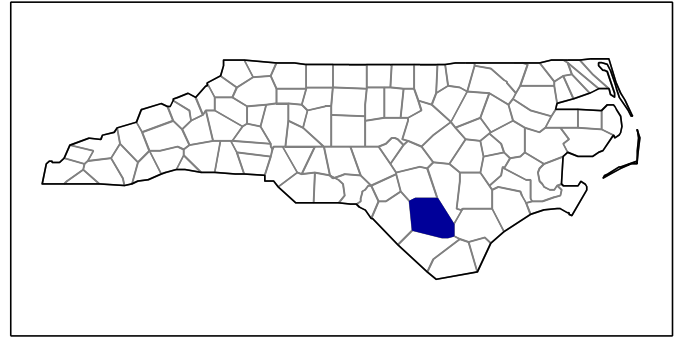




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Number of farms

551 farms in 2002, 637 farms in 1997, down 14 percent.

Land in farms

145,408 acres in 2002, 130,093 acres in 1997, up 12 percent.

Average size of farm

264 acres in 2002, 204 acres in 1997, up 29 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$254,649,000 in 2002, \$238,537,000 in 1997, up 7 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$39,497,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$215,152,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

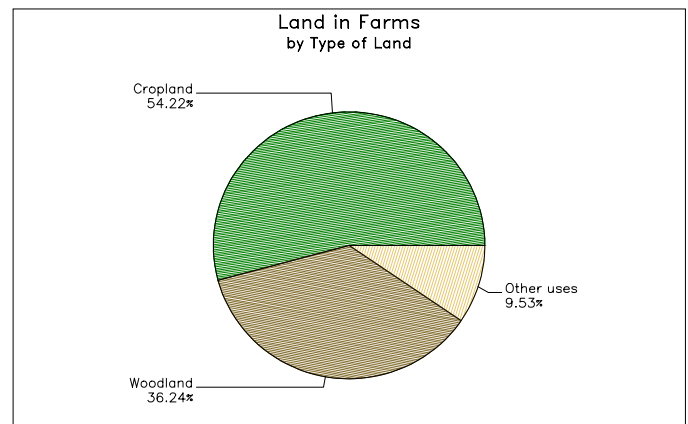
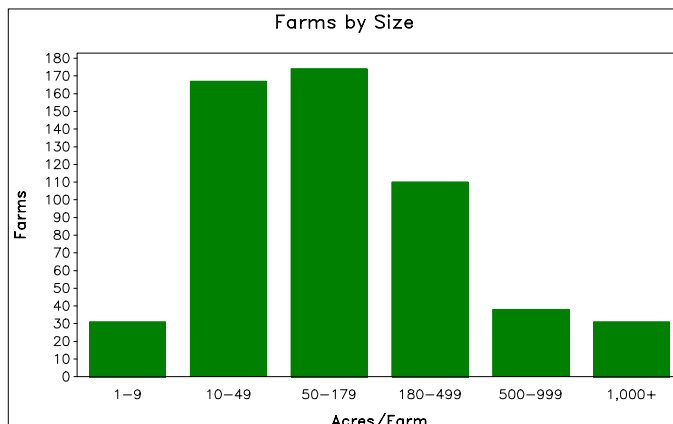
\$462,158 in 2002, \$374,469 in 1997, up 23 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,020,000 in 2002, \$779,000 in 1997, up 31 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$5,603 in 2002, \$3,675 in 1997, up 52 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	254,649	5	100	101	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	39,497	16	100	641	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	215,152	5	99	64	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,304	21	98	1,212	2,871
Tobacco	8,205	29	86	55	560
Cotton and cottonseed	1,668	30	55	306	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	18,406	1	99	87	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,378	34	96	595	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	68	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	2,303	9	100	549	3,046
Poultry and eggs	34,925	21	95	202	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,082	51	99	2,513	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	64	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	179,089	3	90	5	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	24	37	98	1,774	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	32	73	91	2,579	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	51	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	-	-	85	-	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,639,320	22	68	219	2,599
Hogs and pigs	865,615	3	91	6	2,926
Turkeys	465,110	8	71	59	2,328
Cattle and calves	5,841	49	99	2,440	3,059
All Goats	1,137	21	99	408	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	19,007	23	85	859	2,076
Corn for grain	17,719	14	100	849	2,592
All Cotton	10,730	28	55	253	663
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	6,758	41	100	2,094	3,059
All Berries	3,268	1	93	17	2,019

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	121	Farming	362
\$1,000 to \$2,499	93	Other	189
\$2,500 to \$4,999	41		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	28	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	49	Male	488
\$20,000 to \$24,999	5	Female	63
\$25,000 to \$39,999	20		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	10	Average age of principal operator (years)	55.9
\$50,000 to \$99,999	20		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	24	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	23	White	654
\$500,000 or more	117	Black or African American	61
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	201,222	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
Average per farm (\$)	365,858	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	56,883	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	103,423	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	5

(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.