

Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	North Carolina	Alamance	Alexander	Alleghany	Anson	Ashe	Avery
FARMS							
Land in farms	farms, 2002 53,930	831	661	544	539	1,152	495
	1997 59,120	890	665	652	537	1,290	535
	acres, 2002 9,079,001	97,793	58,366	72,627	100,447	107,930	30,614
	1997 9,444,867	113,548	62,714	87,125	90,367	114,399	31,214
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 36,622	539	392	455	198	937	453
	1997 43,225	634	445	524	227	1,070	488
	acres, 2002 4,308,209	23,423	17,436	17,329	22,284	21,239	9,963
	1997 4,269,966	28,524	17,897	18,698	19,203	18,487	10,286
TENURE							
Full owners	farms, 2002 34,489	561	432	320	433	731	303
	1997 35,904	574	437	402	417	867	339
	acres, 2002 3,132,551	48,610	24,214	25,745	64,410	51,353	15,816
	1997 3,481,490	54,339	28,687	40,722	55,343	58,504	17,282
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 19,767	320	216	263	112	583	277
	1997 22,742	364	241	316	128	691	309
	acres, 2002 703,538	8,608	5,082	5,189	4,224	7,377	3,581
	1997 849,844	10,518	5,690	6,928	3,740	8,048	4,542
Part owners	farms, 2002 16,030	229	206	197	87	359	156
	1997 18,231	260	203	207	105	341	164
	acres, 2002 5,287,508	43,893	33,111	44,876	33,064	53,726	14,013
	1997 5,224,142	53,721	31,471	43,745	32,979	51,984	13,232
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002 1,979,225	21,380	16,602	20,831	15,500	26,273	7,018
	1997 2,056,824	30,166	15,742	20,045	15,801	24,563	7,162
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002 3,308,283	22,513	16,509	24,045	17,564	27,453	6,995
	1997 3,167,318	23,555	15,729	23,700	17,178	27,421	6,070
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 14,153	193	164	169	74	306	142
	1997 16,408	227	188	176	88	307	148
	acres, 2002 3,121,377	12,505	11,942	11,671	17,015	13,209	6,024
	1997 2,913,732	15,732	11,464	10,930	14,617	9,710	5,137
Tenants	farms, 2002 3,411	41	23	27	19	62	36
	1997 4,985	56	25	43	15	82	32
	acres, 2002 658,942	5,290	1,041	2,006	2,973	2,851	785
	1997 739,235	5,488	2,556	2,658	2,045	3,911	700
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 2,702	26	12	23	12	48	34
	1997 4,075	43	16	32	11	72	31
	acres, 2002 483,294	2,310	412	469	1,045	653	358
	1997 506,390	2,274	743	840	846	729	607
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS							
Total operators	number 75,684	1,175	924	808	696	1,622	710
Farms by number of operators:							
1 operator	36,503	545	437	336	397	784	314
2 operators	14,555	245	193	173	130	291	153
3 operators	2,039	30	24	25	10	59	22
4 operators	540	8	6	6	1	13	6
5 or more operators	293	3	1	4	1	5	-
Total women operators	number 17,498	298	235	189	178	361	128
Farms by number of women operators:							
1 operator	15,273	245	219	172	174	311	120
2 operators	884	19	8	7	2	16	4
3 operators	114	5	-	1	-	6	-
4 operators	18	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS							
Sex of operator:							
Male	farms, 2002 48,574	754	583	494	450	1,068	471
	1997 53,874	814	594	607	446	1,192	506
	acres, 2002 8,623,491	92,725	53,168	67,661	90,503	102,906	29,685
	1997 8,963,571	107,022	58,027	82,402	76,971	108,584	29,971
Female	farms, 2002 5,356	77	78	50	89	84	24
	1997 5,246	76	71	45	91	98	29
	acres, 2002 455,510	5,068	5,198	4,966	9,944	5,024	929
	1997 481,296	6,526	4,687	4,723	13,396	5,815	1,243
Primary occupation:							
Farming	2002 31,669	436	389	270	303	580	302
	1997 26,958	384	298	250	248	491	214
Other	2002 22,261	395	272	274	236	572	193
	1997 32,162	506	367	402	289	799	321
Place of residence ¹ :							
On farm operated	2002 43,755	689	588	435	386	890	399
	1997 41,604	692	503	455	340	887	368
Not on farm operated	2002 10,175	142	73	109	153	262	96
	1997 11,633	119	88	149	141	269	131
Days worked off farm ¹ :							
None	2002 26,420	367	280	226	292	466	214
	1997 22,514	289	234	227	228	418	180
Any	2002 27,510	464	381	318	247	686	281
	1997 32,450	547	382	383	262	785	334
1 to 49 days	2002 2,934	55	21	30	24	74	27
	1997 2,901	36	24	25	26	64	28
50 to 99 days	2002 1,450	26	15	10	11	30	33
	1997 1,787	32	19	21	9	44	21
100 to 199 days	2002 3,318	44	73	42	19	75	37
	1997 (NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002 19,808	339	272	236	193	507	184
	1997 23,045	400	281	292	190	550	232

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Beaufort	Bertie	Bladen	Brunswick	Buncombe	Burke	Cabarrus
FARMS							
Land in farms	farms, 2002 395	330	551	271	1,192	439	658
	1997 429	423	637	261	1,266	449	588
	acres, 2002 169,788	142,552	145,408	41,077	94,934	32,037	73,346
	1997 155,192	154,634	130,093	38,742	95,068	32,421	66,531
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 299	240	407	191	851	300	421
	1997 364	343	500	210	966	347	418
	acres, 2002 149,903	85,948	64,953	20,344	17,522	11,181	26,943
	1997 128,501	88,914	61,991	19,134	15,972	8,799	23,457
TENURE							
Full owners	farms, 2002 177	131	328	161	880	289	446
	1997 171	172	369	152	876	295	408
	acres, 2002 39,413	15,469	69,113	14,209	54,804	13,024	30,913
	1997 33,839	29,243	63,685	11,468	54,475	17,945	31,664
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 89	51	199	92	584	172	256
	1997 118	99	249	109	628	214	265
	acres, 2002 28,929	3,700	17,740	3,637	6,961	2,216	6,945
	1997 21,598	10,346	22,629	3,041	6,287	2,863	6,877
Part owners	farms, 2002 157	146	187	90	261	137	180
	1997 181	168	195	79	279	129	152
	acres, 2002 110,583	106,004	70,188	24,025	38,468	17,914	40,444
	1997 103,112	109,728	57,735	24,156	36,274	12,894	31,516
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002 33,872	44,369	26,250	13,094	18,690	7,493	15,549
	1997 36,458	58,310	27,097	13,640	17,259	6,685	12,837
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002 76,711	61,635	43,938	10,931	19,778	10,421	24,895
	1997 66,654	51,418	30,638	10,516	19,015	6,209	18,679
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 154	140	172	80	239	115	152
	1997 176	167	185	71	252	108	127
	acres, 2002 101,926	63,558	42,878	14,350	10,159	8,452	19,708
	1997 89,524	64,589	32,587	14,122	8,717	5,260	15,342
Tenants	farms, 2002 61	53	36	20	51	13	32
	1997 77	83	73	30	111	25	28
	acres, 2002 19,792	21,079	6,107	2,843	1,662	1,099	1,989
	1997 18,241	15,663	8,673	3,118	4,319	1,582	3,351
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 56	49	36	19	28	13	13
	1997 70	77	66	30	86	25	26
	acres, 2002 19,048	18,690	4,335	2,357	402	513	290
	1997 17,379	13,979	6,775	1,971	968	676	1,238
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS							
Total operators	number 556	442	731	395	1,731	588	946
Farms by number of operators:							
1 operator	270	248	415	193	767	314	414
2 operators	98	60	103	52	353	113	210
3 operators	21	15	23	18	52	6	28
4 operators	4	6	9	5	12	2	4
5 or more operators	2	1	1	3	8	4	2
Total women operators	number 107	65	141	85	468	136	243
Farms by number of women operators:							
1 operator	72	57	125	76	401	111	225
2 operators	13	4	8	2	24	11	9
3 operators	3	-	-	-	2	1	-
4 operators	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
5 or more operators	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS							
Sex of operator:							
Male	farms, 2002 366	304	488	245	1,026	402	581
	1997 404	395	579	239	1,124	415	534
	acres, 2002 168,038	133,165	138,103	35,869	84,109	30,522	67,279
	1997 153,265	152,273	123,972	37,050	87,483	30,130	60,742
Female	farms, 2002 29	26	63	26	166	37	77
	1997 25	28	58	22	142	34	54
	acres, 2002 1,750	9,387	7,305	5,208	10,825	1,515	6,067
	1997 1,927	2,361	6,121	1,692	7,585	2,291	5,789
Primary occupation:							
Farming	2002 267	247	362	163	671	238	348
	1997 271	282	322	128	462	155	206
Other	2002 128	83	189	108	521	201	310
	1997 158	141	315	133	804	294	382
Place of residence ¹ :							
On farm operated	2002 282	222	386	231	1,069	368	588
	1997 288	251	361	180	970	361	457
Not on farm operated	2002 113	108	165	40	123	71	70
	1997 105	131	180	47	193	62	85
Days worked off farm ¹ :							
None	2002 244	197	298	131	563	194	321
	1997 203	205	266	102	413	160	205
Any	2002 151	133	253	140	629	245	337
	1997 187	175	308	144	769	273	354
1 to 49 days	2002 15	10	27	4	65	26	30
	1997 21	27	31	18	36	8	27
50 to 99 days	2002 11	9	21	5	27	7	28
	1997 14	11	6	7	40	19	13
100 to 199 days	2002 14	12	31	17	74	15	40
	1997 (NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002 111	102	174	114	463	197	239
	1997 118	119	215	105	577	195	269

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

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Item	Caldwell	Camden	Carteret	Caswell	Catawba	Chatham	Cherokee
FARMS							
Land in farms	farms, 2002 411	70	128	517	715	1,128	262
	1997 414	87	121	644	739	1,144	310
	acres, 2002 34,918	(D)	59,755	116,753	78,516	118,752	22,141
	1997 39,660	52,822	60,525	141,351	76,914	119,464	27,488
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 282	56	88	402	468	589	184
	1997 297	66	87	551	518	616	206
	acres, 2002 8,721	54,966	44,785	16,429	26,949	24,590	5,082
	1997 10,948	47,741	44,698	22,618	26,086	22,524	4,752
TENURE							
Full owners	farms, 2002 277	25	86	289	463	851	174
	1997 264	35	70	330	490	800	220
	acres, 2002 18,373	(D)	(D)	38,970	36,709	68,161	14,058
	1997 22,020	4,327	(D)	47,728	35,506	66,462	15,288
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 172	13	55	192	265	392	110
	1997 171	21	39	254	296	358	132
	acres, 2002 (D)	424	(D)	5,002	5,451	8,484	1,849
	1997 4,053	1,953	(D)	5,894	6,527	8,130	1,742
Part owners	farms, 2002 119	32	28	205	225	236	78
	1997 123	31	36	260	221	297	74
	acres, 2002 15,248	45,483	(D)	75,496	39,279	45,693	7,755
	1997 15,997	37,763	11,737	86,352	37,968	49,257	11,761
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002 7,665	15,806	(D)	27,077	18,054	25,843	4,326
	1997 9,105	13,902	5,055	32,086	16,860	26,525	7,111
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002 7,583	29,677	5,902	48,419	21,225	19,850	3,429
	1997 6,892	23,861	6,682	54,266	21,108	22,732	4,650
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 96	30	25	188	183	181	66
	1997 105	30	36	247	202	233	63
	acres, 2002 (D)	43,521	(D)	10,608	19,734	14,819	3,034
	1997 6,052	35,133	8,281	15,626	17,656	13,578	2,754
Tenants	farms, 2002 15	13	14	23	27	41	10
	1997 27	21	15	54	28	47	16
	acres, 2002 1,297	11,214	(D)	2,287	2,528	4,898	328
	1997 1,643	10,732	(D)	7,271	3,440	3,745	439
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 14	13	8	22	20	16	8
	1997 21	15	12	50	20	25	11
	acres, 2002 392	11,021	(D)	819	1,764	1,287	199
	1997 843	10,655	(D)	1,098	1,903	816	256
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS							
Total operators	number 576	99	187	727	1,039	1,593	359
Farms by number of operators:							
1 operator	282	53	74	362	456	718	182
2 operators	105	11	49	126	219	370	70
3 operators	17	2	5	17	26	32	3
4 operators	3	2	-	8	9	5	7
5 or more operators	4	2	-	4	5	3	-
Total women operators	number 141	10	46	139	244	468	90
Farms by number of women operators:							
1 operator	123	8	42	131	230	439	86
2 operators	9	1	2	4	7	13	2
3 operators	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
4 operators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS							
Sex of operator:							
Male	farms, 2002 375	65	118	474	628	946	238
	1997 393	84	98	596	664	1,006	269
	acres, 2002 33,997	(D)	58,986	106,946	73,579	102,811	20,315
	1997 38,161	(D)	59,912	133,907	72,030	109,361	25,401
Female	farms, 2002 36	5	10	43	87	182	24
	1997 21	3	23	48	75	138	41
	acres, 2002 921	(D)	769	9,807	4,937	15,941	1,826
	1997 1,499	(D)	613	7,444	4,884	10,103	2,087
Primary occupation:							
Farming	2002 213	55	61	325	377	688	135
	1997 134	56	65	302	269	470	120
Other	2002 198	15	67	192	338	440	127
	1997 280	31	56	342	470	674	190
Place of residence ¹ :							
On farm operated	2002 341	54	90	458	584	966	232
	1997 294	54	77	442	537	867	217
Not on farm operated	2002 70	16	38	59	131	162	30
	1997 73	21	34	114	127	173	51
Days worked off farm ¹ :							
None	2002 151	48	73	256	316	512	128
	1997 137	50	49	241	259	416	111
Any	2002 260	22	55	261	399	616	134
	1997 252	29	66	357	433	661	175
1 to 49 days	2002 17	1	8	31	37	53	13
	1997 10	3	8	45	22	36	15
50 to 99 days	2002 15	-	-	16	22	41	2
	1997 19	2	4	21	25	30	6
100 to 199 days	2002 30	2	9	36	40	65	23
	1997 (NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002 198	19	38	178	300	457	96
	1997 199	18	36	225	308	513	125

