

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Rowan, North Carolina

Number of farms

951 farms in 2002, 954 farms in 1997, down slightly.

Land in farms

115,332 acres in 2002, 111,786 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Average size of farm

121 acres in 2002, 117 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$36,252,000 in 2002, \$31,889,000 in 1997, up 14 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$21,533,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$14,719,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

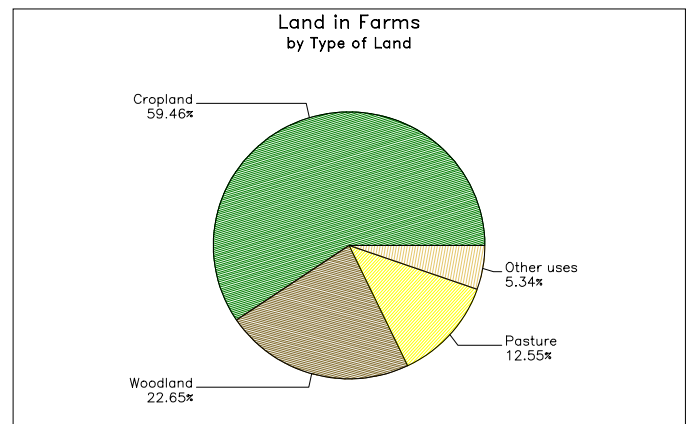
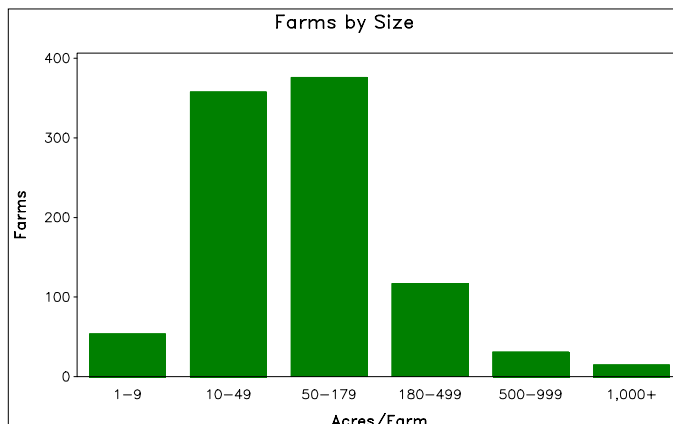
\$38,120 in 2002, \$33,426 in 1997, up 14 percent.

Government Payments

\$651,000 in 2002, \$360,000 in 1997, up 81 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,322 in 2002, \$2,069 in 1997, up 61 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	36,252	50	100	1,525	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	21,533	35	100	1,112	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	14,719	49	99	1,565	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	4,172	27	98	1,307	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	86	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	4,341	14	100	336	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	11,288	10	96	231	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,037	16	100	1,202	3,046
Poultry and eggs	3,870	58	95	674	2,918
Cattle and calves	4,035	13	99	1,687	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,870	6	64	553	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	19	45	98	1,941	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	18	26	85	1,588	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	61,706	27	95	471	2,983
Turkeys	(D)	21	71	(D)	2,328
Cattle and calves	20,568	9	99	1,432	3,059
Hogs and pigs	(D)	56	91	(D)	2,926
Horses and ponies	1,283	15	99	957	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	21,857	4	100	1,025	3,059
Soybeans	16,415	26	85	904	2,076
All Wheat for grain	7,673	16	83	738	2,517
Corn for grain	4,766	37	100	1,293	2,592
Corn for silage	2,535	9	65	649	2,307

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	250	Farming	520
\$1,000 to \$2,499	209	Other	431
\$2,500 to \$4,999	161		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	117	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	72	Male	857
\$20,000 to \$24,999	30	Female	94
\$25,000 to \$39,999	28		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	25		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	24	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	18	White	1,286
\$500,000 or more	8	Black or African American	14
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	28,136	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	29,837	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,403	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	8,911	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.