

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Montgomery, North Carolina

Number of farms

292 farms in 2002, 310 farms in 1997, down 6 percent.

Land in farms

41,769 acres in 2002, 47,046 acres in 1997, down 11 percent.

Average size of farm

143 acres in 2002, 152 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$68,284,000 in 2002, \$49,625,000 in 1997, up 38 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$2,744,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$65,540,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

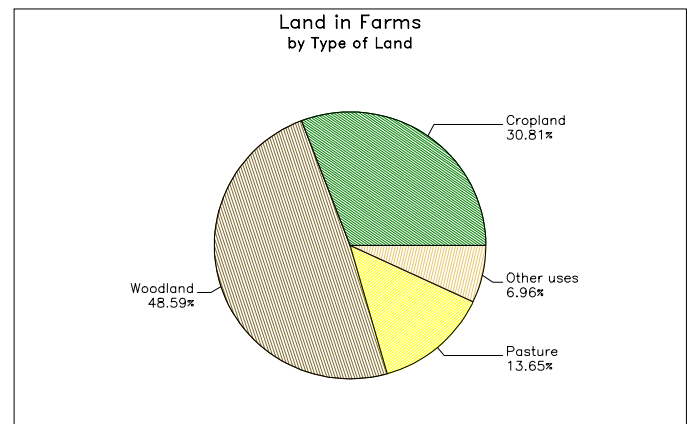
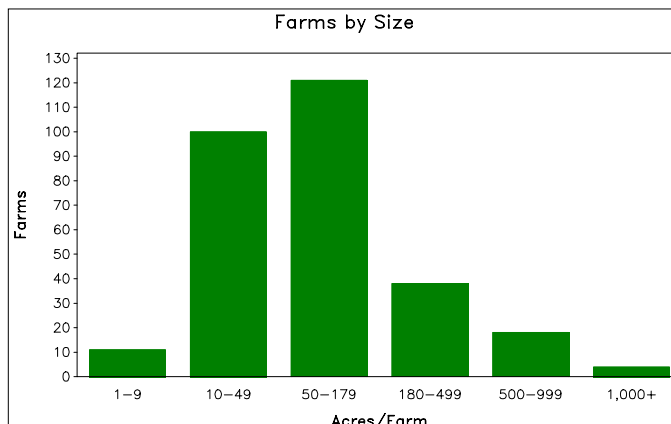
\$233,850 in 2002, \$160,081 in 1997, up 46 percent.

Government Payments

\$208,000 in 2002, \$122,000 in 1997, up 70 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,933 in 2002, \$2,549 in 1997, up 54 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	68,284	30	100	832	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,744	93	100	2,377	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	65,540	22	99	390	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	142	81	98	2,301	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	86	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	294	65	100	1,199	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	255	34	99	790	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	68	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	184	73	100	2,561	3,046
Poultry and eggs	57,921	12	95	107	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,670	37	99	2,286	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	150	51	64	2,047	2,493
Hogs and pigs	5,779	35	90	431	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	4,950,381	10	68	84	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	105,620	21	95	391	2,983
Hogs and pigs	25,925	37	91	452	2,926
Cattle and calves	6,582	47	99	2,368	3,059
Pigeons	720	1	31	63	1,368
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,953	51	100	2,320	3,059
Corn for grain	748	70	100	1,876	2,592
Soybeans	269	81	85	1,756	2,076
Rye for grain	265	16	64	256	1,204
Tobacco	(D)	65	86	(D)	563

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	86	Farming	170
\$1,000 to \$2,499	36	Other	122
\$2,500 to \$4,999	33		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	25	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	13	Male	261
\$20,000 to \$24,999	4	Female	31
\$25,000 to \$39,999	5		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	5		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	12	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	24	White	395
\$500,000 or more	42	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	45,865	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	157,072	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	24,171	Asian	8
Average per farm (\$)	82,777	More than one race	-
		All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

(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.