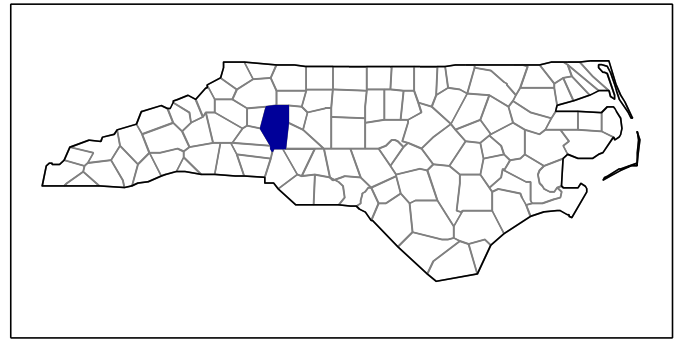




# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile



## Iredell, North Carolina

### Number of farms

1,262 farms in 2002, 1,387 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

### Land in farms

146,556 acres in 2002, 161,416 acres in 1997, down 9 percent.

### Average size of farm

116 acres in 2002, 116 acres in 1997, unchanged.

### Market Value of Production

\$145,597,000 in 2002, \$100,573,000 in 1997, up 45 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$7,639,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$137,958,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

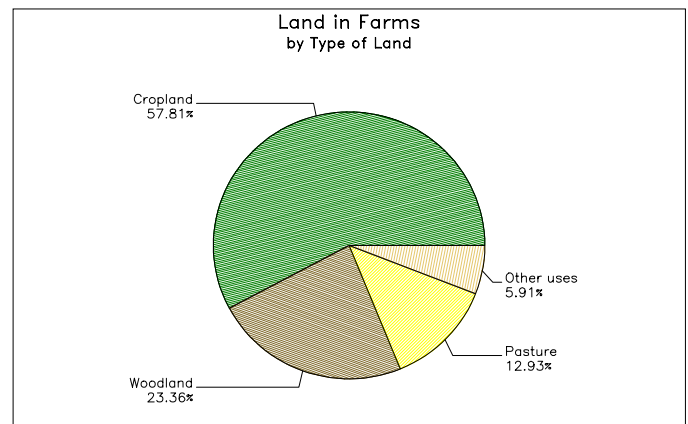
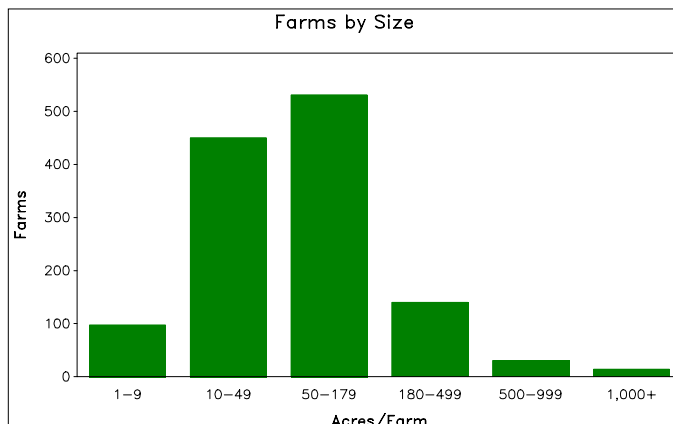
\$115,370 in 2002, \$72,511 in 1997, up 59 percent.

### Government Payments

\$1,710,000 in 2002, \$424,000 in 1997, up 303 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$7,214 in 2002, \$2,755 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 <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	145,597	10	100	262	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	7,639	74	100	1,835	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	137,958	7	99	116	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,684	36	98	1,465	2,871
Tobacco	961	64	86	262	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	947	39	100	777	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,662	50	96	881	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	8	46	68	1,255	1,774
Other crops and hay	699	24	100	1,598	3,046
Poultry and eggs	96,796	8	95	53	2,918
Cattle and calves	11,501	1	99	887	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	29,214	1	64	155	2,493
Hogs and pigs	54	68	90	1,669	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	31	30	98	1,597	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	339	16	91	634	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	23	22	85	1,474	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	1,003,672	3	95	100	2,983
Turkeys	171,596	15	71	127	2,328
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	56	68	(D)	2,599
Cattle and calves	44,418	1	99	677	3,059
Quail	(D)	8	44	(D)	1,412
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	30,206	1	100	719	3,059
Corn for silage	11,964	1	65	119	2,307
Soybeans	8,001	46	85	1,088	2,076
All Wheat for grain	5,233	23	83	905	2,517
Corn for grain	3,943	42	100	1,371	2,592

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	330
\$1,000 to \$2,499	245
\$2,500 to \$4,999	160
\$5,000 to \$9,999	132
\$10,000 to \$19,999	129
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19
\$25,000 to \$39,999	30
\$40,000 to \$49,999	20
\$50,000 to \$99,999	34
\$100,000 to \$249,999	94
\$250,000 to \$499,999	44
\$500,000 or more	25
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	65,649
Average per farm (\$)	51,129
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	82,296
Average per farm (\$)	64,094

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	721
Other	541
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	1,126
Female	136
Average age of principal operator (years)	56.6
All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
White	1,709
Black or African American	33
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2
Asian	5
More than one race	6
All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	18

(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.