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item		Chowan	Clay	Cleveland	Columbus	Craven	Cumberland	Currituck	Dare
FARMS									
Land in farms	farms, 2002	173	168	1,131	828	275	478	82	8
	1997	175	200	1,087	1,015	321	539	100	11
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	59,890	13,434	117,092	160,128	78,910	90,311	34,802	(D)
	1997	52,736	18,466	114,965	172,422	85,688	106,236	39,982	4,975
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	142	123	576	650	200	298	64	7
	1997	147	155	602	854	241	354	84	8
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	44,295	3,005	32,424	95,577	54,788	43,353	28,776	2,094
	1997	37,084	3,939	29,803	98,540	56,123	45,854	32,774	3,770
TENURE									
Full owners	farms, 2002	88	102	807	404	161	332	46	5
	1997	73	135	752	541	179	336	52	7
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	12,345	5,532	63,751	42,317	21,054	41,895	4,421	(D)
	1997	14,336	10,757	64,339	61,292	21,959	57,763	11,216	(D)
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	59	71	327	284	91	171	29	4
	1997	56	98	348	414	114	191	41	5
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	6,462	676	8,359	17,668	8,005	11,649	1,327	6
	1997	5,815	1,282	9,254	22,225	9,407	15,577	6,587	(D)
Part owners	farms, 2002	72	52	275	305	88	116	25	2
	1997	78	54	270	370	104	151	29	3
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002	43,519	7,473	46,636	102,266	49,300	44,755	21,251	(D)
	1997	31,883	7,275	45,551	97,850	49,105	42,804	20,964	(D)
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002	15,425	4,690	21,490	41,752	15,589	19,494	5,401	(D)
	1997	11,164	3,217	19,719	39,538	13,488	18,372	4,757	(D)
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002	28,094	2,783	25,146	60,514	33,711	25,261	15,850	(D)
	1997	20,719	4,058	25,832	58,312	35,617	24,432	16,207	(D)
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	70	40	221	269	83	106	25	2
	1997	67	47	222	351	94	135	26	2
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	34,161	2,211	19,896	65,285	39,236	28,815	18,436	(D)
	1997	25,284	2,515	18,050	66,568	33,897	27,375	18,650	(D)
Tenants	farms, 2002	13	14	49	119	26	30	11	1
	1997	24	11	65	104	38	52	19	1
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	4,026	429	6,705	15,545	8,556	3,661	9,130	(D)
	1997	6,517	434	5,075	13,280	14,624	5,669	7,802	(D)
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	13	12	28	97	26	21	10	1
	1997	24	10	32	89	33	28	17	1
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	3,672	118	4,169	12,624	7,547	2,889	9,013	(D)
	1997	5,985	142	2,499	9,747	12,819	2,902	7,537	(D)
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS									
Total operators	number	255	232	1,486	1,050	376	672	124	15
Farms by number of operators:									
1 operator		117	119	832	635	199	322	48	3
2 operators		38	39	259	167	60	131	27	3
3 operators		11	5	29	23	11	18	6	2
4 operators		6	5	9	3	3	3	1	-
5 or more operators		1	-	2	-	2	4	-	-
Total women operators	number	29	52	353	166	84	152	35	6
Farms by number of women operators:									
1 operator		25	48	313	152	73	138	25	4
2 operators		2	2	18	7	4	7	5	1
3 operators		-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
4 operators		-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS									
Sex of operator:									
Male	farms, 2002	169	150	976	781	250	402	66	6
	1997	166	172	961	927	299	481	83	9
Male	acres, 2002	59,708	12,715	106,490	155,897	77,072	80,313	34,568	(D)
	1997	51,034	17,029	104,434	165,033	79,363	97,060	35,554	(D)
Female	farms, 2002	4	18	155	47	25	76	16	2
	1997	9	28	126	88	22	58	17	2
Female	acres, 2002	182	719	10,602	4,231	1,838	9,998	234	(D)
	1997	1,702	1,437	10,531	7,389	6,325	9,176	4,428	(D)
Primary occupation:									
Farming	2002	119	87	580	498	186	274	62	6
	1997	120	83	339	473	176	216	59	6
Other	2002	54	81	551	330	89	204	20	2
	1997	55	117	748	542	145	323	41	5
Place of residence ¹ :									
On farm operated	2002	139	140	891	636	211	376	68	4
	1997	122	150	783	646	217	375	61	9
Not on farm operated	2002	34	28	240	192	64	102	14	4
	1997	37	26	210	214	69	108	28	1
Days worked off farm ¹ :									
None	2002	97	61	512	390	151	233	43	6
	1997	84	83	328	356	199	199	58	7
Any	2002	76	107	619	438	124	245	39	2
	1997	71	95	698	561	148	312	35	3
1 to 49 days	2002	18	26	53	44	18	34	3	1
	1997	9	13	49	51	22	28	4	-
50 to 99 days	2002	-	1	35	17	5	12	4	-
	1997	7	5	30	36	12	24	1	-
100 to 199 days	2002	3	15	55	42	27	20	11	-
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002	55	65	476	335	74	179	21	1
	1997	49	67	530	395	87	240	25	3

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**Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics:
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[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Davidson	Davie	Duplin	Durham	Edgecombe	Forsyth	Franklin	Gaston	
FARMS									
Land in farms	farms, 2002	1,138	705	1,190	238	281	783	574	450
	1997	1,151	684	1,368	199	351	796	629	420
	acres, 2002	104,797	76,295	234,658	26,074	163,587	51,598	128,412	41,827
	1997	106,997	73,564	241,070	23,647	172,314	57,515	140,369	37,124
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	899	472	829	138	184	556	348	297
	1997	941	476	988	131	263	607	420	300
	acres, 2002	38,311	27,732	141,353	4,510	96,283	18,493	33,700	13,303
	1997	34,742	24,953	136,556	5,154	104,263	19,815	45,341	10,933
TENURE									
Full owners	farms, 2002	732	471	737	164	152	542	377	315
	1997	644	423	779	126	165	489	380	279
	acres, 2002	50,448	32,692	86,024	12,058	23,052	28,692	41,661	22,878
	1997	45,010	34,047	93,996	11,435	25,397	32,393	50,436	22,942
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	511	279	411	71	71	359	177	179
	1997	472	263	456	77	91	353	186	179
	acres, 2002	12,105	6,602	28,904	1,682	8,248	8,331	5,698	5,616
	1997	9,181	6,673	33,062	1,819	8,303	8,700	11,579	5,106
Part owners	farms, 2002	373	203	363	60	105	193	173	114
	1997	443	220	460	62	137	229	203	118
	acres, 2002	51,553	39,333	126,700	12,497	126,690	20,674	80,254	16,351
	1997	57,879	32,537	129,921	10,759	131,014	20,486	80,341	12,644
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002	24,594	18,451	46,245	3,201	40,200	8,678	25,879	8,238
	1997	25,854	14,905	51,429	4,442	42,274	8,791	32,899	6,179
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002	26,959	20,882	80,455	9,296	86,490	11,996	54,375	8,113
	1997	32,025	17,632	78,492	6,317	88,740	11,695	47,442	6,465
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	355	172	343	56	92	167	153	103
	1997	414	186	425	46	129	190	188	102
	acres, 2002	24,213	18,050	93,857	2,536	77,872	9,589	26,781	6,577
	1997	24,521	13,128	89,390	2,774	85,883	8,728	30,018	4,942
Tenants	farms, 2002	33	31	90	14	24	48	24	21
	1997	64	41	129	11	49	78	46	23
	acres, 2002	2,796	4,270	21,934	1,519	13,845	2,232	6,497	2,598
	1997	4,108	6,980	17,153	1,453	15,903	4,636	9,592	1,538
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	33	21	75	11	21	30	18	15
	1997	55	27	107	8	43	64	46	19
	acres, 2002	1,993	3,080	18,592	292	10,163	573	1,221	1,110
	1997	1,040	5,152	14,104	561	10,077	2,387	3,744	885
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS									
Total operators	number	1,652	997	1,666	316	420	1,065	750	614
Farms by number of operators:									
1 operator		743	466	830	168	195	543	423	312
2 operators		326	202	294	66	54	217	132	121
3 operators		41	23	50	2	25	12	13	10
4 operators		14	12	7	-	1	9	6	5
5 or more operators		14	2	9	2	6	2	-	2
Total women operators	number	378	244	307	107	79	294	191	155
Farms by number of women operators:									
1 operator		314	211	274	89	54	262	151	134
2 operators		26	3	14	9	5	13	20	6
3 operators		4	9	-	-	5	2	-	3
4 operators		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators		-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS									
Sex of operator:									
Male	farms, 2002	1,074	645	1,103	179	266	668	493	408
	1997	1,079	631	1,265	159	335	707	566	381
	acres, 2002	100,976	71,956	221,243	22,549	157,570	46,995	122,079	38,467
	1997	101,457	68,815	231,742	19,560	168,513	52,226	129,664	34,522
Female	farms, 2002	64	60	87	59	15	115	81	42
	1997	72	53	103	40	16	89	63	39
	acres, 2002	3,821	4,339	13,415	3,525	6,017	4,603	6,333	3,360
	1997	5,540	4,749	9,328	4,087	3,801	5,289	10,705	2,602
Primary occupation:									
Farming	2002	612	384	857	128	205	425	345	230
	1997	433	258	798	77	220	355	285	159
Other	2002	526	321	333	110	76	358	229	220
	1997	718	426	570	122	131	441	344	261
Place of residence ¹ :									
On farm operated	2002	969	609	918	207	202	642	446	390
	1997	895	488	869	140	214	581	414	324
Not on farm operated	2002	169	96	272	31	79	141	128	60
	1997	145	134	329	47	103	137	160	66
Days worked off farm ¹ :									
None	2002	541	324	687	120	175	373	285	203
	1997	381	199	590	77	176	297	254	147
Any	2002	597	381	503	118	106	410	289	247
	1997	682	432	648	114	148	442	335	253
1 to 49 days	2002	78	33	49	13	4	59	39	6
	1997	50	33	51	9	11	59	32	32
50 to 99 days	2002	38	22	31	11	5	19	13	12
	1997	33	27	29	3	14	34	25	7
100 to 199 days	2002	68	42	63	13	11	67	31	26
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002	413	284	360	81	86	265	206	203
	1997	488	321	443	73	91	284	219	174

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item		Gates	Graham	Granville	Greene	Guilford	Halifax	Harnett	Haywood
FARMS									
Land in farms	farms, 2002	129	143	674	271	1,095	380	730	795
	1997	174	146	731	331	1,148	398	740	962
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	63,933	8,054	146,544	97,857	111,382	194,651	114,361	64,611
	1997	63,041	8,243	164,775	103,640	120,980	186,803	117,879	69,749
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	86	93	412	205	769	193	456	566
	1997	126	99	544	275	864	265	535	694
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	49,234	1,164	21,026	69,838	34,056	103,929	53,128	11,083
	1997	46,975	816	28,688	71,932	36,953	104,771	52,367	11,091
TENURE									
Full owners	farms, 2002	61	98	468	129	746	229	458	463
	1997	79	100	433	151	717	182	428	593
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	6,366	4,800	72,078	24,934	46,462	42,468	34,380	26,383
	1997	5,729	4,417	69,836	17,345	46,973	44,245	37,657	31,481
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	23	61	229	72	464	55	221	302
	1997	37	68	276	105	502	73	245	376
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	1,403	(D)	5,646	13,638	8,701	5,642	5,628	3,149
	1997	2,466	371	7,798	7,638	8,263	15,845	6,060	3,368
Part owners	farms, 2002	61	42	169	95	285	130	235	290
	1997	80	33	210	118	334	172	252	289
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002	56,445	3,230	69,413	48,595	58,884	137,910	74,866	36,031
	1997	54,789	3,507	79,627	65,165	63,991	132,354	72,817	34,055
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002	18,176	2,067	25,385	12,741	25,565	54,365	26,002	15,807
	1997	17,807	2,245	30,940	17,162	28,734	39,693	23,329	14,811
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	38,269	1,163	44,028	35,854	33,319	83,545	48,864	20,224
	1997	36,982	1,262	48,687	48,003	35,257	92,661	49,488	19,244
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	56	31	153	92	260	120	204	228
	1997	77	23	198	116	303	160	236	260
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	46,854	591	14,158	36,933	22,693	86,601	44,239	7,246
	1997	42,681	413	16,671	48,077	24,741	81,558	40,788	7,119
Tenants	farms, 2002	7	3	37	47	64	21	37	42
	1997	15	13	88	62	97	44	60	80
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	1,122	24	5,053	24,328	6,036	14,273	5,115	2,197
	1997	2,523	319	15,312	21,130	10,016	10,204	7,405	4,213
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	7	1	30	41	45	18	31	36
	1997	8	70	54	59	59	32	54	58
Harvested cropland	acres, 2002	977	(D)	1,222	19,267	2,662	11,686	3,261	688
	1997	1,828	32	4,219	16,217	3,949	7,368	5,519	604
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS									
Total operators	number	161	205	938	384	1,547	500	1,047	1,085
Farms by number of operators:									
1 operator		100	89	462	189	707	273	502	566
2 operators		26	46	174	61	342	96	193	181
3 operators		3	8	29	13	35	9	17	37
4 operators		-	-	6	6	7	2	13	9
5 or more operators		-	-	3	2	4	-	5	2
Total women operators	number	20	45	218	64	410	89	245	249
Farms by number of women operators:									
1 operator		20	45	199	51	367	87	200	212
2 operators		-	-	8	5	17	1	16	11
3 operators		-	-	1	1	3	-	3	5
4 operators		-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
5 or more operators		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS									
Sex of operator:									
Male	farms, 2002	127	138	595	245	963	356	642	725
	1997	164	130	666	310	1,055	356	669	893
Male	acres, 2002	(D)	7,863	138,596	95,715	104,616	189,886	108,672	59,402
	1997	62,024	7,472	155,017	99,936	114,411	180,482	108,555	65,517
Female	farms, 2002	2	5	79	26	132	24	88	70
	1997	10	16	65	21	93	42	71	69
Female	acres, 2002	(D)	191	7,948	2,142	6,766	4,765	5,689	5,209
	1997	1,017	771	9,758	3,704	6,569	6,321	9,324	4,232
Primary occupation:									
Farming	2002	84	65	358	220	599	222	474	439
	1997	107	48	349	227	500	241	362	333
Other	2002	45	78	316	51	496	158	256	356
	1997	67	98	382	104	648	157	378	629
Place of residence ¹ :									
On farm operated	2002	93	129	526	186	921	215	635	691
	1997	128	116	456	194	881	241	541	686
Not on farm operated	2002	36	14	148	85	174	165	95	104
	1997	32	18	188	109	195	112	138	172
Days worked off farm ¹ :									
None	2002	70	62	315	158	532	249	413	367
	1997	90	47	304	174	434	201	310	342
Any	2002	59	81	359	113	563	131	317	428
	1997	71	93	379	127	642	161	378	559
1 to 49 days	2002	3	11	34	18	104	19	42	33
	1997	12	5	32	25	68	23	30	53
50 to 99 days	2002	-	-	19	4	31	7	11	18
	1997	1	5	22	10	37	11	33	29
100 to 199 days	2002	10	5	38	15	65	21	33	63
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002	46	65	268	76	363	84	231	314
	1997	50	74	269	64	433	105	285	410

