79	100	2,240	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	9,413	67	100	1,694	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,431	72	99	2,186	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	204	78	98	2,227	2,871
Tobacco	361	69	86	339	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	55	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	37	94	100	2,144	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	31	86	99	1,789	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	8,382	14	96	306	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	138	17	68	348	1,774
Other crops and hay	260	61	100	2,394	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2,623	61	95	766	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	12	57	98	2,201	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	302	18	91	727	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	190,000	54	68	482	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	36	95	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	5,368	51	99	2,481	3,059
Hogs and pigs	(D)	59	91	(D)	2,926
Horses and ponies	624	41	99	1,892	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,468	48	100	2,245	3,059
Nursery stock	1,465	3	90	61	2,129
Corn for grain	758	69	100	1,871	2,592
Soybeans	480	76	85	1,669	2,076
Corn for silage	320	37	65	1,586	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	149	Farming	213
\$1,000 to \$2,499	84	Other	198
\$2,500 to \$4,999	60		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	30	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	28	Male	375
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Female	36
\$25,000 to \$39,999	11		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	8		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	13	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	7	White	559
\$500,000 or more	7	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	10,436	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	25,330	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,889	More than one race	5
Average per farm (\$)	11,867	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	12

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

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