

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Alexander, North Carolina

Number of farms

661 farms in 2002, 665 farms in 1997, down 1 percent.

Land in farms

58,366 acres in 2002, 62,714 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

Average size of farm

88 acres in 2002, 94 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$66,874,000 in 2002, \$51,297,000 in 1997, up 30 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$3,320,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$63,554,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

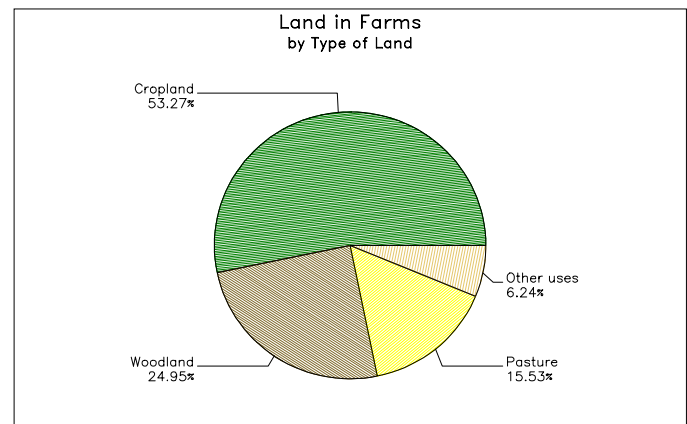
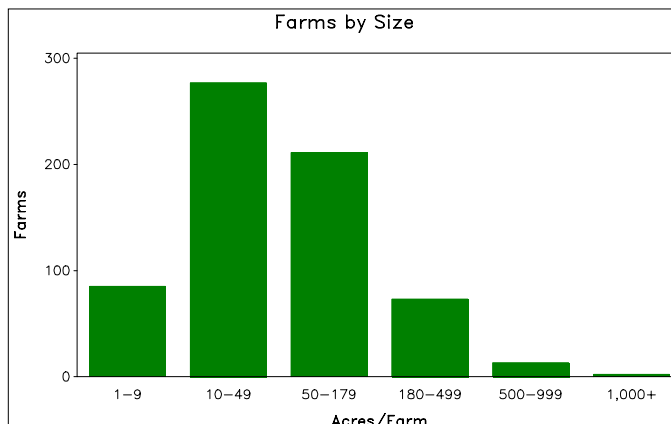
\$101,170 in 2002, \$77,138 in 1997, up 31 percent.

Government Payments

\$455,000 in 2002, \$105,000 in 1997, up 333 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,292 in 2002, \$1,640 in 1997, up 162 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	66,874	31	100	850	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,320	88	100	2,297	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	63,554	24	99	404	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	431	70	98	2,041	2,871
Tobacco	1,044	61	86	255	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	55	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	627	10	99	466	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	532	78	96	1,393	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	366	48	100	2,149	3,046
Poultry and eggs	53,186	15	95	123	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,921	16	99	1,706	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	6,224	4	64	537	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	31	33	98	1,608	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	162	40	91	1,319	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	3,327,898	15	68	128	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	757,472	4	95	120	2,983
Cattle and calves	18,921	12	99	1,518	3,059
All Goats	986	26	99	483	2,971
Horses and ponies	704	39	99	1,732	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,528	24	100	1,544	3,059
Corn for silage	2,845	6	65	593	2,307
Barley	983	3	47	292	1,246
Soybeans	873	74	85	1,566	2,076
All Wheat for grain	594	69	83	1,731	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	156	Farming	389
\$1,000 to \$2,499	93	Other	272
\$2,500 to \$4,999	80		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	51	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	40	Male	583
\$20,000 to \$24,999	9	Female	78
\$25,000 to \$39,999	12		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	19		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	91	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	72	White	902
\$500,000 or more	29	Black or African American	8
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	44,556	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	67,304	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	13,812	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	20,863	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	8

(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.