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

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Item		Henderson	Hertford	Hoke	Hyde	Iredell	Jackson	Johnston	Jones
FARMS									
Land in farms	farms, 2002	525	136	201	144	1,262	248	1,144	154
	1997	612	183	200	110	1,387	280	1,420	172
acres, 2002	48,619	79,810	63,356	103,089	146,556	16,399	194,211	76,025	
	1997	48,562	76,519	69,435	95,938	161,416	20,707	216,748	72,846
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	404	92	128	72	846	194	810	111
	1997	488	151	145	95	978	224	1,087	133
acres, 2002	22,440	51,868	36,947	88,199	55,846	3,808	110,141	49,599	
	1997	22,706	50,745	36,700	76,096	58,892	3,902	110,658	45,552
TENURE									
Full owners	farms, 2002	326	69	151	87	790	175	678	68
	1997	364	73	119	50	868	188	783	88
acres, 2002	19,877	14,911	25,349	20,620	57,163	11,263	60,682	14,646	
	1997	20,494	13,084	16,607	27,879	69,638	(D)	66,746	16,619
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	228	28	82	16	428	136	399	43
	1997	265	47	73	35	540	144	512	60
acres, 2002	4,328	3,037	7,987	11,006	11,696	1,706	21,501	4,184	
	1997	5,733	6,668	4,987	14,008	15,140	(D)	17,338	5,446
Part owners	farms, 2002	154	47	43	42	405	62	357	68
	1997	201	69	61	46	435	80	485	65
acres, 2002	25,642	55,391	36,390	61,332	84,029	3,650	119,396	53,986	
	1997	25,862	46,450	46,373	55,548	86,019	7,197	128,113	49,806
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002	10,495	22,893	12,715	17,675	41,206	1,893	33,003	16,969
	1997	11,043	20,748	20,519	20,308	42,934	3,770	42,883	18,141
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002	15,147	32,498	23,675	43,657	42,823	1,757	86,393	37,017
	1997	14,819	25,702	25,854	35,240	43,085	3,427	85,230	31,665
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	139	47	39	42	361	47	317	55
	1997	184	65	54	46	380	68	443	58
acres, 2002	15,790	40,647	27,426	56,498	41,024	924	77,763	40,298	
	1997	15,370	30,066	26,140	50,289	40,973	2,170	80,970	35,703
Tenants	farms, 2002	45	20	7	15	67	11	109	18
	1997	47	41	20	14	84	12	152	19
acres, 2002	3,100	9,508	1,617	21,137	5,364	1,486	14,133	7,393	
	1997	2,206	16,985	6,455	12,511	5,759	(D)	21,889	6,421
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	37	17	7	14	57	11	94	13
	1997	39	39	18	14	58	12	132	15
acres, 2002	2,322	8,184	1,534	20,695	3,126	1,178	10,877	5,117	
	1997	1,603	14,011	5,573	11,799	2,779	(D)	12,350	4,403
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS									
Total operators	number	724	178	276	202	1,775	365	1,602	233
Farms by number of operators:									
1 operator		362	107	131	96	829	145	781	91
2 operators		135	23	65	41	371	92	299	51
3 operators		22	3	5	4	48	10	39	8
4 operators		4	2	-	3	13	-	19	4
5 or more operators		2	1	-	-	1	1	6	-
Total women operators	number	176	18	81	31	430	99	357	48
Farms by number of women operators:									
1 operator		156	15	75	25	383	82	305	42
2 operators		10	-	3	3	22	7	26	3
3 operators		-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
4 operators		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS									
Sex of operator:									
Male	farms, 2002	463	129	163	139	1,126	236	1,044	147
	1997	548	169	180	102	1,243	250	1,308	167
	acres, 2002	42,544	79,398	60,620	100,284	136,788	15,762	182,846	74,128
	1997	43,816	74,480	67,093	94,175	150,575	18,285	204,204	(D)
Female	farms, 2002	62	7	38	5	136	12	100	7
	1997	64	14	20	8	144	30	112	5
	acres, 2002	6,075	412	2,736	2,805	9,768	637	11,365	1,897
	1997	4,746	2,039	2,342	1,763	10,841	2,422	12,544	(D)
Primary occupation:									
Farming	2002	324	102	121	90	721	124	760	134
	1997	305	129	107	75	592	111	715	109
Other	2002	201	34	80	54	541	124	384	20
	1997	307	54	93	35	795	169	705	63
Place of residence ¹ :									
On farm operated	2002	429	83	152	89	1,067	210	949	123
	1997	438	85	134	71	1,049	197	1,023	112
Not on farm operated	2002	96	53	49	55	195	38	195	31
	1997	110	70	44	25	218	67	262	39
Days worked off farm ¹ :									
None	2002	258	77	98	109	567	110	614	90
	1997	235	97	79	55	502	106	612	82
Any	2002	267	59	103	35	695	138	530	64
	1997	343	63	102	42	795	161	702	74
1 to 49 days	2002	28	10	21	3	53	17	45	11
	1997	34	5	12	6	50	14	46	8
50 to 99 days	2002	22	10	4	6	38	5	27	6
	1997	15	3	3	5	30	18	38	3
100 to 199 days	2002	40	4	21	3	70	14	70	5
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002	177	35	57	23	534	102	388	42
	1997	247	47	80	25	599	98	505	47

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

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Item		Lee	Lenoir	Lincoln	McDowell	Macon	Madison	Martin	Mecklenburg
FARMS									
Land in farms	farms, 2002	304	428	618	282	347	973	305	300
	1997	379	495	635	289	382	1,071	427	377
	acres, 2002	46,084	121,520	57,777	24,441	22,495	84,053	110,677	25,442
	1997	48,248	152,570	69,164	24,085	24,501	84,050	116,274	32,377
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	202	319	381	205	249	737	240	188
	1997	253	402	436	220	282	851	369	238
	acres, 2002	14,269	86,471	23,202	5,589	5,392	9,879	66,661	6,733
	1997	13,198	101,373	23,414	5,878	4,576	7,743	75,033	9,419
TENURE									
Full owners	farms, 2002	206	249	420	165	227	692	112	231
	1997	249	256	401	170	247	775	180	255
	acres, 2002	16,278	28,009	24,506	13,163	12,158	50,132	12,384	17,875
	1997	20,291	45,347	29,713	12,631	14,372	54,744	20,585	16,249
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	112	155	219	120	153	492	53	129
	1997	141	171	244	118	170	581	129	134
	acres, 2002	3,285	11,843	4,819	1,877	2,013	4,397	3,288	2,669
	1997	2,569	15,981	6,595	1,423	1,753	4,230	9,865	2,423
Part owners	farms, 2002	78	126	176	100	99	230	138	61
	1997	104	150	203	105	102	215	171	101
	acres, 2002	26,252	78,532	32,241	10,255	9,427	31,924	81,478	6,185
	1997	26,418	79,842	37,065	10,685	8,547	26,589	79,068	13,805
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002	11,875	20,688	14,422	6,089	4,232	14,460	29,061	2,984
	1997	12,936	20,609	16,329	5,772	4,037	9,760	29,859	6,313
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002	14,377	57,844	17,819	4,166	5,195	17,464	52,417	3,201
	1997	13,482	59,233	20,736	4,913	4,510	16,829	49,209	7,492
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	72	119	156	73	86	198	132	51
	1997	88	148	173	92	89	202	166	86
	acres, 2002	8,336	62,688	18,261	2,981	3,135	4,942	50,899	3,023
	1997	9,617	62,743	16,245	4,101	2,574	3,087	52,535	6,316
Tenants	farms, 2002	20	53	22	17	21	51	55	8
	1997	26	89	31	14	33	81	76	21
	acres, 2002	3,554	14,979	1,030	1,023	910	1,997	16,815	1,382
	1997	1,539	27,381	2,386	769	1,582	2,717	16,621	2,323
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	18	45	6	12	10	47	55	8
	1997	24	83	19	10	23	68	74	18
	acres, 2002	2,648	11,940	122	731	244	540	12,474	1,041
	1997	1,012	22,649	574	354	249	426	12,633	680
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS									
Total operators	number	422	597	848	436	512	1,368	413	458
Farms by number of operators:									
1 operator		200	297	421	169	220	626	221	189
2 operators		90	106	177	90	98	308	62	83
3 operators		14	16	12	15	20	35	20	19
4 operators		-	5	5	1	9	2	2	1
5 or more operators		-	4	3	7	-	2	-	8
Total women operators	number	100	106	194	129	139	349	44	143
Farms by number of women operators:									
1 operator		84	83	173	100	95	337	40	110
2 operators		8	4	4	4	19	6	2	11
3 operators		-	5	-	7	2	-	-	1
4 operators		-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
5 or more operators		-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS									
Sex of operator:									
Male	farms, 2002	274	411	575	260	319	885	292	244
	1997	343	463	581	262	343	974	413	330
	acres, 2002	44,629	119,445	54,852	22,284	20,724	76,961	109,049	22,478
	1997	46,316	150,533	63,877	22,836	23,154	75,829	114,175	30,004
Female	farms, 2002	30	17	43	22	28	88	13	56
	1997	36	32	54	27	39	97	14	47
	acres, 2002	1,455	2,075	2,925	2,157	1,771	7,092	1,628	2,964
	1997	1,932	2,037	5,287	1,249	1,347	8,221	2,099	2,373
Primary occupation:									
Farming	2002	171	327	320	151	157	530	224	145
	1997	156	315	202	107	132	461	291	157
Other	2002	133	101	298	131	190	443	81	155
	1997	223	180	433	182	250	610	136	220
Place of residence ¹ :									
On farm operated	2002	253	349	533	235	296	830	231	252
	1997	274	336	508	210	275	787	250	284
Not on farm operated	2002	51	79	85	47	51	143	74	48
	1997	68	114	77	46	77	187	134	68
Days worked off farm ¹ :									
None	2002	121	268	221	124	154	420	183	141
	1997	123	250	203	87	125	370	216	151
Any	2002	183	160	397	158	193	553	122	159
	1997	231	207	398	193	226	629	167	202
1 to 49 days	2002	22	20	42	10	17	79	18	11
	1997	27	22	23	28	21	70	17	13
50 to 99 days	2002	28	13	14	13	-	48	11	8
	1997	11	12	7	8	16	42	10	10
100 to 199 days	2002	30	13	41	21	23	84	9	28
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002	103	114	300	114	153	342	84	112
	1997	170	142	312	132	160	398	107	152

