

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Stokes, North Carolina

### Number of farms

934 farms in 2002, 1,080 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

### Land in farms

107,358 acres in 2002, 115,245 acres in 1997, down 7 percent.

### Average size of farm

115 acres in 2002, 107 acres in 1997, up 7 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$22,889,000 in 2002, \$34,437,000 in 1997, down 34 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$16,041,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$6,848,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

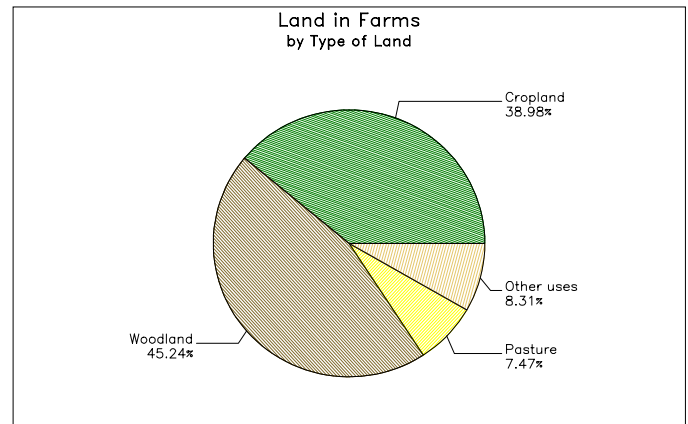
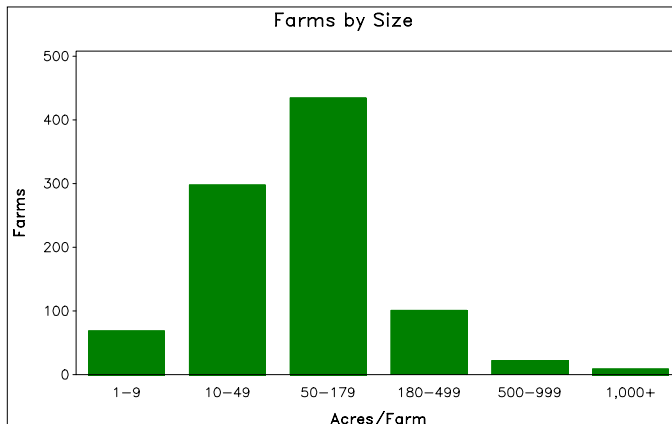
\$24,506 in 2002, \$31,887 in 1997, down 23 percent.

### Government Payments

\$174,000 in 2002, \$165,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$1,298 in 2002, \$1,107 in 1997, up 17 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	22,889	66	100	1,964	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	16,041	47	100	1,330	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	6,848	70	99	2,146	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	324	74	98	2,120	2,871
Tobacco	13,626	19	86	27	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	55	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	365	59	100	1,108	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	777	70	96	1,209	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	622	28	100	1,691	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2,140	62	95	810	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,669	18	99	1,759	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	442	44	64	1,711	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	31	31	98	1,603	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	3	53	85	2,206	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Layers 20 weeks old and older	125,091	18	95	351	2,983
Cattle and calves	12,486	25	99	1,879	3,059
Hogs and pigs	(D)	57	91	(D)	2,926
Horses and ponies	1,172	20	99	1,065	3,065
All Goats	955	28	99	505	2,971
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,099	22	100	1,497	3,059
Tobacco	3,708	18	86	26	563
Soybeans	1,409	69	85	1,458	2,076
Corn for grain	1,174	61	100	1,755	2,592
All Wheat for grain	523	70	83	1,776	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	260	Farming	548
\$1,000 to \$2,499	161	Other	386
\$2,500 to \$4,999	116		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	106	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	83	Male	865
\$20,000 to \$24,999	36	Female	69
\$25,000 to \$39,999	51		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	30	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.0
\$50,000 to \$99,999	42		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	24	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	20	White	1,309
\$500,000 or more	5	Black or African American	10
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,345	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Average per farm (\$)	18,894	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,948	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	5,390	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	11

(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.