

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Chatham, North Carolina

Number of farms

1,128 farms in 2002, 1,144 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

Land in farms

118,752 acres in 2002, 119,464 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

Average size of farm

105 acres in 2002, 104 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$121,875,000 in 2002, \$129,154,000 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$5,685,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$116,190,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

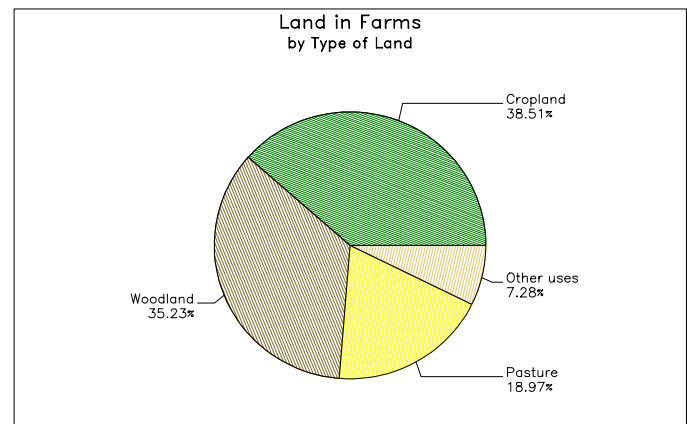
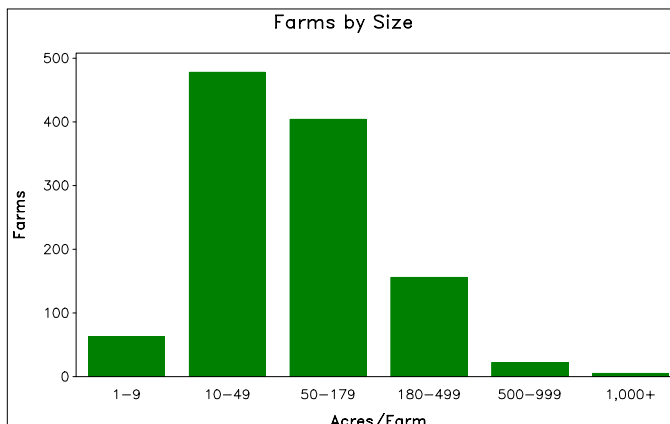
\$108,045 in 2002, \$112,897 in 1997, down 4 percent.

Government Payments

\$475,000 in 2002, \$203,000 in 1997, up 134 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$2,462 in 2002, \$1,860 in 1997, up 32 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	121,875	13	100	363	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	5,685	78	100	2,017	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	116,190	11	99	166	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	653	67	98	1,915	2,871
Tobacco	1,894	52	86	196	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	342	62	100	1,132	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	2,002	45	96	802	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	663	26	100	1,636	3,046
Poultry and eggs	104,312	7	95	47	2,918
Cattle and calves	7,118	3	99	1,241	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,233	17	64	802	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	220	28	91	1,026	3,014
Aquaculture	1	50	51	1,292	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	7,655,767	4	68	43	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	180,223	14	95	301	2,983
Turkeys	121,091	18	71	148	2,328
Cattle and calves	33,599	3	99	956	3,059
Hogs and pigs	(D)	47	91	(D)	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	18,510	9	100	1,176	3,059
Soybeans	1,840	65	85	1,400	2,076
Corn for silage	1,190	21	65	1,022	2,307
Corn for grain	1,157	62	100	1,760	2,592
All Wheat for grain	1,101	65	83	1,507	2,517

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	221	Farming	688
\$1,000 to \$2,499	221	Other	440
\$2,500 to \$4,999	130		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	168	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	106	Male	946
\$20,000 to \$24,999	31	Female	182
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	42		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	43	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	67	White	1,559
\$500,000 or more	68	Black or African American	9
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	78,445	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	69,853	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	42,535	Asian	1
Average per farm (\$)	37,876	More than one race	8
		All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	9

(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.