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item		Mitchell	Montgomery	Moore	Nash	New Hanover	Northampton	Onslow	Orange	
FARMS										
Land in farms	farms, 2002	358	292	820	478	77	328	404	627	
	1997	375	310	841	541	75	404	438	577	
	acres, 2002	26,044	41,769	101,222	160,187	(D)	150,666	63,804	71,010	
	1997	26,879	47,046	106,570	177,479	5,363	165,698	64,616	72,673	
	Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	293	150	410	299	50	214	285	413
		1997	329	171	497	374	61	315	316	419
acres, 2002		4,941	7,189	17,924	86,031	1,676	86,507	39,270	19,405	
1997	3,989	6,471	18,324	91,226	2,925	97,476	35,562	22,373		
TENURE										
Full owners	farms, 2002	258	206	598	284	60	148	260	409	
	1997	247	220	587	275	56	176	274	365	
	acres, 2002	17,311	28,418	51,818	28,090	2,218	22,441	27,871	27,471	
	1997	18,073	31,587	53,420	36,943	3,252	33,934	24,250	29,776	
	Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	198	75	246	129	36	49	159	229
		1997	210	96	291	144	42	98	167	237
acres, 2002		2,736	1,863	5,068	4,815	(D)	5,163	11,179	4,392	
1997	2,276	2,335	4,970	12,784	1,130	12,372	6,467	6,773		
Part owners	farms, 2002	85	75	191	157	8	143	103	180	
	1997	103	82	208	182	13	167	116	180	
	acres, 2002	8,672	11,023	47,376	114,777	(D)	120,562	29,920	39,845	
	1997	8,305	14,636	50,365	124,708	(D)	120,729	35,526	39,470	
	Owned land in farms	acres, 2002	4,702	6,663	18,768	44,215	469	40,130	10,519	18,369
		1997	4,934	10,567	19,324	43,117	(D)	47,533	10,832	17,684
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002	3,970	4,360	28,608	70,562	(D)	80,432	19,401	21,476	
	1997	3,371	4,069	31,041	81,591	(D)	73,196	24,694	21,786	
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	80	71	152	140	8	132	97	159	
	1997	96	69	177	163	13	107	107	156	
	acres, 2002	2,165	5,113	12,044	69,073	598	74,937	22,577	14,374	
	1997	1,625	4,104	12,312	69,661	(D)	75,527	25,817	14,621	
Tenants	farms, 2002	15	11	31	37	9	37	41	38	
	1997	25	8	46	84	6	61	48	32	
	acres, 2002	61	2,328	2,028	17,320	(D)	7,663	6,013	3,694	
	1997	501	823	2,785	15,828	(D)	11,035	4,840	3,427	
	Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	15	4	12	30	6	33	29	25
		1997	23	6	29	67	6	54	42	26
acres, 2002	40	213	812	12,143	(D)	6,407	5,514	639		
1997	88	32	1,042	8,781	(D)	9,577	3,278	979		
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS										
Total operators	number	515	410	1,175	683	118	442	564	931	
Farms by number of operators:										
1 operator		221	196	514	329	46	241	268	378	
2 operators		126	81	274	125	21	70	113	218	
3 operators		5	12	21	13	10	15	22	21	
4 operators		3	-	8	2	-	1	1	7	
5 or more operators		3	3	3	9	-	1	-	3	
Total women operators	number	129	96	342	153	42	83	154	265	
Farms by number of women operators:										
1 operator		108	88	302	126	32	80	126	227	
2 operators		9	4	17	4	5	-	14	12	
3 operators		1	-	2	1	-	1	-	2	
4 operators		-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	
5 or more operators		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS										
Sex of operator:										
Male	farms, 2002	330	261	713	429	57	291	348	497	
	1997	353	286	752	506	61	389	400	473	
	acres, 2002	24,169	40,155	94,940	154,173	3,331	146,291	59,926	64,045	
	1997	25,484	43,730	98,685	173,337	5,207	164,002	60,988	65,998	
Female	farms, 2002	28	31	107	49	20	37	56	130	
	1997	22	24	89	35	14	15	38	104	
	acres, 2002	1,875	1,614	6,282	6,014	(D)	4,375	3,878	6,965	
	1997	1,395	3,316	7,885	4,142	156	1,696	3,628	6,675	
Primary occupation:										
Farming	2002	178	170	497	308	30	247	240	356	
	1997	107	127	381	309	20	265	331	263	
Other	2002	180	122	323	170	47	81	164	271	
	1997	268	183	460	232	55	139	207	314	
Place of residence ¹ :										
On farm operated	2002	294	234	704	376	58	206	332	540	
	1997	264	201	632	382	37	230	299	457	
Not on farm operated	2002	64	58	116	102	19	122	72	87	
	1997	73	68	119	113	28	122	89	79	
Days worked off farm ¹ :										
None	2002	168	137	400	280	49	213	209	323	
	1997	108	117	325	256	25	190	171	217	
Any	2002	190	155	420	198	28	115	195	304	
	1997	250	173	466	257	47	175	220	331	
	1 to 49 days	2002	17	8	63	29	1	15	20	30
		1997	20	9	42	27	-	29	24	43
	50 to 99 days	2002	13	14	21	14	-	6	5	16
		1997	12	4	25	19	-	10	5	19
	100 to 199 days	2002	31	14	63	8	4	8	22	29
		1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
	200 days or more	2002	129	119	273	147	23	86	148	229
		1997	178	131	314	172	41	102	163	217

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item		Pamlico	Pasquotank	Pender	Perquimans	Person	Pitt	Polk	Randolph
FARMS									
Land in farms	farms, 2002	68	157	296	193	374	448	260	1,583
	1997	80	203	333	223	455	525	255	1,696
	acres, 2002	52,340	99,432	62,714	94,456	95,153	185,776	27,145	156,704
	1997	50,832	87,701	69,881	78,032	122,956	192,908	35,061	158,073
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	48	135	204	165	265	295	148	906
	1997	59	176	238	192	376	399	161	984
	acres, 2002	44,535	93,332	33,369	85,634	24,380	124,246	4,433	44,149
	1997	42,801	77,844	34,462	68,152	31,816	131,024	5,346	40,327
TENURE									
Full owners	farms, 2002	31	48	187	57	218	255	207	1,094
	1997	36	60	209	88	244	255	179	1,144
	acres, 2002	(D)	7,758	23,294	10,331	26,147	42,622	16,011	76,905
	1997	5,584	21,581	29,014	17,358	38,099	36,855	15,472	81,651
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	11	32	112	29	125	119	105	523
	1997	22	42	128	62	171	151	103	560
	acres, 2002	(D)	5,768	4,569	6,612	5,083	11,165	2,248	14,103
	1997	2,525	16,193	5,586	11,092	8,694	13,973	2,141	12,515
Part owners	farms, 2002	35	67	90	108	114	132	48	450
	1997	39	100	96	100	168	173	69	479
	acres, 2002	48,256	77,651	36,054	69,685	54,395	111,238	10,929	75,736
	1997	41,568	56,325	36,699	47,896	69,930	123,314	19,275	71,980
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002	21,234	28,144	13,243	17,494	18,313	35,222	7,326	37,690
	1997	21,002	17,062	15,172	12,723	24,941	35,576	11,588	37,126
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002	27,022	49,507	22,811	52,191	36,082	76,016	3,603	38,046
	1997	20,566	39,263	21,527	35,173	44,989	87,738	7,687	34,854
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	35	66	73	108	105	117	42	365
	1997	32	96	88	95	167	160	53	387
	acres, 2002	41,411	73,564	25,565	65,366	16,087	83,605	(D)	29,416
	1997	36,608	52,095	25,479	45,000	20,574	89,106	3,171	26,473
Tenants	farms, 2002	2	42	19	28	42	61	5	39
	1997	5	43	28	35	43	97	7	73
	acres, 2002	(D)	14,023	3,366	14,440	14,611	31,916	205	4,063
	1997	3,680	9,795	4,168	12,778	14,927	32,739	314	4,442
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002	2	37	19	28	35	59	1	18
	1997	5	38	22	35	38	88	5	37
	acres, 2002	(D)	14,000	3,235	13,656	3,210	29,476	(D)	630
	1997	3,668	9,556	3,397	12,060	2,548	27,945	34	1,339
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS									
Total operators	number	102	209	401	264	508	617	390	2,296
Farms by number of operators:									
1 operator		42	117	216	143	272	312	152	994
2 operators		20	29	67	34	82	108	96	509
3 operators		4	10	7	11	12	24	6	59
4 operators		2	1	2	5	4	3	2	10
5 or more operators		-	-	4	-	4	1	4	11
Total women operators	number	19	25	64	28	94	102	139	617
Farms by number of women operators:									
1 operator		19	25	60	26	74	100	118	555
2 operators		-	-	2	1	10	1	6	28
3 operators		-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2
4 operators		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS									
Sex of operator:									
Male	farms, 2002	63	151	277	191	353	416	201	1,416
	1997	78	187	303	221	426	498	218	1,536
	acres, 2002	52,268	98,733	58,449	(D)	93,295	178,249	24,631	144,224
	1997	(D)	87,159	67,948	(D)	119,281	188,555	32,767	146,855
Female	farms, 2002	5	6	19	2	21	32	59	167
	1997	2	16	30	2	29	27	37	160
	acres, 2002	72	699	4,265	(D)	1,858	7,527	2,514	12,480
	1997	(D)	542	1,933	(D)	3,675	4,353	2,294	11,218
Primary occupation:									
Farming	2002	53	109	183	150	247	301	139	953
	1997	51	142	181	147	245	326	79	722
Other	2002	15	48	113	43	127	147	121	630
	1997	29	61	152	76	210	199	176	974
Place of residence ¹ :									
On farm operated	2002	54	98	215	149	295	310	230	1,373
	1997	43	120	211	162	315	299	203	1,305
Not on farm operated	2002	14	59	81	44	79	138	30	210
	1997	17	52	87	37	83	168	35	253
Days worked off farm ¹ :									
None	2002	44	78	156	106	190	231	117	743
	1997	43	100	131	108	147	265	82	561
Any	2002	24	79	140	87	184	217	143	840
	1997	28	77	169	96	268	217	166	1,031
1 to 49 days	2002	2	14	17	8	21	40	9	114
	1997	2	11	21	17	38	26	26	73
50 to 99 days	2002	1	2	11	8	6	9	5	36
	1997	2	8	11	9	28	20	14	45
100 to 199 days	2002	4	6	22	9	37	28	27	81
	1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	2002	17	57	90	62	120	140	102	609
	1997	18	43	108	56	165	134	95	791

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Richmond	Robeson	Rockingham	Rowan	Rutherford	Sampson	Scotland	Stanly
FARMS								
Land in farms	257	873	871	951	653	1,178	159	719
..... farms, 2002	257	873	871	951	653	1,178	159	719
..... farms, 1997	294	1,211	915	954	616	1,299	145	666
..... acres, 2002	49,293	286,704	136,120	115,332	67,856	298,483	58,313	107,549
..... acres, 1997	54,177	290,886	137,109	111,786	66,098	271,219	53,455	97,067
Harvested cropland	154	664	671	681	397	888	106	437
..... farms, 2002	154	664	671	681	397	888	106	437
..... farms, 1997	164	994	761	720	432	981	106	422
..... acres, 2002	12,734	208,305	27,518	49,001	15,238	168,912	32,627	53,903
..... acres, 1997	17,228	200,600	29,024	42,488	14,333	159,780	31,213	50,489
TENURE								
Full owners	199	462	533	655	459	679	96	483
..... farms, 2002	199	462	533	655	459	679	96	483
..... farms, 1997	214	651	519	610	424	714	89	432
..... acres, 2002	27,039	62,303	46,638	51,183	37,607	105,734	18,694	40,114
..... acres, 1997	25,790	73,581	48,084	49,719	37,366	85,793	12,762	30,393
Harvested cropland	100	291	376	405	238	436	45	237
..... farms, 2002	100	291	376	405	238	436	45	237
..... farms, 1997	97	473	391	411	265	447	51	220
..... acres, 2002	3,084	22,255	7,922	11,480	5,173	30,838	3,870	8,891
..... acres, 1997	3,469	31,962	8,147	10,742	5,711	21,074	2,967	5,816
Part owners	51	330	274	275	176	389	56	208
..... farms, 2002	51	330	274	275	176	389	56	208
..... farms, 1997	63	422	311	296	171	462	44	200
..... acres, 2002	21,687	198,760	75,526	60,901	29,209	173,455	37,791	65,714
..... acres, 1997	24,319	189,918	79,916	58,237	27,070	170,585	31,997	62,485
Owned land in farms	9,498	48,958	25,610	25,769	16,611	60,614	14,439	20,294
..... acres, 2002	9,498	48,958	25,610	25,769	16,611	60,614	14,439	20,294
..... acres, 1997	14,232	57,900	32,589	25,959	16,173	66,176	14,485	21,345
Rented land in farms	12,189	149,802	49,916	35,132	12,598	112,841	23,352	45,420
..... acres, 2002	12,189	149,802	49,916	35,132	12,598	112,841	23,352	45,420
..... acres, 1997	10,087	132,018	47,327	32,278	10,897	104,409	17,512	41,140
Harvested cropland	47	310	243	260	141	355	54	178
..... farms, 2002	47	310	243	260	141	355	54	178
..... farms, 1997	54	392	287	268	151	430	43	182
..... acres, 2002	9,486	165,218	16,788	35,824	9,809	120,458	27,337	44,016
..... acres, 1997	11,834	145,599	18,765	29,352	7,954	125,106	22,787	41,751
Tenants	7	81	64	21	18	110	7	28
..... farms, 2002	7	81	64	21	18	110	7	28
..... farms, 1997	17	138	85	48	21	123	12	34
..... acres, 2002	567	25,641	13,956	3,248	1,040	19,294	1,828	1,721
..... acres, 1997	4,068	27,387	9,109	3,830	1,662	14,841	8,696	4,189
Harvested cropland	7	63	52	16	8	97	7	22
..... farms, 2002	7	63	52	16	8	97	7	22
..... farms, 1997	13	129	83	41	16	104	12	20
..... acres, 2002	164	20,832	2,808	1,697	256	17,616	1,420	996
..... acres, 1997	1,925	23,039	2,112	2,394	668	13,600	5,459	2,922
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS								
Total operators	346	1,182	1,274	1,324	893	1,617	219	1,004
Farms by number of operators:								
1 operator	184	637	571	643	457	836	107	517
2 operators	64	190	230	262	166	271	45	142
3 operators	5	32	51	31	20	57	6	51
4 operators	1	8	10	11	8	6	1	4
5 or more operators	3	6	9	4	2	8	-	5
Total women operators	79	176	295	328	223	276	55	231
Farms by number of women operators:								
1 operator	70	150	251	294	185	246	51	170
2 operators	-	13	17	17	15	15	2	23
3 operators	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
4 operators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
5 or more operators	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS								
Sex of operator:								
Male	230	814	799	857	600	1,104	144	659
..... farms, 2002	230	814	799	857	600	1,104	144	659
..... farms, 1997	258	1,086	846	881	576	1,234	138	599
..... acres, 2002	46,581	279,082	128,554	104,487	61,912	294,164	56,185	102,702
..... acres, 1997	48,838	268,032	132,183	105,102	61,723	264,455	52,728	92,302
Female	27	59	72	94	53	74	15	60
..... farms, 2002	27	59	72	94	53	74	15	60
..... farms, 1997	36	125	69	73	40	65	7	67
..... acres, 2002	2,712	7,622	7,566	10,845	5,944	4,319	2,128	4,847
..... acres, 1997	5,339	22,854	4,926	6,684	4,375	6,764	727	4,765
Primary occupation:								
Farming	167	544	461	520	346	827	85	382
..... 2002	167	544	461	520	346	827	85	382
..... 1997	137	621	417	363	200	719	64	233
Other	90	329	410	431	307	351	74	337
..... 2002	90	329	410	431	307	351	74	337
..... 1997	157	590	498	591	416	580	81	433
Place of residence ¹ :								
On farm operated	196	640	736	821	555	880	113	580
..... 2002	196	640	736	821	555	880	113	580
..... 1997	201	723	635	704	475	823	94	481
Not on farm operated	61	233	135	130	98	298	46	139
..... 2002	61	233	135	130	98	298	46	139
..... 1997	69	341	189	158	81	321	36	120
Days worked off farm ¹ :								
None	156	494	404	431	284	647	71	292
..... 2002	156	494	404	431	284	647	71	292
..... 1997	122	512	344	307	183	517	52	202
Any	101	379	467	520	369	531	88	427
..... 2002	101	379	467	520	369	531	88	427
..... 1997	156	574	520	581	405	682	87	425
1 to 49 days	11	46	52	54	7	51	7	36
..... 2002	11	46	52	54	7	51	7	36
..... 1997	18	68	55	38	30	77	8	20
50 to 99 days	3	16	26	12	10	22	7	17
..... 2002	3	16	26	12	10	22	7	17
..... 1997	9	33	39	18	32	44	11	14
100 to 199 days	9	45	47	72	38	67	16	40
..... 2002	9	45	47	72	38	67	16	40
..... 1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more	78	272	342	382	314	391	58	334
..... 2002	78	272	342	382	314	391	58	334
..... 1997	104	408	343	416	286	476	53	324

