

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Rockingham, North Carolina

#### Number of farms

871 farms in 2002, 915 farms in 1997, down 5 percent.

#### Land in farms

136,120 acres in 2002, 137,109 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

#### Average size of farm

156 acres in 2002, 150 acres in 1997, up 4 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$28,555,000 in 2002, \$37,091,000 in 1997, down 23 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$22,429,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$6,126,000 of the total value in 2002.

#### Market Value of Production, average per farm

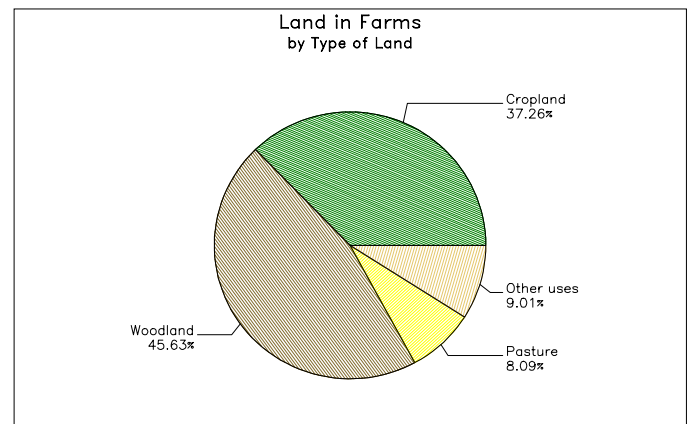
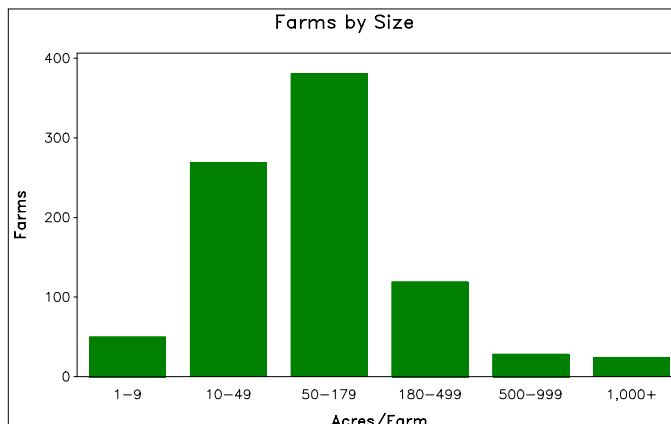
\$32,785 in 2002, \$40,537 in 1997, down 19 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$314,000 in 2002, \$201,000 in 1997, up 56 percent.

#### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,527 in 2002, \$1,010 in 1997, up 51 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	28,555	60	100	1,758	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	22,429	33	100	1,078	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,126	73	99	2,218	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	872	60	98	1,815	2,871
Tobacco	16,602	13	86	18	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	55	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	511	51	100	993	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,650	30	96	555	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,984	36	99	2,176	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,519	26	64	1,153	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	35	27	98	1,524	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	342	15	91	624	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	41	15	85	1,209	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	30	95	(D)	2,983
Cattle and calves	10,140	30	99	2,037	3,059
Hogs and pigs	5,629	46	91	871	2,926
Quail	(D)	19	44	(D)	1,412
Horses and ponies	1,241	18	99	998	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	14,266	16	100	1,418	3,059
Tobacco	4,018	16	86	23	563
All Wheat for grain	3,648	33	83	1,048	2,517
Soybeans	3,163	63	85	1,291	2,076
Corn for grain	1,351	56	100	1,703	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	245	Farming	461
\$1,000 to \$2,499	139	Other	410
\$2,500 to \$4,999	129		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	68	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	95	Male	799
\$20,000 to \$24,999	32	Female	72
\$25,000 to \$39,999	32		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	50		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	43	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	19	White	1,219
\$500,000 or more	9	Black or African American	18
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	22,068	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Average per farm (\$)	25,307	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	9,596	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	11,004	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	24

(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.