

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Wake, North Carolina

Number of farms

846 farms in 2002, 928 farms in 1997, down 9 percent.

Land in farms

92,803 acres in 2002, 116,975 acres in 1997, down 21 percent.

Average size of farm

110 acres in 2002, 126 acres in 1997, down 13 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$56,276,000 in 2002, \$69,694,000 in 1997, down 19 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$42,028,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$14,248,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

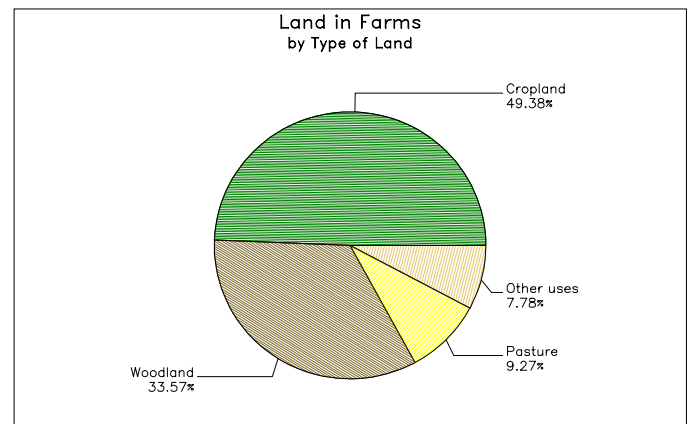
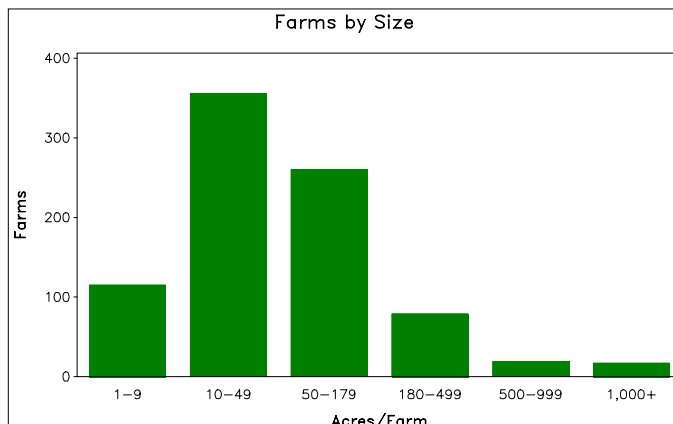
\$66,520 in 2002, \$75,101 in 1997, down 11 percent.

Government Payments

\$631,000 in 2002, \$306,000 in 1997, up 106 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$4,385 in 2002, \$1,852 in 1997, up 137 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	56,276	39	100	1,022	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	42,028	12	100	595	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	14,248	51	99	1,589	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,345	51	98	1,689	2,871
Tobacco	21,257	8	86	12	560
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	(D)	55	(D)	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	1,602	28	100	609	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	472	17	99	549	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	17,015	3	96	166	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	1,245	47	99	2,453	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	64	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	73	11	98	1,008	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	477	4	91	411	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	51	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	85	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	55	68	(D)	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	17,318	41	95	691	2,983
Cattle and calves	5,927	48	99	2,434	3,059
Horses and ponies	2,371	1	99	349	3,065
Hogs and pigs	1,574	60	91	1,201	2,926
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	9,528	41	85	1,046	2,076
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,618	46	100	2,225	3,059
Tobacco	5,591	7	86	10	563
All Wheat for grain	3,100	38	83	1,113	2,517
Oats	1,091	3	74	477	2,215

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	283	Farming	464
\$1,000 to \$2,499	137	Other	382
\$2,500 to \$4,999	102	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	70	Male	695
\$10,000 to \$19,999	52	Female	151
\$20,000 to \$24,999	21	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	43	All operators ² by race:	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	White	1,165
\$50,000 to \$99,999	30	Black or African American	52
\$100,000 to \$249,999	36	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$250,000 to \$499,999	37	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	21	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	45,283	More than one race	10
Average per farm (\$)	53,149	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	7
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	15,757		
Average per farm (\$)	18,494		

(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.