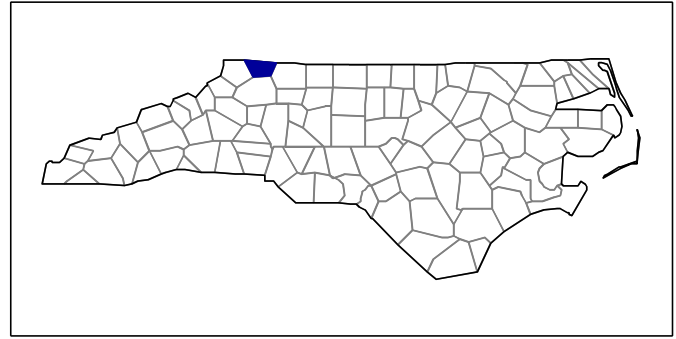




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile



## Alleghany, North Carolina

### Number of farms

544 farms in 2002, 652 farms in 1997, down 17 percent.

### Land in farms

72,627 acres in 2002, 87,125 acres in 1997, down 17 percent.

### Average size of farm

134 acres in 2002, 134 acres in 1997, unchanged.

### Market Value of Production

\$23,838,000 in 2002, \$25,305,000 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$10,678,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$13,159,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

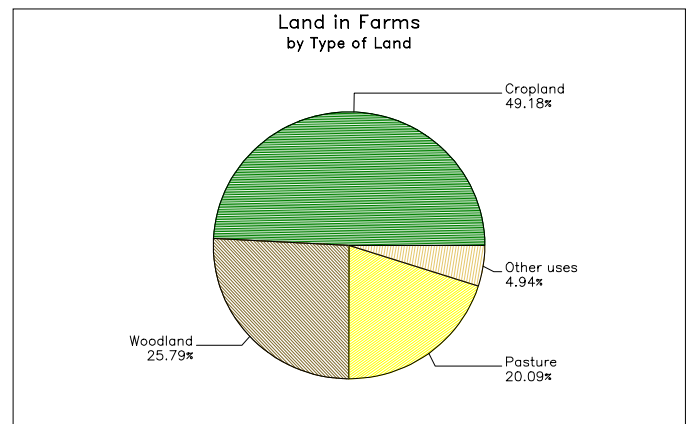
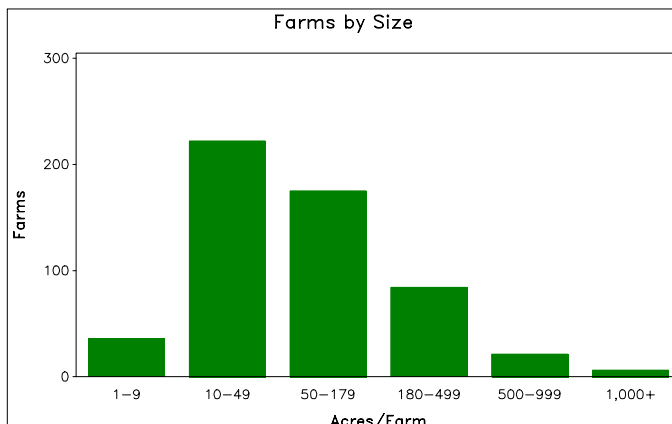
\$43,819 in 2002, \$38,812 in 1997, up 13 percent.

### Government Payments

\$418,000 in 2002, \$70,000 in 1997, up 497 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,424 in 2002, \$1,164 in 1997, up 366 percent.



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	23,838	65	100	1,930	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	10,678	63	100	1,607	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	13,159	56	99	1,647	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	45	87	98	2,539	2,871
Tobacco	695	65	86	295	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	55	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	116	84	100	1,641	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	134	46	99	1,107	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	667	74	96	1,276	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	8,787	3	68	8	1,774
Other crops and hay	235	66	100	2,442	3,046
Poultry and eggs	216	69	95	1,194	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,410	11	99	1,618	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	8,435	3	64	434	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	8	65	98	2,409	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	68	56	91	2,132	3,014
Aquaculture	17	39	51	874	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	61	68	(D)	2,599
Cattle and calves	18,793	13	99	1,524	3,059
Horses and ponies	526	47	99	2,098	3,065
Sheep and lambs	412	22	89	1,562	2,867
Colonies of bees	271	12	84	796	2,392
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	10,287	30	100	1,744	3,059
Cut Christmas trees	4,574	3	69	12	1,877
Corn for silage	2,208	11	65	707	2,307
Tobacco	251	64	86	277	563
Short-rotation woody crops	152	15	75	347	1,262

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	107	Farming	270
\$1,000 to \$2,499	69	Other	274
\$2,500 to \$4,999	84		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	74	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	55	Male	494
\$20,000 to \$24,999	26	Female	50
\$25,000 to \$39,999	31		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	35		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	23	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	13	White	778
\$500,000 or more	10	Black or African American	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	14,866	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Average per farm (\$)	28,700	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,654	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	10,915	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	4

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

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.