

# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Mecklenburg, Virginia

### Number of farms

581 farms in 2002, 686 farms in 1997, down 15 percent.

### Land in farms

168,150 acres in 2002, 169,324 acres in 1997, down 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

289 acres in 2002, 247 acres in 1997, up 17 percent.

### Market Value of Production

\$26,639,000 in 2002, \$41,953,000 in 1997, down 37 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$18,413,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$8,225,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

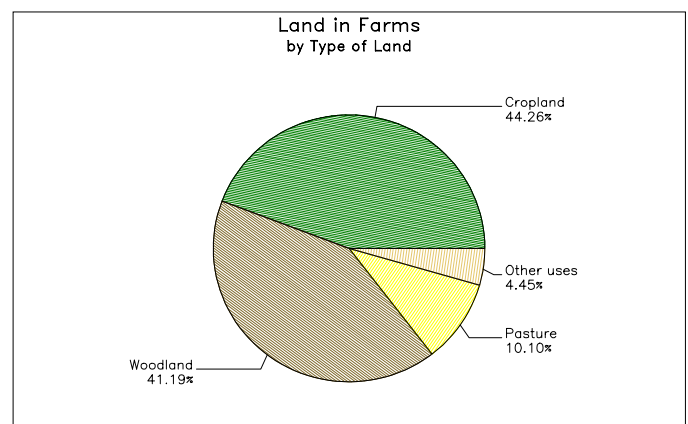
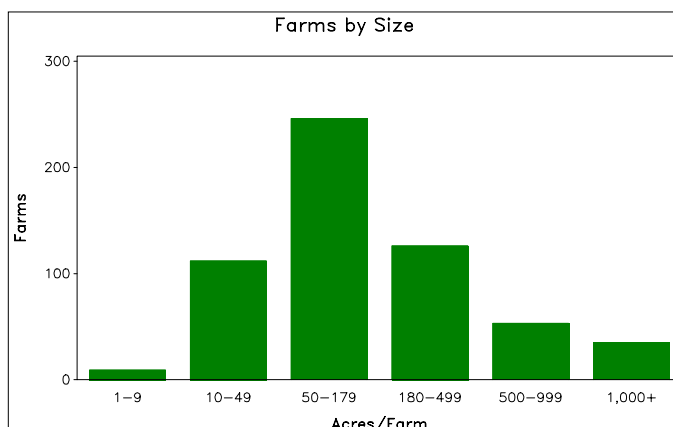
\$45,850 in 2002, \$61,157 in 1997, down 25 percent.

### Government Payments

\$481,000 in 2002, \$389,000 in 1997, up 24 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$3,250 in 2002, \$1,727 in 1997, up 88 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	26,639	26	98	1,831	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	18,413	12	97	1,235	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,225	42	98	2,023	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	706	41	95	1,883	2,871
Tobacco	11,518	3	43	33	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	106	44	93	1,213	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	5,180	13	95	454	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	749	33	97	1,532	3,046
Poultry and eggs	548	32	94	1,041	2,918
Cattle and calves	5,223	30	97	1,480	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,367	30	83	946	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	30	37	93	1,623	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	55	66	94	2,301	3,014
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	44	(D)	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1	68	87	2,387	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	25	79	(D)	2,599
Cattle and calves	24,473	23	97	1,262	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	20	96	(D)	2,983
All Goats	692	23	95	752	2,971
Horses and ponies	675	41	97	1,796	3,065
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	25,638	15	97	863	3,059
Soybeans	5,487	30	79	1,179	2,076
Tobacco	3,018	3	43	32	563
All Wheat for grain	1,817	28	87	1,327	2,517
Corn for silage	1,374	27	87	945	2,307

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	136	Farming	362
\$1,000 to \$2,499	75	Other	219
\$2,500 to \$4,999	58		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	83	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	78	Male	513
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16	Female	68
\$25,000 to \$39,999	33		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	33		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	31	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	14	White	723
\$500,000 or more	11	Black or African American	76
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	27,901	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	48,188	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	5,907	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	10,202	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	6

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.