

## 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

### Stanly, North Carolina

#### Number of farms

719 farms in 2002, 666 farms in 1997, up 8 percent.

#### Land in farms

107,549 acres in 2002, 97,067 acres in 1997, up 11 percent.

#### Average size of farm

150 acres in 2002, 146 acres in 1997, up 3 percent.

#### Market Value of Production

\$56,641,000 in 2002, \$69,225,000 in 1997, down 18 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$8,219,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$48,423,000 of the total value in 2002.

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

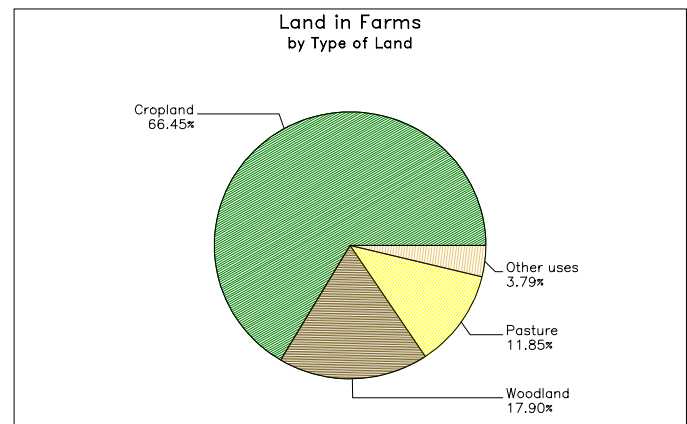
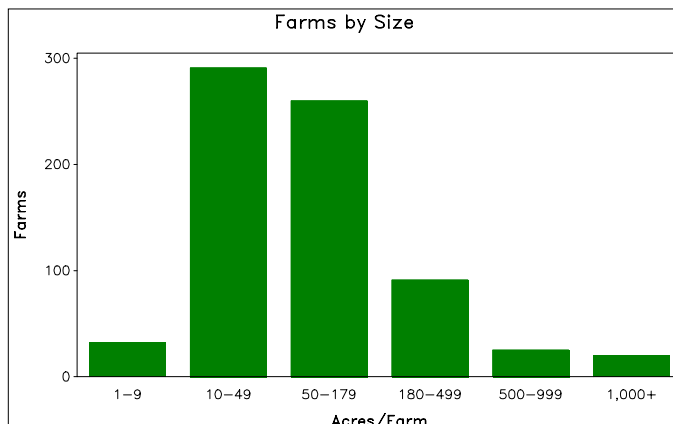
\$78,778 in 2002, \$103,942 in 1997, down 24 percent.

#### Government Payments

\$1,263,000 in 2002, \$572,000 in 1997, up 121 percent.

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

\$6,512 in 2002, \$3,179 in 1997, up 105 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                               | 56,641    | 38         | 100                   | 1,016     | 3,075                 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse                         | 8,219     | 71         | 100                   | 1,790     | 3,070                 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products                         | 48,423    | 31         | 99                    | 574       | 3,070                 |
| <b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>                      |           |            |                       |           |                       |
| Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas                               | 4,283     | 25         | 98                    | 1,297     | 2,871                 |
| Tobacco   | -         | -          | 86                    | -         | 560                   |
| Cotton and cottonseed   | 1,585     | 31         | 55                    | 311       | 656                   |
| Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes                        | 33        | 97         | 100                   | 2,186     | 2,747                 |
| Fruits, tree nuts, and berries  | 47        | 75         | 99                    | 1,614     | 2,638                 |
| Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod                              | 1,654     | 51         | 96                    | 885       | 2,708                 |
| Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops                      | 5         | 53         | 68                    | 1,412     | 1,774                 |
| Other crops and hay   | 612       | 30         | 100                   | 1,715     | 3,046                 |
| Poultry and eggs  | 42,104    | 19         | 95                    | 165       | 2,918                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 3,184     | 21         | 99                    | 1,863     | 3,053                 |
| Milk and other dairy products from cows                                 | 2,102     | 20         | 64                    | 1,002     | 2,493                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | 848       | 49         | 90                    | 910       | 2,919                 |
| Sheep, goats, and their products  | 31        | 32         | 98                    | 1,606     | 2,997                 |
| Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys                              | 149       | 42         | 91                    | 1,394     | 3,014                 |
| Aquaculture   | -         | -          | 51                    | -         | 1,520                 |
| Other animals and other animal products                                 | 5         | 43         | 85                    | 2,102     | 2,727                 |
| <b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>                           |           |            |                       |           |                       |
| Broilers and other meat-type chickens                                   | 2,167,891 | 17         | 68                    | 185       | 2,599                 |
| Turkeys   | 361,000   | 11         | 71                    | 72        | 2,328                 |
| Layers 20 weeks old and older   | 286,451   | 11         | 95                    | 228       | 2,983                 |
| Cattle and calves   | 15,693    | 17         | 99                    | 1,699     | 3,059                 |
| Hogs and pigs   | 3,740     | 52         | 91                    | 953       | 2,926                 |
| <b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>   |           |            |                       |           |                       |
| Soybeans  | 18,050    | 24         | 85                    | 877       | 2,076                 |
| Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop | 12,715    | 23         | 100                   | 1,529     | 3,059                 |
| Corn for grain  | 11,112    | 23         | 100                   | 1,015     | 2,592                 |
| All Cotton  | 10,151    | 29         | 55                    | 259       | 663                   |
| All Wheat for grain   | 8,413     | 15         | 83                    | 705       | 2,517                 |

**Other County Highlights**

| Economic Characteristics                    | Quantity | Operator Characteristics  | Quantity |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Farms by value of sales                     |          | Principal operators by primary occupation:                        |          |
| Less than \$1,000                           | 196      | Farming   | 382      |
| \$1,000 to \$2,499                          | 114      | Other   | 337      |
| \$2,500 to \$4,999                          | 115      |   |          |
| \$5,000 to \$9,999                          | 78       | Principal operators by sex:                                       |          |
| \$10,000 to \$19,999                        | 57       | Male  | 659      |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999                        | 22       | Female  | 60       |
| \$25,000 to \$39,999                        | 19       |   |          |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999                        | 11       | Average age of principal operator (years)                         | 55.9     |
| \$50,000 to \$99,999                        | 27       |   |          |
| \$100,000 to \$249,999                      | 24       | All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:                               |          |
| \$250,000 to \$499,999                      | 30       | White   | 949      |
| \$500,000 or more                           | 26       | Black or African American   | 4        |
| Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)    | 48,758   | American Indian or Alaska Native                                  | -        |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 68,097   | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                         | -        |
| Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000) | 8,307    | Asian   | 28       |
| Average per farm (\$)                       | 11,603   | More than one race  | -        |
|   |          | All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin | 17       |

(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.