

2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

Washington, North Carolina

Number of farms

193 farms in 2002, 236 farms in 1997, down 18 percent.

Land in farms

114,423 acres in 2002, 107,741 acres in 1997, up 6 percent.

Average size of farm

593 acres in 2002, 457 acres in 1997, up 30 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$46,149,000 in 2002, \$68,108,000 in 1997, down 32 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$34,027,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$12,122,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

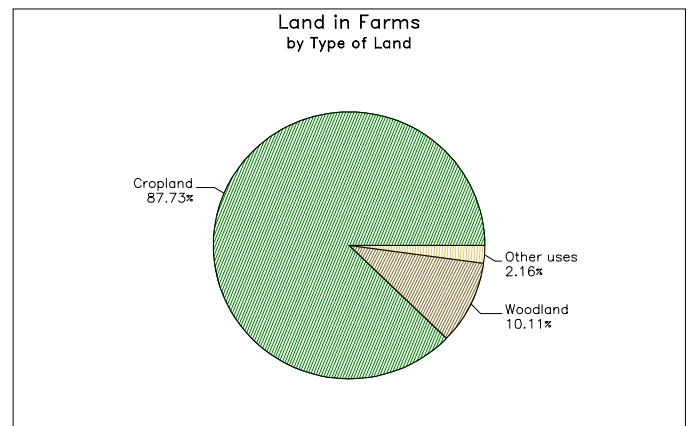
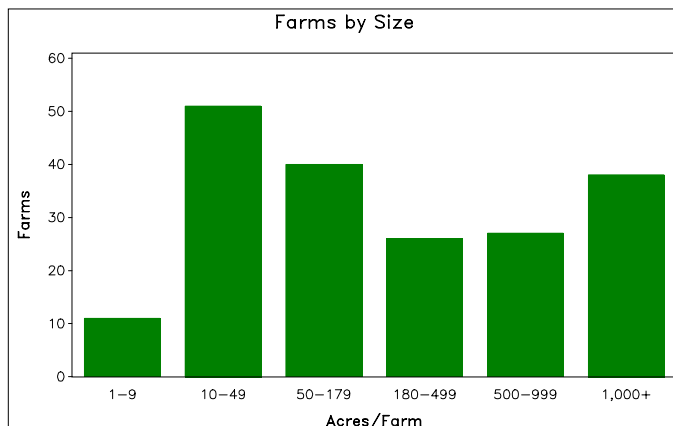
\$239,113 in 2002, \$288,593 in 1997, down 17 percent.

Government Payments

\$1,705,000 in 2002, \$1,052,000 in 1997, up 62 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$17,049 in 2002, \$8,554 in 1997, up 99 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	46,149	42	100	1,263	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	34,027	17	100	771	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	12,122	58	99	1,716	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	15,391	7	98	809	2,871
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	86	(D)	560
Cotton and cottonseed	9,018	6	55	107	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	5,581	12	100	286	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	68	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	1,787	13	100	727	3,046
Poultry and eggs	10,892	39	95	432	2,918
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	64	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	-	-	91	-	3,014
Aquaculture	262	11	51	383	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	4	48	85	2,123	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,221,860	28	68	256	2,599
Hogs and pigs	(D)	24	91	(D)	2,926
Cattle and calves	1,233	86	99	2,902	3,059
Pigeons	80	11	31	559	1,368
Sheep and lambs	(D)	57	89	(D)	2,867
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans	33,365	13	85	689	2,076
Corn for grain	28,346	6	100	681	2,592
All Cotton	26,901	15	55	135	663
All Wheat for grain	15,727	9	83	509	2,517
Peanuts	3,016	11	31	94	398

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	29	Farming	143
\$1,000 to \$2,499	16	Other	50
\$2,500 to \$4,999	14		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	14	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	15	Male	181
\$20,000 to \$24,999	6	Female	12
\$25,000 to \$39,999	6		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	54.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	20	All operators ² by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	25	White	245
\$500,000 or more	36	Black or African American	27
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	41,097	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Average per farm (\$)	211,838	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	-
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	8,116	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	41,834	All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(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.