

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Henderson, North Carolina

Number of farms

525 farms in 2002, 612 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

Land in farms

48,619 acres in 2002, 48,562 acres in 1997, up slightly.

Average size of farm

93 acres in 2002, 79 acres in 1997, up 18 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$60,766,000 in 2002, \$47,171,000 in 1997, up 29 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$53,603,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$7,163,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

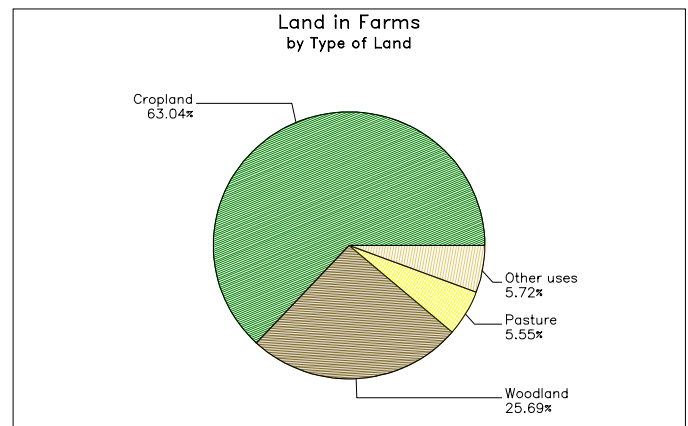
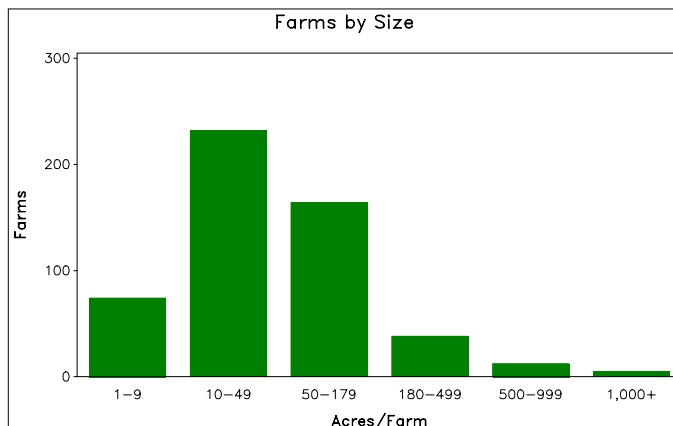
\$115,744 in 2002, \$77,076 in 1997, up 50 percent.

Government Payments

\$2,315,000 in 2002, \$134,000 in 1997, up 1,628 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$15,333 in 2002, \$3,350 in 1997, up 358 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	60,766	36	100	946	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	53,603	9	100	437	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	7,163	69	99	2,116	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	768	63	98	1,851	2,871
Tobacco	25	80	86	458	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	55	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	10,627	6	100	167	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	11,833	2	99	106	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	30,071	2	96	99	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	2	65	68	1,614	1,774
Other crops and hay	277	59	100	2,356	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3	88	95	2,438	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,117	50	99	2,501	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,874	5	64	552	2,493
Hogs and pigs	13	75	90	2,201	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	11	58	98	2,239	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	99	48	91	1,774	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	47	13	85	1,171	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	8,498	39	99	2,188	3,059
Horses and ponies	920	28	99	1,398	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	291	73	95	2,274	2,983
All Goats	277	65	99	1,563	2,971
Colonies of bees	221	17	84	863	2,392
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Apples	6,618	1	74	14	2,173
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,658	45	100	2,222	3,059
All Vegetables harvested	4,485	5	98	153	2,710
Snap beans	2,959	2	91	22	1,833
Corn for silage	2,822	7	65	598	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	135	Farming	324
\$1,000 to \$2,499	79	Other	201
\$2,500 to \$4,999	52	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	58	Male	463
\$10,000 to \$19,999	48	Female	62
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	White	707
\$50,000 to \$99,999	41	Black or African American	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	34	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	18	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	11	Asian	3
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	40,276	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	77,009	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	22,971		
Average per farm (\$)	43,921		

(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.