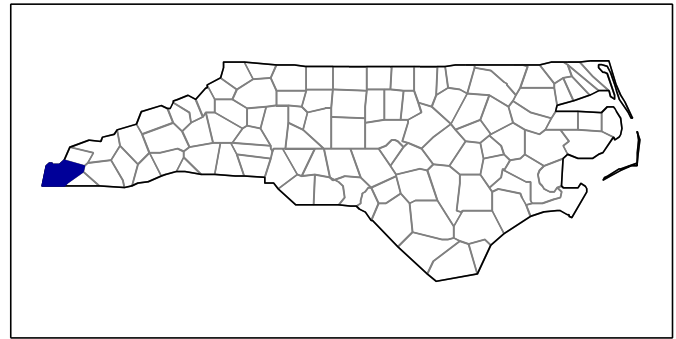




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Number of farms

262 farms in 2002, 310 farms in 1997, down 15 percent.

Land in farms

22,141 acres in 2002, 27,488 acres in 1997, down 19 percent.

Average size of farm

85 acres in 2002, 89 acres in 1997, down 4 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$11,085,000 in 2002, \$12,923,000 in 1997, down 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$1,177,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$9,908,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

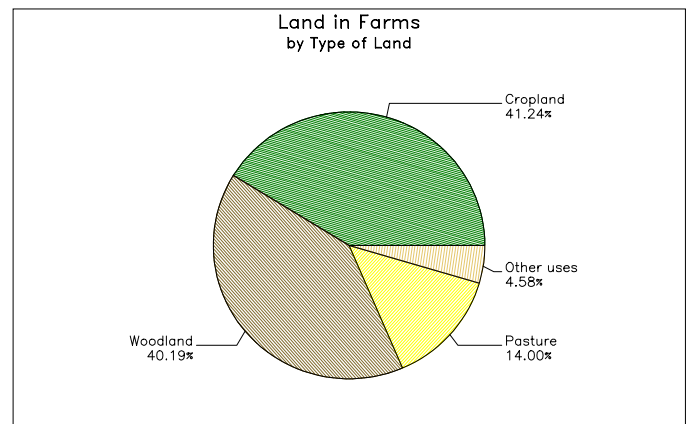
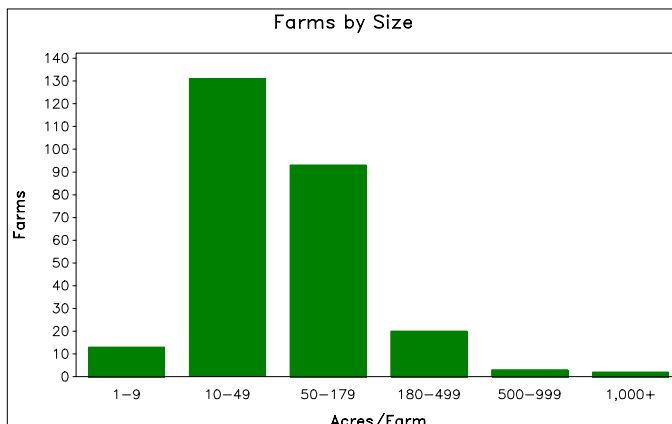
\$42,311 in 2002, \$41,687 in 1997, up 1 percent.

Government Payments

\$163,000 in 2002, \$61,000 in 1997, up 167 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,188 in 2002, \$1,453 in 1997, up 119 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	11,085	86	100	2,458	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,177	96	100	2,675	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9,908	62	99	1,892	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	163	80	98	2,275	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	86	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	55	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	259	67	100	1,248	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	39	83	99	1,696	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	7	48	68	1,281	1,774
Other crops and hay	91	83	100	2,808	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	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	16	74	90	2,125	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	19	44	98	1,939	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	38	68	91	2,492	3,014
Aquaculture	223	15	51	413	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1	68	85	2,457	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	5	95	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	5,115	52	99	2,506	3,059
Horses and ponies	423	55	99	2,318	3,065
All Goats	313	59	99	1,451	2,971
Sheep and lambs	71	58	89	2,392	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,686	56	100	2,487	3,059
Corn for grain	564	72	100	1,948	2,592
All Vegetables harvested	442	37	98	685	2,710
Collards	(D)	4	53	(D)	420
Soybeans	(D)	84	85	(D)	2,076

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	70	Farming	135
\$1,000 to \$2,499	59	Other	127
\$2,500 to \$4,999	41		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	41	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	18	Male	238
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Female	24
\$25,000 to \$39,999	6		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	13		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	2	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	White	338
\$500,000 or more	1	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	10,646	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
Average per farm (\$)	40,325	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	689	More than one race	9
Average per farm (\$)	2,609	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1

(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.