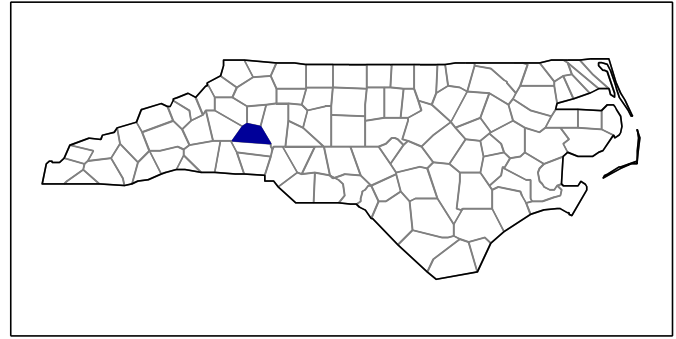




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Number of farms

715 farms in 2002, 739 farms in 1997, down 3 percent.

Land in farms

78,516 acres in 2002, 76,914 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Average size of farm

110 acres in 2002, 104 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$21,448,000 in 2002, \$24,720,000 in 1997, down 13 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$7,566,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$13,882,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

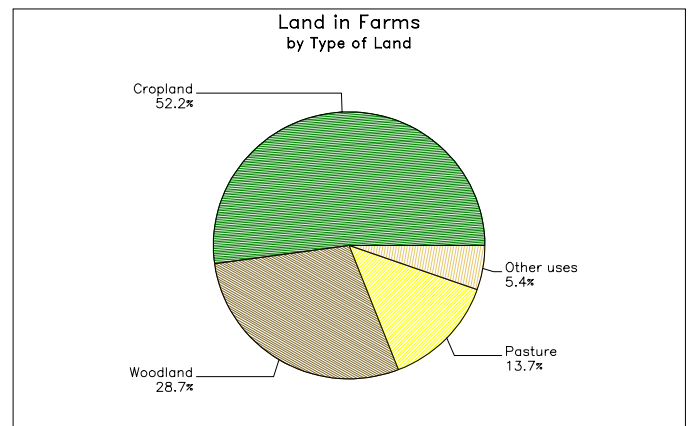
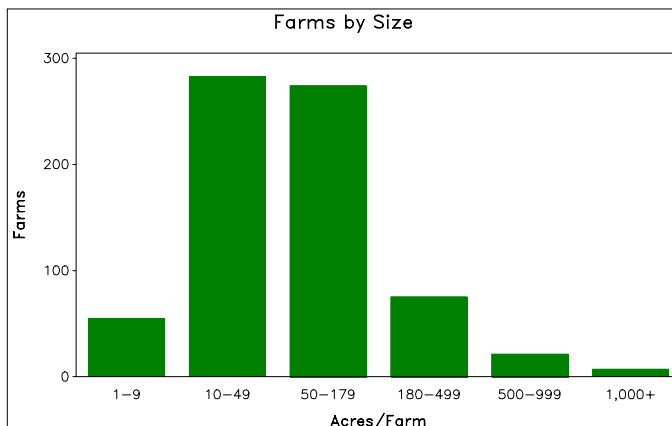
\$29,997 in 2002, \$33,451 in 1997, down 10 percent.

Government Payments

\$423,000 in 2002, \$289,000 in 1997, up 46 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,919 in 2002, \$2,170 in 1997, up 35 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	21,448	72	100	2,035	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	7,566	75	100	1,839	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,882	54	99	1,604	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,907	44	98	1,583	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	86	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	93	88	100	1,758	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	74	65	99	1,405	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	4,723	27	96	475	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	528	36	100	1,856	3,046
Poultry and eggs	9,013	45	95	482	2,918
Cattle and calves	2,271	33	99	2,083	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,018	24	64	1,020	2,493
Hogs and pigs	39	69	90	1,789	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	39	24	98	1,445	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	497	2	91	392	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	4	44	85	2,109	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	743,609	39	68	334	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	34	95	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	13,241	23	99	1,837	3,059
Horses and ponies	1,378	12	99	861	3,065
All Goats	1,028	24	99	459	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,765	18	100	1,451	3,059
Soybeans	8,181	45	85	1,081	2,076
All Wheat for grain	4,539	28	83	963	2,517
Corn for grain	1,782	51	100	1,606	2,592
Corn for silage	903	24	65	1,150	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	203	Farming	377
\$1,000 to \$2,499	143	Other	338
\$2,500 to \$4,999	96		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	115	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	56	Male	628
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19	Female	87
\$25,000 to \$39,999	22		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	16		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	10	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	25	White	985
\$500,000 or more	6	Black or African American	18
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	19,386	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Average per farm (\$)	26,962	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,519	Asian	3
Average per farm (\$)	2,113	More than one race	5
		All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	10

(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.