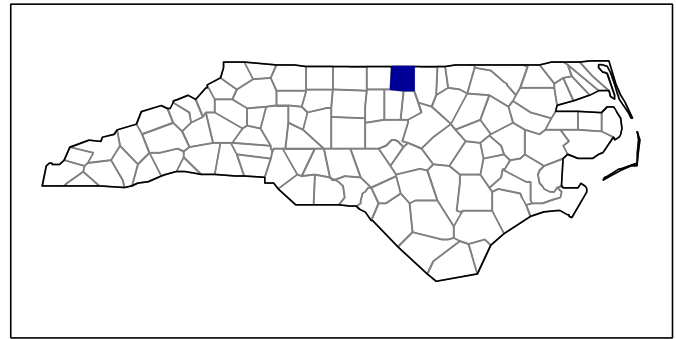




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Number of farms

374 farms in 2002, 455 farms in 1997, down 18 percent.

Land in farms

95,153 acres in 2002, 122,956 acres in 1997, down 23 percent.

Average size of farm

254 acres in 2002, 270 acres in 1997, down 6 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$18,122,000 in 2002, \$29,334,000 in 1997, down 38 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$14,890,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$3,232,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

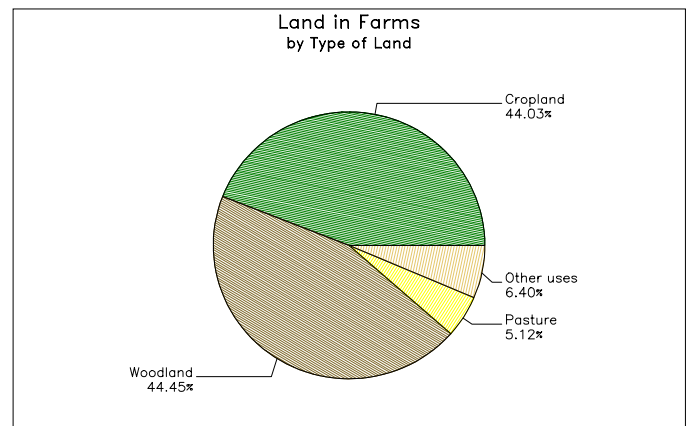
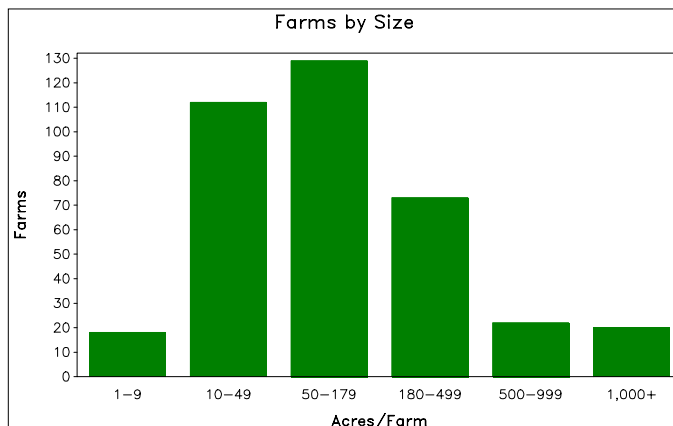
\$48,454 in 2002, \$64,469 in 1997, down 25 percent.

Government Payments

\$469,000 in 2002, \$360,000 in 1997, up 30 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,224 in 2002, \$2,249 in 1997, up 88 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	18,122	74	100	2,168	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	14,890	52	100	1,386	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,232	78	99	2,549	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,241	54	98	1,723	2,871
Tobacco	12,699	20	86	29	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	55	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	72	90	100	1,881	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	41	80	99	1,674	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	491	79	96	1,437	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	68	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	346	51	100	2,193	3,046
Poultry and eggs	21	77	95	1,696	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,283	46	99	2,436	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	770	51	90	936	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	86	51	91	1,907	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	23	21	85	1,463	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Hogs and pigs	9,890	43	91	724	2,926
Cattle and calves	7,589	44	99	2,282	3,059
Quail	(D)	17	44	(D)	1,412
Layers 20 weeks old and older	950	53	95	1,429	2,983
All Goats	607	45	99	848	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	8,664	35	100	1,910	3,059
All Wheat for grain	5,285	22	83	901	2,517
Soybeans	5,275	57	85	1,185	2,076
Tobacco	3,232	21	86	29	563
Corn for grain	1,900	50	100	1,576	2,592

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	96	Farming	247
\$1,000 to \$2,499	58	Other	127
\$2,500 to \$4,999	40		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	31	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	33	Male	353
\$20,000 to \$24,999	14	Female	21
\$25,000 to \$39,999	22		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	7	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	29		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	24	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14	White	454
\$500,000 or more	6	Black or African American	38
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	18,995	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	50,788	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,443	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	6,533	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	1

(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.