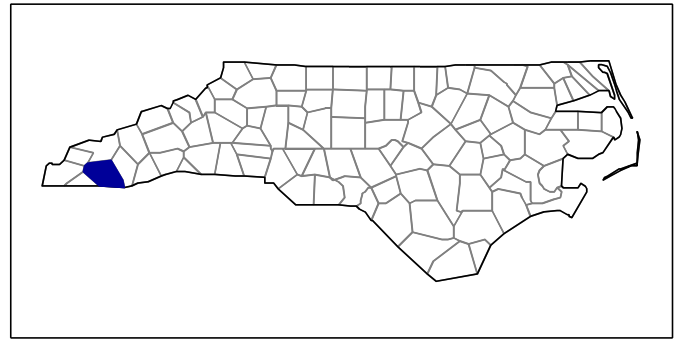




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Number of farms

347 farms in 2002, 382 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

Land in farms

22,495 acres in 2002, 24,501 acres in 1997, down 8 percent.

Average size of farm

65 acres in 2002, 64 acres in 1997, up 2 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$4,597,000 in 2002, \$4,013,000 in 1997, up 15 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,430,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$2,167,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

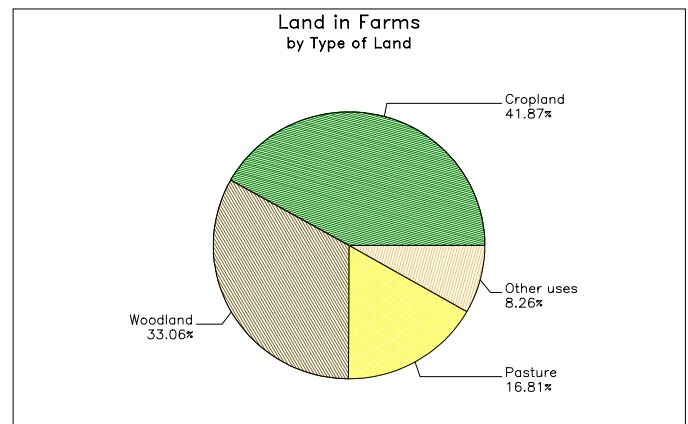
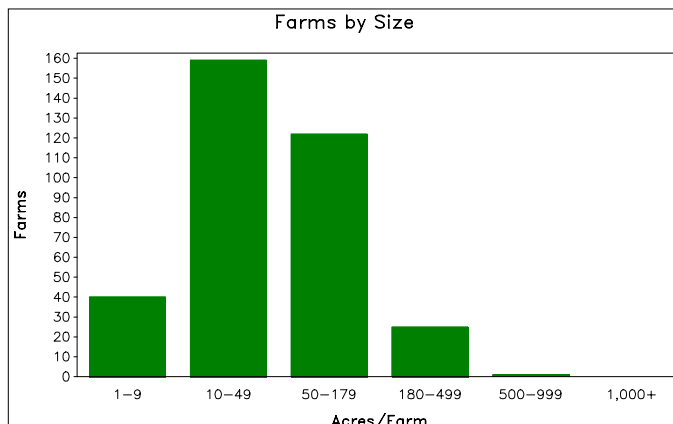
\$13,249 in 2002, \$10,506 in 1997, up 26 percent.

Government Payments

\$33,000 in 2002, \$35,000 in 1997, down 6 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$625 in 2002, \$814 in 1997, down 23 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	4,597	93	100	2,794	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,430	94	100	2,426	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	2,167	81	99	2,688	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	154	74	86	385	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	55	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	625	49	100	922	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	879	67	96	1,144	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	551	8	68	97	1,774
Other crops and hay	138	77	100	2,688	3,046
Poultry and eggs	14	80	95	1,850	2,918
Cattle and calves	966	54	99	2,561	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	64	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	-	-	90	-	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	10	60	98	2,282	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	15	28	85	1,650	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	4,666	54	99	2,553	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	878	56	95	1,495	2,983
Colonies of bees	412	9	84	662	2,392
All Goats	277	65	99	1,563	2,971
Horses and ponies	250	71	99	2,718	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,342	53	100	2,395	3,059
Cut Christmas trees	309	9	69	283	1,877
All Vegetables harvested	233	50	98	899	2,710
Corn for silage	221	40	65	1,728	2,307
Short-rotation woody crops	(D)	21	75	(D)	1,262

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	81
\$1,000 to \$2,499	69
\$2,500 to \$4,999	67
\$5,000 to \$9,999	54
\$10,000 to \$19,999	44
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	8
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4
\$100,000 to \$249,999	6
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1
\$500,000 or more	2
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,580
Average per farm (\$)	10,287
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,488
Average per farm (\$)	4,275

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	157
Other	190
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	319
Female	28
Average age of principal operator (years)	59.3
All operators ² by race:	
White	501
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	2
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.