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Stokes	Surry	Swain	Transylvania	Tyrrell	Union	Vance	Wake	
FARMS									
Land in farms	farms, 2002 1997 acres, 2002 1997	934 1,080 107,358 115,245	1,268 1,430 129,090 139,381	83 107 7,121 8,399	256 228 18,171 15,710	91 92 73,608 55,561	1,224 1,388 190,704 186,829	228 264 74,996 69,589	846 928 92,803 116,975
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 1997 acres, 2002 1997	742 928 20,870 21,011	922 1,121 39,888 40,216	64 72 1,508 1,017	186 168 6,310 3,396	71 73 68,406 50,419	576 700 110,332 103,453	134 211 13,844 15,181	472 651 27,305 37,276
TENURE									
Full owners	farms, 2002 1997 acres, 2002 1997	592 592 50,565 51,749	824 862 54,664 57,775	49 69 (D) 4,257	171 138 8,580 7,689	31 36 4,844 12,250	892 1,011 55,640 72,388	126 137 25,464 23,674	586 591 31,689 47,117
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 1997 acres, 2002 1997	427 478 6,509 6,965	525 605 9,522 10,032	37 41 (D) 359	113 93 1,276 1,071	14 19 912 10,348	311 409 10,272 15,852	47 91 1,038 2,823	262 351 4,687 8,759
Part owners	farms, 2002 1997 acres, 2002 1997	289 398 53,777 59,422	375 468 70,834 77,986	29 27 (D) 3,650	69 70 8,550 6,864	37 38 52,586 29,248	290 303 124,308 106,999	90 104 46,701 42,546	183 245 52,607 60,853
Owned land in farms	acres, 2002 1997	24,994 28,381	34,841 37,377	1,841 2,453	3,957 3,652	11,765 10,821	36,238 33,473	12,893 13,580	15,098 18,586
Rented land in farms	acres, 2002 1997	28,783 31,041	35,993 40,609	(D) 1,197	4,593 3,212	40,821 18,427	88,070 73,526	33,808 28,966	37,509 42,267
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 1997 acres, 2002 1997	268 370 13,337 12,627	341 425 28,804 28,455	25 20 884 410	65 63 4,884 2,124	38 36 51,363 26,189	241 100 91,272 81,570	78 100 11,379 10,621	158 228 18,940 24,135
Tenants	farms, 2002 1997 acres, 2002 1997	53 90 3,016 4,074	69 100 3,592 3,620	5 11 208 492	16 20 1,041 1,157	22 19 16,178 14,063	42 74 10,756 7,442	12 23 2,831 3,369	77 92 8,507 9,005
Harvested cropland	farms, 2002 1997 acres, 2002 1997	47 80 1,024 1,419	56 91 1,562 1,729	2 11 (D) 248	8 12 150 201	19 18 16,131 13,882	24 51 8,788 6,031	9 20 1,427 1,737	52 72 3,678 4,382
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS									
Total operators	number	1,347	1,806	113	377	124	1,746	338	1,280
Farms by number of operators:									
1 operator		593	838	63	168	65	813	144	518
2 operators		289	354	10	66	23	340	68	270
3 operators		39	49	10	13	1	49	12	30
4 operators		10	22	-	7	1	14	1	16
5 or more operators		3	5	-	2	1	8	3	12
Total women operators	number	324	378	17	115	14	448	81	399
Farms by number of women operators:									
1 operator		279	333	17	83	14	395	71	311
2 operators		18	18	-	13	-	17	5	35
3 operators		3	3	-	2	-	5	-	6
4 operators		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS									
Sex of operator:									
Male	farms, 2002 1997 acres, 2002 1997	865 1,008 100,841 107,304	1,192 1,313 124,327 132,027	78 99 6,941 8,105	225 208 16,123 13,384	89 91 (D) (D)	1,069 1,226 180,796 176,142	189 225 65,307 62,858	695 794 86,786 110,277
Female	farms, 2002 1997 acres, 2002 1997	69 72 6,517 7,941	76 117 4,763 7,354	5 8 180 294	31 20 2,048 2,326	2 1 (D) (D)	155 162 9,908 10,687	39 39 9,689 6,731	151 134 6,017 6,698
Primary occupation:									
Farming	2002 1997	548 481	721 632	45 46	118 69	73 59	715 636	115 130	464 468
Other	2002 1997	386 599	547 798	38 61	138 159	18 33	509 752	113 134	382 460
Place of residence ¹ :									
On farm operated	2002 1997	767 775	1,002 1,041	71 71	205 176	54 39	1,035 1,046	180 174	643 694
Not on farm operated	2002 1997	167 218	266 256	12 21	51 39	37 41	189 191	48 62	203 162
Days worked off farm ¹ :									
None	2002 1997	409 382	525 489	36 37	105 70	58 43	624 561	108 125	444 383
Any	2002 1997	525 648	743 833	47 57	151 145	33 38	600 713	120 125	402 489
1 to 49 days	2002 1997	41 54	93 86	3 2	15 16	7 4	45 60	13 14	37 55
50 to 99 days	2002 1997	35 54	43 39	2 3	11 6	2 1	29 30	13 3	37 31
100 to 199 days	2002 1997	88 (NA)	89 (NA)	9 (NA)	31 (NA)	7 (NA)	70 (NA)	20 (NA)	82 (NA)
200 days or more	2002 1997	361 443	518 611	33 47	94 101	17 28	456 524	74 97	246 303

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Warren	Washington	Watauga	Wayne	Wilkes	Wilson	Yadkin	Yancey
FARMS								
Land in farms								
farms, 2002	297	193	731	722	1,273	315	1,044	622
1997	327	236	856	941	1,405	433	1,053	745
acres, 2002	75,469	114,423	51,758	171,449	124,189	114,564	117,105	38,658
1997	85,017	107,741	64,756	232,257	135,848	129,551	107,414	44,137
Harvested cropland								
farms, 2002	174	134	587	513	764	227	784	501
1997	213	171	703	677	880	358	822	628
acres, 2002	14,390	98,306	8,822	118,284	30,598	80,632	49,570	5,396
1997	18,850	87,577	9,438	134,087	31,500	83,949	44,322	4,649
TENURE								
Full owners								
farms, 2002	187	84	493	397	869	150	620	442
1997	187	119	570	482	934	199	625	487
acres, 2002	35,011	11,482	28,559	43,457	64,925	13,389	37,462	24,350
1997	36,990	35,470	38,148	82,872	69,788	18,913	43,305	28,621
Harvested cropland								
farms, 2002	83	35	389	222	461	71	403	335
1997	98	64	458	277	499	145	450	393
acres, 2002	2,907	4,402	4,314	14,647	8,874	3,884	7,689	2,335
1997	4,005	26,239	4,773	17,916	9,003	7,522	10,894	2,202
Part owners								
farms, 2002	94	91	193	246	349	122	364	136
1997	102	88	223	308	399	145	369	184
acres, 2002	36,237	94,409	20,271	106,956	56,592	85,282	77,331	13,078
1997	45,206	59,322	22,390	120,920	62,380	85,012	59,718	13,564
Owned land in farms								
acres, 2002	18,573	40,294	7,934	30,818	28,300	22,774	26,790	5,868
1997	20,764	27,790	9,133	31,723	30,471	26,233	23,561	5,795
Rented land in farms								
acres, 2002	17,664	54,115	12,337	76,138	28,292	62,508	50,541	7,210
1997	24,442	31,532	13,257	89,197	31,909	58,779	36,157	7,769
Harvested cropland								
farms, 2002	77	82	161	228	279	113	331	126
1997	90	81	192	280	346	138	326	169
acres, 2002	10,418	85,639	4,073	84,611	20,772	63,060	40,872	2,602
1997	13,710	49,434	3,592	90,865	21,663	56,861	30,740	2,185
Tenants								
farms, 2002	16	18	45	79	55	43	60	44
1997	38	29	63	151	72	89	59	74
acres, 2002	4,221	8,532	2,928	21,038	2,672	15,893	2,312	1,230
1997	2,821	12,949	4,218	28,465	3,680	25,626	4,391	1,952
Harvested cropland								
farms, 2002	14	17	37	63	24	43	50	40
1997	25	26	53	120	35	75	46	66
acres, 2002	1,065	8,265	435	19,028	952	13,688	1,009	459
1997	1,135	11,904	1,073	25,306	834	19,566	2,688	262
2002 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS								
Total operators	407	273	965	1,068	1,759	444	1,429	854
Farms by number of operators:								
1 operator	212	129	519	498	862	227	727	445
2 operators	71	49	197	175	365	60	267	138
3 operators	8	14	10	28	31	18	36	29
4 operators	4	1	4	12	10	7	10	8
5 or more operators	2	-	1	9	5	3	4	2
Total women operators	102	43	212	212	427	64	291	168
Farms by number of women operators:								
1 operator	90	41	199	175	385	60	257	160
2 operators	6	1	5	13	21	2	14	4
3 operators	-	-	1	2	-	-	2	-
4 operators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 or more operators	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS								
Sex of operator:								
Male								
farms, 2002	248	181	677	671	1,138	298	970	578
1997	296	216	772	865	1,275	408	973	701
acres, 2002	70,432	114,040	49,027	168,369	112,285	113,975	111,279	35,982
1997	77,295	103,604	61,147	226,341	124,565	126,358	102,359	41,292
Female								
farms, 2002	49	12	54	51	135	17	74	44
1997	31	20	84	76	130	25	80	44
acres, 2002	5,037	383	2,731	3,080	11,904	589	5,826	2,676
1997	7,722	4,137	3,609	5,916	11,283	3,193	5,055	2,845
Primary occupation:								
Farming								
2002	164	143	360	480	797	216	613	314
1997	165	139	313	557	636	273	466	223
Other								
2002	133	50	371	242	476	99	431	308
1997	162	97	543	384	769	160	587	522
Place of residence ¹ :								
On farm operated								
2002	210	154	624	548	1,063	241	872	514
1997	187	144	630	622	1,017	259	787	481
Not on farm operated								
2002	87	39	107	174	210	74	172	108
1997	108	67	158	224	201	134	166	170
Days worked off farm ¹ :								
None								
2002	158	133	317	442	680	182	493	284
1997	146	114	280	441	549	226	391	220
Any								
2002	139	60	414	280	593	133	551	338
1997	165	111	519	423	751	173	584	483
1 to 49 days								
2002	16	6	56	33	47	14	56	63
1997	18	14	49	52	44	22	59	23
50 to 99 days								
2002	7	2	15	7	20	12	31	7
1997	14	2	29	16	27	8	29	35
100 to 199 days								
2002	5	6	48	39	73	14	50	42
1997	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
200 days or more								
2002	111	46	295	201	453	93	414	226
1997	105	76	375	315	623	120	416	356

