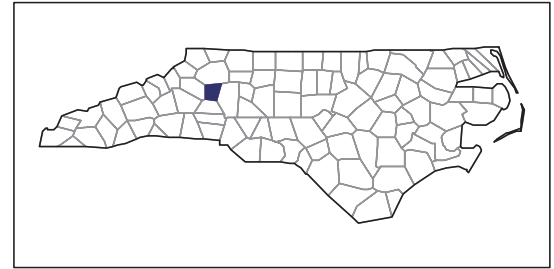


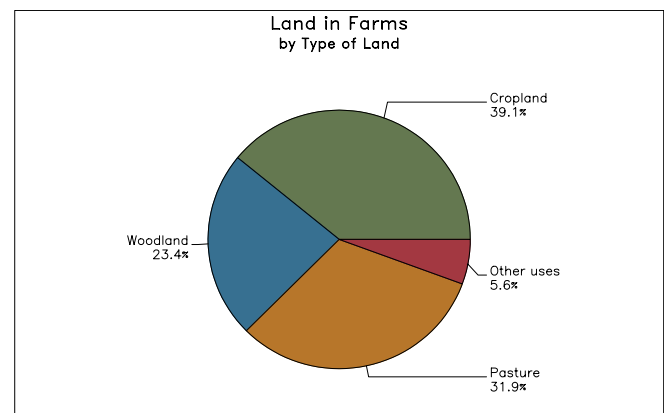
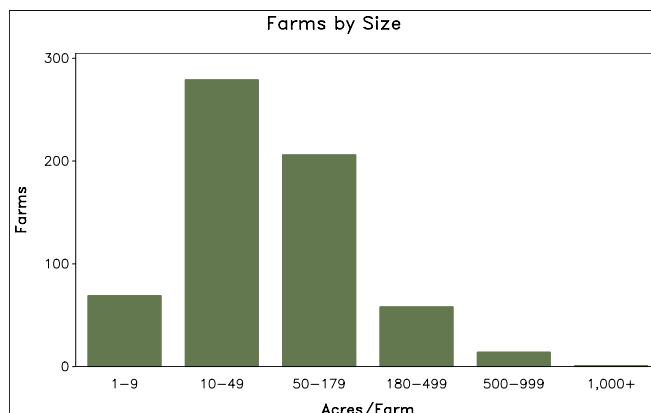
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile



Alexander County North Carolina

	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	627	661	- 5
Land in Farms	54,959 acres	58,366 acres	- 6
Average Size of Farm	88 acres	88 acres	0
Market Value of Products Sold	\$111,957,000	\$66,874,000	+ 67
Crop Sales \$3,227,000 (3 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$108,730,000 (97 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$178,560	\$101,170	+ 76
Government Payments	\$224,000	\$455,000	- 51
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,300	\$4,292	0



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County Profile

Alexander County – North Carolina

Ranked items among the 100 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2007

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	111,957	28	100	786	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	3,227	90	100	2,428	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	108,730	20	99	345	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	2,933
Tobacco	(D)	57	77	(D)	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	53	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	771	52	99	899	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	651	15	98	610	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	383	85	95	1,544	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	53	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	268	67	100	2,532	3,054
Poultry and eggs	93,362	14	99	114	3,020
Cattle and calves	9,952	6	98	1,195	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,164	9	62	717	2,493
Hogs and pigs	43	66	89	1,644	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	24	66	98	2,168	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	167	34	96	1,269	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	60	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	18	42	91	1,815	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,213	20	100	1,522	3,060
Corn for silage	1,420	10	79	813	2,263
Corn for grain	1,031	70	99	1,851	2,634
Soybeans for beans	956	74	90	1,561	2,039
Wheat for grain, all	487	73	84	1,847	2,481
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	3,207,018	16	75	157	2,476
Pullets for laying flock replacement	1,055,305	1	83	12	2,627
Layers	854,661	4	99	115	3,024
Cattle and calves	20,190	11	98	1,410	3,060
Horses and ponies	931	41	98	1,473	3,066

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	154	Farming	265
\$1,000 to \$2,499	71	Other	362
\$2,500 to \$4,999	68		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	70	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	44	Male	545
\$20,000 to \$24,999	12	Female	82
\$25,000 to \$39,999	18		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	20		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	35	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	54	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$500,000 or more	77	Asian	1
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	85,954	Black or African American	6
Average per farm (\$)	137,087	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	884
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	27,493	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	43,848	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	5

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item. ² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.