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item		North Carolina	Alamance	Alexander	Alleghany	Anson	Ashe	Avery	
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.									
Years on present farm ¹ :									
2 years or less	2002	1,744	43	14	24	15	33	8	
	1997	2,627	29	32	26	18	65	16	
3 or 4 years	2002	3,185	37	48	44	51	77	23	
	1997	3,793	54	45	28	35	74	26	
5 to 9 years	2002	8,827	143	109	79	80	204	49	
	1997	7,593	110	90	107	81	162	86	
10 years or more	2002	40,174	608	490	397	393	838	415	
	1997	32,257	523	343	375	247	679	308	
Average years on present farm	2002	21.6	21.3	21.1	19.9	22.1	22.7	21.0	
	1997	20.4	21.3	19.2	20.3	20.5	21.6	19.0	
Age group:									
Under 25 years	2002	298	1	11	5	8	7	-	
	1997	530	7	3	1	4	8	2	
25 to 34 years	2002	2,287	45	51	20	27	57	26	
	1997	3,844	42	59	38	24	93	39	
35 to 44 years	2002	8,288	131	99	90	62	205	91	
	1997	10,786	165	123	118	77	231	127	
45 to 54 years	2002	14,545	238	199	157	133	288	147	
	1997	14,647	199	181	165	144	290	139	
55 to 59 years	2002	7,391	91	78	80	75	153	73	
	1997	7,045	117	80	71	75	141	45	
60 to 64 years	2002	6,312	92	78	64	61	114	46	
	1997	6,422	88	74	70	27	127	61	
65 to 69 years	2002	5,428	57	43	40	41	104	47	
	1997	5,690	104	66	57	56	115	57	
70 years and over	2002	9,381	176	102	88	132	224	65	
	1997	10,156	168	79	132	130	285	65	
Average age	2002	56.1	56.2	54.0	55.2	57.7	56.1	53.8	
	1997	54.8	55.8	53.1	55.8	56.9	55.8	52.9	
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION									
Family or individual	farms, 2002	48,672	773	624	508	486	1,068	408	
		1997	51,913	795	600	592	463	1,130	425
	acres, 2002	6,608,168	85,239	50,072	60,461	86,482	92,070	(D)	
		1997	6,817,351	89,602	51,240	66,947	75,525	100,374	21,585
Partnership	farms, 2002	3,209	42	22	26	25	57	68	
		1997	4,663	68	47	48	38	141	75
	acres, 2002	1,449,165	9,799	4,704	9,107	(D)	10,254	4,753	
		1997	1,332,287	14,546	8,112	12,608	5,972	10,280	5,217
Corporation: Family-held	farms, 2002	1,652	12	13	10	26	23	17	
		1997	2,084	24	14	12	27	14	32
	acres, 2002	892,267	2,232	(D)	3,059	7,620	4,664	3,394	
		1997	1,161,657	(D)	3,121	7,570	6,244	2,715	4,211
Other than family held	farms, 2002	171	1	-	-	2	3	-	
		1997	196	-	-	2	4	-	
	acres, 2002	54,191	(D)	-	-	(D)	(D)	-	
		1997	63,363	-	-	-	(D)	(D)	
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	226	3	2	-	-	1	2	
		1997	264	3	4	-	7	3	
	acres, 2002	75,210	(D)	(D)	-	-	(D)	(D)	
		1997	70,209	(D)	241	-	(D)	(D)	201

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Beaufort	Bertie	Bladen	Brunswick	Buncombe	Burke	Cabarrus
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.							
Years on present farm ¹ :							
2 years or less	12	11	19	6	27	12	17
1997	20	20	35	11	47	33	21
3 or 4 years	23	15	34	28	77	12	45
1997	30	18	43	14	66	33	40
5 to 9 years	67	55	107	46	149	101	84
1997	44	55	87	27	153	60	67
10 years or more	293	249	391	191	939	314	512
1997	251	240	291	146	737	238	337
Average years on present farm	20.8	21.1	21.6	20.6	22.7	18.9	23.4
1997	21.8	21.1	19.8	19.7	20.7	18.5	21.2
Age group:							
Under 25 years	-	2	-	1	17	-	1
1997	15	3	6	1	7	3	2
25 to 34 years	34	13	25	17	36	26	31
1997	26	19	27	13	90	37	35
35 to 44 years	70	62	70	36	152	66	102
1997	70	87	108	54	164	68	119
45 to 54 years	78	102	145	92	233	115	156
1997	104	107	195	71	285	104	116
55 to 59 years	59	48	104	34	198	49	79
1997	59	40	78	26	146	68	67
60 to 64 years	46	35	80	29	132	61	70
1997	56	56	63	39	175	42	55
65 to 69 years	60	25	57	35	167	44	59
1997	41	39	63	35	116	53	60
70 years and over	48	43	70	27	257	78	160
1997	58	72	97	22	283	74	134
Average age	54.4	53.8	55.9	54.4	58.4	55.7	57.9
1997	53.6	55.0	55.0	53.7	57.1	54.9	56.1
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION							
Family or individual	325	272	486	231	1,094	412	594
1997	349	331	542	224	1,148	400	528
acres, 2002	(D)	85,197	90,451	(D)	(D)	28,852	(D)
1997	83,210	78,627	95,601	25,725	69,910	25,616	53,935
Partnership	29	23	30	23	64	13	40
1997	30	33	51	15	83	26	30
acres, 2002	40,294	22,117	22,356	5,321	7,197	(D)	13,738
1997	25,043	9,052	11,572	(D)	7,791	3,666	7,773
Corporation:							
Family-held	37	32	28	16	26	13	22
1997	45	54	37	21	28	18	27
acres, 2002	33,177	32,729	29,321	6,310	11,499	1,884	4,820
1997	46,308	64,657	21,005	7,302	12,735	2,144	4,484
Other than family held	3	1	4	1	4	1	2
1997	4	3	6	2	2	2	2
acres, 2002	535	(D)	1,230	(D)	172	(D)	(D)
1997	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	1	2	3	-	4	-	-
1997	1	2	1	-	5	3	1
acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	2,050	-	(D)	-	-
1997	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(D)

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item		Caldwell	Camden	Carteret	Caswell	Catawba	Chatham	Cherokee
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.								
Years on present farm ¹ :								
2 years or less	2002	10	2	6	8	17	21	18
	1997	5	1	1	21	35	48	16
3 or 4 years	2002	16	3	9	18	33	53	21
	1997	35	3	4	30	56	78	16
5 to 9 years	2002	75	12	19	70	137	203	31
	1997	52	8	21	70	87	156	44
10 years or more	2002	310	53	94	421	528	851	192
	1997	215	53	69	355	387	637	146
Average years on present farm	2002	21.4	23.9	20.6	25.3	22.7	21.2	22.5
	1997	20.8	24.7	20.6	21.7	22.3	19.1	20.0
Age group:								
Under 25 years	2002	6	-	-	4	5	1	1
	1997	2	3	-	3	-	9	2
25 to 34 years	2002	11	-	-	14	17	42	14
	1997	18	3	8	53	47	87	17
35 to 44 years	2002	55	7	17	64	109	181	26
	1997	64	11	26	112	137	214	45
45 to 54 years	2002	120	22	35	125	179	302	70
	1997	105	27	25	167	145	301	82
55 to 59 years	2002	52	14	25	85	91	151	35
	1997	55	8	17	80	67	116	39
60 to 64 years	2002	47	9	21	68	80	131	31
	1997	49	11	15	74	76	110	32
65 to 69 years	2002	52	9	13	56	59	101	24
	1997	44	6	15	57	78	105	28
70 years and over	2002	68	9	17	101	175	219	61
	1997	77	18	15	98	189	202	65
Average age	2002	56.3	58.4	57.0	57.6	58.2	56.7	58.1
	1997	56.4	56.1	54.1	54.3	57.4	54.3	56.5
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION								
Family or individual	farms, 2002	389	56	114	476	656	1,049	243
	1997	383	70	99	566	658	1,047	290
	acres, 2002	30,308	(D)	(D)	102,415	65,764	101,917	20,500
	1997	34,780	30,525	10,336	117,993	62,615	100,231	24,367
Partnership	farms, 2002	17	6	6	35	32	51	14
	1997	22	4	10	66	49	64	18
	acres, 2002	3,462	7,729	6,124	(D)	7,529	12,852	1,314
	1997	3,004	(D)	(D)	20,463	8,639	12,035	(D)
Corporation:								
Family-held	farms, 2002	4	7	6	3	25	19	5
	1997	9	12	9	4	28	30	2
	acres, 2002	(D)	13,217	(D)	(D)	(D)	3,569	327
	1997	1,876	18,253	(D)	887	5,269	7,129	(D)
Other than family held	farms, 2002	1	1	2	-	2	6	-
	1997	-	3	3	-	2	2	-
	acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	389	-
	1997	-	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	-
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	-	-	-	3	-	3	-
	1997	-	-	-	8	-	1	-
	acres, 2002	-	-	-	(D)	-	25	-
	1997	-	-	-	2,008	(D)	(D)	-

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item		Chowan	Clay	Cleveland	Columbus	Craven	Cumberland	Currituck	Dare
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.									
Years on present farm ¹ :									
2 years or less	2002	13	10	31	44	8	25	-	-
	1997	5	12	74	57	12	28	2	-
3 or 4 years	2002	9	18	59	63	18	28	1	-
	1997	13	8	77	54	14	52	8	-
5 to 9 years	2002	27	24	216	150	42	98	16	-
	1997	26	42	127	131	43	78	18	5
10 years or more	2002	124	116	825	571	207	327	65	8
	1997	90	95	578	466	181	251	57	5
Average years on present farm	2002	19.3	22.6	21.5	21.0	19.4	19.5	20.8	22.4
	1997	20.8	20.7	20.4	19.5	20.9	17.2	17.7	16.6
Age group:									
Under 25 years	2002	-	6	7	12	10	-	-	-
	1997	2	4	8	13	1	9	-	-
25 to 34 years	2002	14	4	36	49	12	21	1	-
	1997	17	7	77	107	10	31	4	2
35 to 44 years	2002	39	29	155	164	34	71	8	1
	1997	45	28	177	177	71	102	15	3
45 to 54 years	2002	50	41	260	221	81	135	26	3
	1997	40	43	235	275	88	158	35	4
55 to 59 years	2002	24	22	148	108	46	66	13	3
	1997	18	16	124	132	42	54	13	-
60 to 64 years	2002	11	17	168	101	28	47	11	1
	1997	10	20	107	119	32	62	6	-
65 to 69 years	2002	7	8	97	76	37	53	7	-
	1997	12	25	143	68	32	48	7	-
70 years and over	2002	28	41	260	97	27	85	16	-
	1997	31	57	216	124	45	75	20	2
Average age	2002	52.9	56.2	57.9	53.2	53.9	56.8	57.7	50.4
	1997	51.3	58.4	56.2	52.4	54.3	53.5	55.5	47.9
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION									
Family or individual	farms, 2002	126	157	1,062	749	236	406	66	6
	1997	134	191	997	888	270	457	82	9
	acres, 2002	33,340	11,255	100,148	133,075	(D)	52,973	14,487	(D)
	1997	30,806	17,207	99,758	140,688	54,412	64,308	18,811	(D)
Partnership	farms, 2002	32	7	45	51	23	38	12	1
	1997	28	6	64	96	28	42	9	-
	acres, 2002	18,124	(D)	13,691	19,308	17,494	18,992	12,881	(D)
	1997	14,828	(D)	9,895	23,413	20,396	23,186	10,108	-
Corporation:									
Family-held	farms, 2002	12	4	14	17	13	23	4	1
	1997	13	3	18	23	19	29	9	2
	acres, 2002	8,306	(D)	1,783	6,450	9,005	15,893	7,434	(D)
	1997	7,102	(D)	3,875	7,402	10,728	16,814	11,063	(D)
Other than family held	farms, 2002	-	-	3	3	1	6	-	-
	1997	-	-	4	6	1	7	-	-
	acres, 2002	-	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	1,803	-	-
	1997	-	-	(D)	841	(D)	1,728	-	-
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	3	-	7	8	2	5	-	-
	1997	-	-	4	2	3	4	-	-
	acres, 2002	120	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	650	-	-
	1997	-	-	(D)	78	(D)	200	-	-

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Davidson	Davie	Duplin	Durham	Edgecombe	Forsyth	Franklin	Gaston
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.								
Years on present farm ¹ :								
2 years or less	2002 36	7	56	15	4	21	18	12
	1997 45	37	67	8	17	39	30	11
3 or 4 years	2002 43	44	70	17	19	64	45	25
	1997 69	56	105	20	26	27	30	26
5 to 9 years	2002 152	172	190	26	54	109	88	70
	1997 125	70	207	28	47	121	71	54
10 years or more	2002 907	482	874	180	204	589	423	343
	1997 658	363	670	114	198	460	361	258
Average years on present farm	2002 24.5	21.6	20.5	20.4	20.3	21.3	22.3	21.8
	1997 22.6	19.5	18.7	18.9	20.0	21.8	20.2	22.2
Age group:								
Under 25 years	2002 9	-	15	-	3	-	2	6
	1997 2	4	19	-	4	6	4	3
25 to 34 years	2002 34	17	54	6	15	24	19	16
	1997 67	32	110	8	36	38	40	24
35 to 44 years	2002 122	104	225	16	49	97	73	62
	1997 212	118	283	33	65	121	118	63
45 to 54 years	2002 277	204	306	82	92	215	138	130
	1997 250	209	373	50	79	167	141	110
55 to 59 years	2002 169	109	167	40	32	89	89	57
	1997 143	76	159	24	54	91	91	23
60 to 64 years	2002 145	67	170	27	34	107	77	30
	1997 108	85	162	26	43	73	64	50
65 to 69 years	2002 125	59	117	28	28	70	48	42
	1997 116	60	109	20	32	90	68	61
70 years and over	2002 257	145	136	39	28	181	128	107
	1997 253	100	153	38	38	205	103	86
Average age	2002 58.6	57.2	54.0	57.8	53.2	58.3	57.8	57.4
	1997 56.5	54.5	52.2	56.9	52.4	57.8	54.8	57.1
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION								
Family or individual	farms, 2002 1,059	641	1,021	221	217	724	525	417
	1997 1,055	603	1,144	169	268	727	562	377
	acres, 2002 87,567	62,541	(D)	22,220	83,928	45,976	(D)	36,952
	1997 91,880	53,466	179,225	17,599	103,204	48,056	102,881	32,368
Partnership	farms, 2002 56	43	93	5	36	38	31	26
	1997 77	61	136	18	42	46	38	31
	acres, 2002 10,799	8,147	32,200	2,233	50,055	4,381	29,132	2,716
	1997 11,644	10,830	(D)	3,456	34,596	8,126	21,735	2,970
Corporation:								
Family-held	farms, 2002 18	18	65	9	21	18	17	7
	1997 9	15	86	10	37	18	18	11
	acres, 2002 5,618	(D)	24,891	(D)	24,649	1,035	11,021	2,159
	1997 2,774	7,958	31,300	(D)	33,360	898	14,544	(D)
Other than family held	farms, 2002 -	2	8	-	4	-	-	-
	1997 2	4	2	-	1	1	7	-
	acres, 2002 -	(D)	2,208	-	(D)	-	-	-
	1997 (D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002 5	1	3	3	3	3	1	-
	1997 8	1	-	2	3	4	4	1
	acres, 2002 813	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	206	(D)	-
	1997 (D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item		Gates	Graham	Granville	Greene	Guilford	Halifax	Harnett	Haywood
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.									
Years on present farm ¹ :									
2 years or less	2002	2	7	16	6	35	16	24	43
	1997	8	7	27	20	46	22	30	41
3 or 4 years	2002	5	-	52	13	46	74	46	39
	1997	8	9	36	27	52	16	47	58
5 to 9 years	2002	14	9	119	39	199	44	141	120
	1997	25	17	87	42	145	51	100	103
10 years or more	2002	108	127	487	213	815	246	519	593
	1997	99	88	414	179	678	229	412	528
Average years on present farm	2002	23.2	25.3	21.7	21.9	22.6	19.0	20.0	23.1
	1997	21.3	22.6	20.9	19.7	22.3	21.0	19.2	21.7
Age group:									
Under 25 years	2002	2	-	-	-	11	-	-	4
	1997	4	2	11	8	3	4	3	15
25 to 34 years	2002	6	5	17	4	31	19	34	29
	1997	11	9	43	21	45	29	45	56
35 to 44 years	2002	29	20	85	60	137	39	111	143
	1997	49	18	133	84	199	54	146	165
45 to 54 years	2002	42	37	200	94	271	145	206	184
	1997	51	44	155	82	228	115	203	201
55 to 59 years	2002	16	19	111	31	128	52	109	101
	1997	20	15	71	35	151	69	99	115
60 to 64 years	2002	12	17	68	22	132	46	103	90
	1997	15	15	104	34	119	54	86	129
65 to 69 years	2002	11	14	68	28	103	38	64	96
	1997	3	8	94	34	138	31	70	100
70 years and over	2002	11	31	125	32	282	41	103	148
	1997	21	35	120	33	265	42	88	181
Average age	2002	51.6	57.7	57.2	53.9	58.6	54.3	55.2	56.3
	1997	50.9	56.4	55.4	51.5	57.9	53.5	53.6	55.9
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION									
Family or individual	farms, 2002	116	123	624	199	1,001	320	665	738
	1997	147	133	651	241	1,002	335	656	881
	acres, 2002	36,244	6,475	124,611	(D)	87,699	(D)	84,251	55,338
	1997	44,767	7,284	130,371	61,408	98,669	116,076	82,728	61,451
Partnership	farms, 2002	9	14	40	39	49	25	50	36
	1997	16	8	63	49	96	18	59	49
	acres, 2002	18,627	584	(D)	20,128	14,388	43,504	20,362	5,165
	1997	10,080	(D)	24,562	18,169	15,128	29,530	17,836	5,797
Corporation:									
Family-held	farms, 2002	4	6	4	31	37	26	9	9
	1997	11	4	8	33	35	37	21	26
	acres, 2002	9,062	995	232	16,533	7,125	22,156	7,382	3,013
	1997	8,194	510	3,810	22,073	5,011	31,117	14,105	1,943
Other than family held	farms, 2002	-	-	1	-	3	6	3	1
	1997	-	1	2	5	6	1	1	1
	acres, 2002	-	-	(D)	-	149	2,269	2,321	264
	1997	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	46	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	-	-	5	2	5	3	3	3
	1997	-	-	7	3	9	7	3	5
	acres, 2002	-	-	(D)	(D)	2,021	(D)	45	831
	1997	-	-	(D)	(D)	2,126	(D)	(D)	(D)

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Henderson	Hertford	Hoke	Hyde	Iredell	Jackson	Johnston	Jones
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.								
Years on present farm ¹ :								
2 years or less	2002 20	6	9	5	41	9	28	4
	1997 34	9	9	3	61	4	48	5
3 or 4 years	2002 41	1	25	11	76	13	47	4
	1997 40	7	15	7	106	27	86	13
5 to 9 years	2002 102	11	32	13	219	31	185	28
	1997 91	20	41	8	174	43	167	18
10 years or more	2002 362	118	135	115	926	195	884	118
	1997 343	105	89	65	783	147	837	88
Average years on present farm	2002 20.7	25.1	17.9	21.0	22.0	21.0	23.1	22.8
	1997 20.3	19.6	15.1	23.1	20.4	18.8	22.2	19.5
Age group:								
Under 25 years	2002 9	1	-	3	5	-	7	-
	1997 8	-	2	-	10	1	26	4
25 to 34 years	2002 13	3	9	6	62	5	65	9
	1997 46	18	19	10	92	8	90	11
35 to 44 years	2002 90	10	53	23	200	29	183	28
	1997 114	39	46	30	216	50	252	33
45 to 54 years	2002 127	61	44	32	315	70	293	45
	1997 148	43	46	23	353	48	347	57
55 to 59 years	2002 89	21	23	16	164	28	173	26
	1997 86	24	27	16	142	41	143	27
60 to 64 years	2002 59	16	24	14	149	33	106	20
	1997 63	16	19	12	155	41	179	14
65 to 69 years	2002 60	9	15	26	131	28	137	11
	1997 59	19	12	12	136	28	144	11
70 years and over	2002 78	15	33	24	236	55	180	15
	1997 88	24	29	7	283	63	239	15
Average age	2002 55.4	54.9	55.4	58.4	56.6	58.3	55.3	53.3
	1997 54.0	52.8	51.8	51.4	56.0	57.8	54.5	51.7
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION								
Family or individual	farms, 2002 477	100	173	114	1,158	230	1,020	120
	1997 545	139	161	84	1,270	235	1,242	124
	acres, 2002 35,987	(D)	(D)	68,172	111,838	13,905	147,544	(D)
	1997 35,872	43,087	36,178	52,822	125,995	12,422	163,730	39,150
Partnership	farms, 2002 24	10	15	15	77	13	78	18
	1997 39	16	20	11	96	20	116	28
	acres, 2002 5,291	20,206	8,098	17,765	28,686	(D)	31,248	19,080
	1997 5,203	(D)	(D)	(D)	25,009	2,939	33,062	23,642
Corporation:								
Family-held	farms, 2002 20	25	10	8	18	5	36	14
	1997 23	27	17	13	18	17	54	17
	acres, 2002 6,419	19,444	10,893	11,182	4,360	(D)	13,206	15,873
	1997 5,292	23,604	16,535	18,141	10,210	4,818	18,634	9,560
Other than family held	farms, 2002 2	1	3	-	4	-	2	1
	1997 1	1	2	2	2	-	6	1
	acres, 2002 (D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
	1997 (D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002 2	-	-	7	5	-	8	1
	1997 4	-	-	-	1	8	2	2
	acres, 2002 (D)	-	-	5,970	(D)	-	(D)	(D)
	1997 (D)	-	-	-	(D)	528	(D)	(D)

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item		Lee	Lenoir	Lincoln	McDowell	Macon	Madison	Martin	Mecklenburg
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.									
Years on present farm ¹ :									
2 years or less	2002	12	7	23	7	15	29	4	4
	1997	17	17	33	17	20	53	11	13
3 or 4 years	2002	23	13	46	8	29	59	14	9
	1997	19	20	51	30	21	61	17	25
5 to 9 years	2002	43	63	127	74	45	139	23	46
	1997	41	62	106	40	39	134	48	45
10 years or more	2002	226	345	422	193	258	746	264	241
	1997	203	305	322	135	212	591	267	228
Average years on present farm	2002	22.0	23.3	20.5	20.0	22.5	22.3	24.6	22.6
	1997	20.6	22.4	19.0	17.9	19.8	21.3	22.9	22.9
Age group:									
Under 25 years	2002	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
	1997	-	6	7	2	4	3	4	-
25 to 34 years	2002	11	14	20	8	24	25	4	6
	1997	22	32	43	22	13	75	33	7
35 to 44 years	2002	36	57	108	27	32	122	66	25
	1997	91	100	136	46	64	153	80	57
45 to 54 years	2002	99	135	154	83	75	273	87	87
	1997	71	140	142	74	82	254	108	114
55 to 59 years	2002	27	63	66	29	44	123	21	40
	1997	63	55	78	40	45	128	45	44
60 to 64 years	2002	43	50	94	47	37	145	42	52
	1997	42	68	65	33	42	136	52	30
65 to 69 years	2002	31	56	75	41	39	124	38	21
	1997	31	28	54	35	47	98	32	39
70 years and over	2002	54	53	99	47	96	161	47	69
	1997	59	66	110	37	85	224	73	86
Average age	2002	56.8	55.9	56.6	57.7	59.3	57.3	55.9	59.2
	1997	54.1	52.8	54.1	54.7	57.6	56.6	53.9	57.7
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION									
Family or individual	farms, 2002	271	350	560	263	335	944	262	270
		1997	344	409	580	269	356	999	346
	acres, 2002	35,090	77,568	47,453	21,004	21,409	77,959	(D)	22,207
		1997	43,278	102,120	58,299	21,012	22,764	78,773	84,498
Partnership	farms, 2002	29	46	35	11	6	21	31	16
		1997	26	49	29	12	19	62	30
	acres, 2002	10,876	31,883	6,586	1,682	(D)	4,242	23,548	2,390
		1997	3,635	24,798	5,465	1,514	1,511	3,936	20,594
Corporation: Family-held	farms, 2002	4	27	21	5	5	5	8	11
		1997	5	31	23	6	4	4	15
	acres, 2002	118	9,865	(D)	1,650	596	1,584	(D)	783
		1997	840	22,008	4,818	689	214	935	10,244
Other than family held	farms, 2002	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	-
		1997	-	2	1	1	3	1	-
	acres, 2002	-	-	(D)	-	-	(D)	(D)	-
		1997	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	268	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	-	5	1	3	1	1	2	3
		1997	4	4	2	1	2	3	7
	acres, 2002	-	2,204	(D)	105	(D)	(D)	(D)	62
		1997	495	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	138	(D)

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item		Mitchell	Montgomery	Moore	Nash	New Hanover	Northampton	Onslow	Orange
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.									
Years on present farm ¹ :									
2 years or less	2002	24	13	25	14	9	2	16	23
	1997	13	8	24	15	7	20	20	27
3 or 4 years	2002	18	20	60	24	3	22	34	41
	1997	9	23	72	32	6	18	24	30
5 to 9 years	2002	60	54	160	93	16	40	61	85
	1997	75	47	105	84	9	58	63	80
10 years or more	2002	256	205	575	347	49	264	293	478
	1997	190	152	464	315	44	238	236	339
Average years on present farm	2002	22.5	18.7	20.8	22.1	17.9	24.3	20.9	22.2
	1997	19.1	18.9	20.7	19.6	19.5	20.2	19.5	19.7
Age group:									
Under 25 years	2002	5	2	5	-	-	-	3	-
	1997	4	2	7	6	-	7	2	4
25 to 34 years	2002	19	10	35	17	4	17	14	23
	1997	24	23	43	32	4	32	34	43
35 to 44 years	2002	52	64	162	61	5	53	86	85
	1997	68	57	154	121	8	103	63	94
45 to 54 years	2002	102	73	183	155	19	91	98	185
	1997	100	82	230	144	21	78	109	161
55 to 59 years	2002	42	49	142	67	18	29	47	85
	1997	34	25	95	70	11	55	69	60
60 to 64 years	2002	28	27	67	51	5	42	41	69
	1997	36	35	106	46	18	39	45	67
65 to 69 years	2002	31	28	84	60	14	21	52	58
	1997	43	24	73	51	5	41	57	57
70 years and over	2002	79	39	142	67	12	75	63	122
	1997	66	62	133	71	8	49	59	91
Average age	2002	55.7	54.5	55.6	56.2	58.5	56.3	54.9	56.9
	1997	54.8	55.4	54.9	52.9	56.2	52.2	55.1	54.5
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION									
Family or individual	farms, 2002	333	268	761	409	68	287	350	529
	farms, 1997	340	275	754	450	59	336	387	483
	acres, 2002	22,289	36,035	88,942	100,737	3,066	(D)	45,377	53,942
	acres, 1997	25,159	37,211	89,610	105,984	(D)	131,692	49,374	52,837
Partnership	farms, 2002	24	12	30	38	2	25	26	51
	farms, 1997	31	27	51	66	5	36	30	56
	acres, 2002	(D)	(D)	8,159	40,596	(D)	17,049	7,776	8,675
	acres, 1997	1,473	6,438	10,585	37,952	1,903	12,128	(D)	11,715
Corporation:	farms, 2002	1	10	19	21	4	15	25	39
	farms, 1997	2	7	30	21	9	28	17	29
	acres, 2002	(D)	3,194	2,720	18,579	219	15,710	10,317	6,295
	acres, 1997	(D)	(D)	5,838	33,169	91	18,672	5,338	7,120
Other than family held	farms, 2002	-	-	-	7	1	-	2	5
	farms, 1997	2	-	4	2	1	3	4	1
	acres, 2002	-	-	-	272	(D)	-	(D)	1,220
	acres, 1997	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	-	2	10	3	2	1	1	3
	farms, 1997	-	1	2	2	1	1	-	8
	acres, 2002	-	(D)	1,401	3	(D)	(D)	(D)	878
	acres, 1997	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item		Pamlico	Pasquotank	Pender	Perquimans	Person	Pitt	Polk	Randolph
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.									
Years on present farm ¹ :									
2 years or less	2002	-	12	7	4	11	15	20	52
	1997	-	15	16	15	19	24	23	76
3 or 4 years	2002	-	3	27	17	19	36	27	94
	1997	3	9	26	6	16	40	40	128
5 to 9 years	2002	6	27	45	17	66	68	68	254
	1997	9	21	48	21	67	59	38	215
10 years or more	2002	62	115	217	155	278	329	145	1,183
	1997	45	112	181	139	240	293	120	937
Average years on present farm	2002	25.4	21.5	20.5	21.7	22.7	20.6	14.9	20.9
	1997	21.9	22.6	18.9	22.4	21.2	19.2	15.6	19.8
Age group:									
Under 25 years	2002	-	3	-	2	-	1	4	-
	1997	-	6	-	4	6	9	-	17
25 to 34 years	2002	1	17	10	18	12	13	4	93
	1997	5	19	20	22	28	39	17	132
35 to 44 years	2002	11	24	59	43	56	83	43	269
	1997	12	40	66	47	78	117	36	339
45 to 54 years	2002	20	43	102	55	114	167	72	432
	1997	28	57	100	53	127	124	71	412
55 to 59 years	2002	15	27	35	28	51	54	38	171
	1997	10	23	37	29	53	85	42	200
60 to 64 years	2002	7	19	29	24	35	72	38	194
	1997	9	12	33	19	40	54	26	165
65 to 69 years	2002	1	7	25	8	42	26	29	149
	1997	8	12	14	12	39	33	21	165
70 years and over	2002	13	17	36	15	64	32	32	275
	1997	8	34	63	37	84	64	42	266
Average age	2002	56.7	52.7	53.8	50.2	56.4	53.3	55.2	55.4
	1997	53.4	52.1	54.4	52.4	54.5	52.4	55.4	53.7
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION									
Family or individual	farms, 2002	53	140	248	163	337	374	239	1,493
	1997	63	167	277	191	392	414	236	1,560
	acres, 2002	(D)	76,124	45,109	69,648	72,288	(D)	(D)	137,858
	1997	21,854	60,221	50,571	55,845	91,945	100,684	28,702	137,381
Partnership	farms, 2002	5	9	21	22	23	40	6	70
	1997	5	18	27	23	47	69	7	96
	acres, 2002	5,643	18,119	7,919	16,624	11,484	47,211	1,318	16,040
	1997	(D)	(D)	7,315	13,635	15,935	51,733	1,712	14,800
Corporation:									
Family-held	farms, 2002	9	8	17	8	11	28	13	18
	1997	12	16	23	9	15	37	10	27
	acres, 2002	17,377	5,189	8,874	8,184	11,098	21,261	7,352	(D)
	1997	(D)	14,196	10,720	8,552	(D)	30,727	(D)	5,232
Other than family held	farms, 2002	1	-	6	-	-	4	-	-
	1997	-	2	4	-	-	4	-	6
	acres, 2002	(D)	-	720	-	-	916	-	-
	1997	-	(D)	(D)	-	-	(D)	-	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	-	-	4	-	3	2	2	2
	1997	-	-	2	-	1	1	2	7
	acres, 2002	-	-	92	-	283	(D)	(D)	(D)
	1997	-	-	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Richmond	Robeson	Rockingham	Rowan	Rutherford	Sampson	Scotland	Stanly
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.								
Years on present farm ¹ :								
2 years or less	2002 10	20	20	14	24	47	1	25
	1997 12	76	55	53	22	48	8	34
3 or 4 years	2002 9	45	62	55	38	58	8	38
	1997 25	98	58	63	48	90	12	58
5 to 9 years	2002 42	171	156	174	114	185	41	132
	1997 54	136	102	131	88	200	41	76
10 years or more	2002 196	637	633	708	477	888	109	524
	1997 152	589	490	501	338	666	64	350
Average years on present farm	2002 19.2	20.2	20.4	23.2	22.0	21.4	15.4	20.8
	1997 18.6	19.1	20.2	20.1	21.4	19.9	14.7	19.9
Age group:								
Under 25 years	2002 5	-	8	9	4	8	2	-
	1997 4	12	9	10	1	20	-	7
25 to 34 years	2002 9	27	41	39	16	75	3	47
	1997 24	75	63	61	30	115	8	31
35 to 44 years	2002 41	125	159	129	83	186	20	105
	1997 38	225	176	153	85	239	24	120
45 to 54 years	2002 57	286	255	214	159	319	64	182
	1997 72	304	222	235	148	339	46	200
55 to 59 years	2002 26	117	113	147	101	150	30	82
	1997 54	141	114	102	72	171	22	88
60 to 64 years	2002 39	109	81	121	93	129	18	129
	1997 41	146	96	84	75	144	20	61
65 to 69 years	2002 38	107	94	87	79	134	10	57
	1997 22	137	77	107	70	122	11	49
70 years and over	2002 42	102	120	205	118	177	12	117
	1997 39	171	158	202	135	149	14	110
Average age	2002 56.2	55.5	54.4	57.6	57.9	54.9	53.3	55.9
	1997 54.2	54.6	54.5	55.9	57.7	52.5	53.8	54.4
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION								
Family or individual	farms, 2002 229	774	795	873	616	963	137	673
	1997 260	1,030	822	841	580	1,069	104	583
	acres, 2002 (D)	200,388	110,594	91,892	63,349	170,468	(D)	86,730
	1997 40,846	198,920	118,779	89,752	59,494	169,840	22,080	76,087
Partnership	farms, 2002 12	69	57	59	22	93	9	23
	1997 16	125	77	85	21	136	20	55
	acres, 2002 8,449	49,013	15,724	15,280	(D)	58,325	10,656	12,151
	1997 (D)	46,046	14,371	15,997	3,496	48,827	15,174	13,728
Corporation:								
Family-held	farms, 2002 11	20	17	10	13	105	12	23
	1997 17	39	13	18	15	80	17	24
	acres, 2002 990	30,699	(D)	5,685	2,544	66,439	8,819	8,668
	1997 2,401	39,938	3,694	5,010	3,108	51,267	14,572	7,020
Other than family held	farms, 2002 4	6	-	1	2	9	1	-
	1997 1	8	1	5	-	2	4	-
	acres, 2002 314	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	2,479	(D)	-
	1997 (D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	1,629	-
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002 1	4	2	8	-	8	-	-
	1997 -	9	2	5	-	12	-	4
	acres, 2002 (D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	772	-	-
	1997 -	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	-	232

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[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item	Stokes	Surry	Swain	Transylvania	Tyrrell	Union	Vance	Wake
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.								
Years on present farm ¹ :								
2 years or less	2002 20	56	3	7	3	28	12	35
	1997 46	71	-	14	5	61	6	24
3 or 4 years	2002 51	59	5	16	12	68	15	47
	1997 76	75	4	6	9	94	7	59
5 to 9 years	2002 164	234	10	38	17	212	27	109
	1997 119	184	14	22	10	152	29	94
10 years or more	2002 699	919	65	195	59	916	174	655
	1997 583	798	60	151	42	777	161	594
Average years on present farm	2002 21.2	20.9	23.0	20.9	17.9	22.0	20.9	22.4
	1997 20.7	20.0	19.2	19.5	17.9	21.0	22.2	22.3
Age group:								
Under 25 years	2002 2	2	-	4	7	3	-	-
	1997 6	24	-	3	4	8	1	4
25 to 34 years	2002 35	78	2	5	2	56	6	13
	1997 82	125	5	7	6	82	15	35
35 to 44 years	2002 179	250	7	39	21	229	32	109
	1997 212	281	14	49	21	258	46	168
45 to 54 years	2002 293	339	27	70	19	312	70	235
	1997 294	320	23	58	25	350	61	242
55 to 59 years	2002 112	148	10	34	25	153	37	149
	1997 150	172	12	21	4	148	35	103
60 to 64 years	2002 125	127	9	23	3	115	17	95
	1997 107	164	13	22	13	145	26	90
65 to 69 years	2002 89	131	11	27	3	133	17	69
	1997 82	121	16	33	9	126	32	114
70 years and over	2002 99	193	17	54	11	223	49	176
	1997 147	223	24	35	10	271	48	172
Average age	2002 54.0	54.4	59.1	56.7	51.0	56.1	57.4	57.8
	1997 53.3	53.6	58.5	55.4	52.0	55.4	55.6	56.0
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION								
Family or individual	farms, 2002 875	1,171	75	213	73	1,126	206	757
	1997 961	1,304	92	196	75	1,242	222	797
acres, 2002	94,979	105,177	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	78,227
	1997 95,593	112,452	7,255	12,767	41,168	131,884	56,835	95,684
Partnership	farms, 2002 48	79	7	19	11	65	20	31
	1997 100	106	11	15	5	89	36	80
acres, 2002	10,524	18,921	51	3,000	23,133	51,447	13,744	7,066
	1997 17,612	20,598	(D)	1,214	(D)	42,886	11,515	11,535
Corporation:								
Family-held	farms, 2002 8	9	-	19	6	31	2	44
	1997 9	14	3	14	11	49	3	37
acres, 2002	1,749	(D)	-	2,477	9,055	6,157	(D)	3,871
	1997 1,694	4,419	(D)	1,513	(D)	11,490	(D)	5,851
Other than family held	farms, 2002 -	2	(D)	3	1	1	-	6
	1997 1	2	1	2	4	4	-	5
acres, 2002	-	(D)	-	630	(D)	(D)	-	(D)
	1997 (D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002 3	7	1	2	-	1	-	8
	1997 9	4	-	1	1	4	3	9
acres, 2002	106	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	-	(D)
	1997 (D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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Table 40. Tenure, Number of Operators, Type of Organization, and Principal Operator Characteristics: 2002 and 1997 - Con.

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text]

Item		Warren	Washington	Watauga	Wayne	Wilkes	Wilson	Yadkin	Yancey
PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.									
Years on present farm ¹ :									
2 years or less	2002	16	4	17	22	61	9	27	21
	1997	14	7	40	39	45	26	52	47
3 or 4 years	2002	12	9	46	40	56	7	73	27
	1997	18	10	41	84	100	28	79	58
5 to 9 years	2002	37	30	95	102	194	52	151	100
	1997	53	28	108	111	170	52	116	97
10 years or more	2002	232	150	573	558	962	247	793	474
	1997	164	124	492	508	706	249	563	361
Average years on present farm	2002	22.7	21.3	23.4	21.4	22.3	21.3	22.4	22.0
	1997	20.7	20.2	21.4	19.5	20.2	19.7	20.6	19.1
Age group:									
Under 25 years	2002	4	3	3	5	8	-	7	2
	1997	2	4	7	7	14	3	13	6
25 to 34 years	2002	10	7	19	42	54	17	84	36
	1997	16	16	42	61	87	22	80	54
35 to 44 years	2002	35	35	113	116	194	41	142	85
	1997	51	52	166	220	249	93	201	136
45 to 54 years	2002	76	53	181	211	323	95	284	154
	1997	73	56	213	201	386	122	238	184
55 to 59 years	2002	35	25	136	111	206	40	149	81
	1997	30	35	77	134	163	52	116	92
60 to 64 years	2002	26	20	61	88	142	37	126	74
	1997	57	20	77	95	162	51	107	66
65 to 69 years	2002	45	29	66	63	139	37	91	78
	1997	38	34	71	93	104	39	103	76
70 years and over	2002	66	21	152	86	207	48	161	112
	1997	60	19	203	130	240	51	195	131
Average age	2002	58.0	54.2	57.1	54.0	56.1	55.4	54.8	56.5
	1997	56.7	52.5	55.9	53.5	54.4	53.0	54.6	54.9
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION									
Family or individual	farms, 2002	266	167	688	614	1,190	262	971	576
	1997	275	203	776	809	1,286	348	947	670
	acres, 2002	60,583	(D)	47,273	(D)	109,904	(D)	95,134	34,484
	1997	67,586	61,323	54,362	128,449	113,791	75,275	81,111	40,340
Partnership	farms, 2002	23	11	34	57	68	28	53	40
	1997	36	13	59	68	96	42	85	64
	acres, 2002	12,420	18,981	3,049	24,917	11,754	39,234	18,924	3,586
	1997	13,668	9,555	3,800	25,355	12,942	25,308	19,756	3,164
Corporation:									
Family-held	farms, 2002	8	13	7	47	10	19	13	6
	1997	14	16	15	60	14	39	17	7
	acres, 2002	2,466	18,687	(D)	34,499	(D)	19,232	2,325	588
	1997	(D)	(D)	1,795	75,176	7,719	28,175	6,123	(D)
Other than family held	farms, 2002	-	1	-	1	3	1	2	-
	1997	-	2	1	3	5	4	2	-
	acres, 2002	-	(D)	-	(D)	64	(D)	(D)	-
	1997	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	793	(D)	-
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc.	farms, 2002	-	1	2	3	2	5	5	-
	1997	2	2	5	1	4	-	2	4
	acres, 2002	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
	1997	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	-	(D)	(D)

¹ Data for 1997 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.