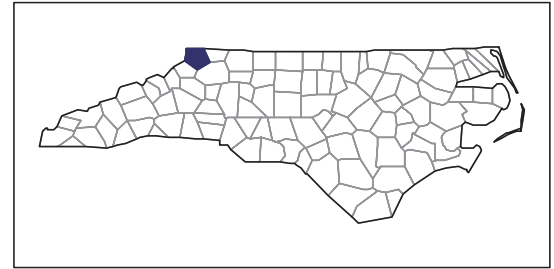


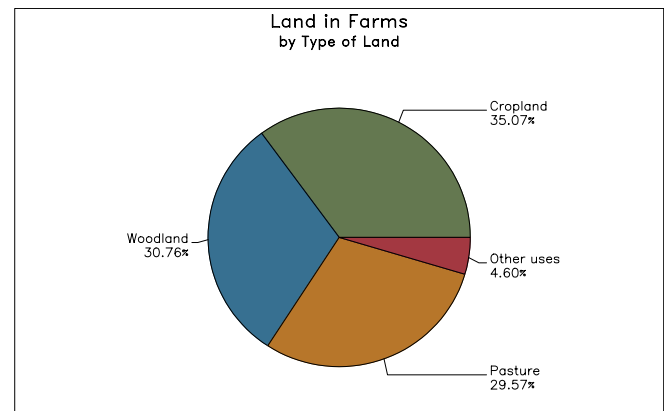
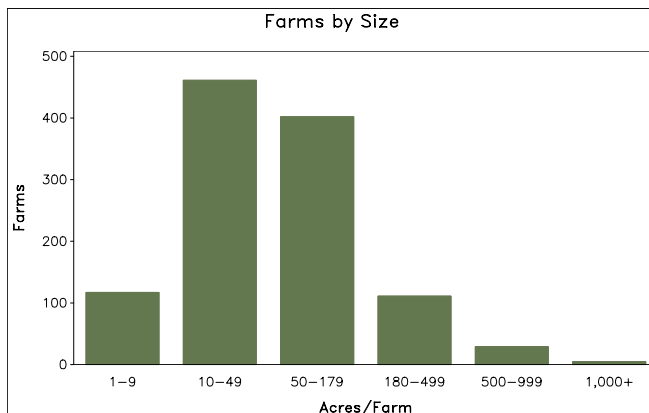
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile



Ashe County North Carolina

	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,125	1,152	- 2
Land in Farms	108,452 acres	107,930 acres	0
Average Size of Farm	96 acres	94 acres	+ 2
Market Value of Products Sold	\$41,703,000	\$29,181,000	+ 43
Crop Sales \$31,886,000 (76 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$9,817,000 (24 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$37,070	\$25,331	+ 46
Government Payments	\$128,000	\$167,000	- 23
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$4,406	\$1,476	+ 199



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Ashe 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	41,703	56	100	1,728	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	31,886	30	100	1,163	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9,817	65	99	2,060	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	41	90	99	2,601	2,933
Tobacco	306	58	77	272	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	53	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	374	73	99	1,210	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	388	31	98	799	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	4,278	34	95	522	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	26,197	1	53	2	1,710
Other crops and hay	303	62	100	2,463	3,054
Poultry and eggs	50	75	99	1,669	3,020
Cattle and calves	8,981	9	98	1,278	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	368	39	62	1,721	2,493
Hogs and pigs	215	61	89	1,204	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	124	16	98	939	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	53	58	96	2,154	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	91	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Cut Christmas trees	12,642	1	57	3	1,756
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,340	25	100	1,596	3,060
Nursery stock	1,009	6	87	90	2,130
Vegetables harvested for sale	175	64	99	1,103	2,794
Tobacco	114	61	77	269	437
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	16,490	15	98	1,592	3,060
Layers	2,019	51	99	1,112	3,024
Goats, all	2,005	15	99	283	3,023
Horses and ponies	1,188	28	98	1,169	3,066
Sheep and lambs	936	4	91	956	2,891

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	319	Farming	478
\$1,000 to \$2,499	118	Other	647
\$2,500 to \$4,999	128	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	151	Male	1,029
\$10,000 to \$19,999	165	Female	96
\$20,000 to \$24,999	41	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	72	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	33	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	21	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	55	Black or African American	11
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	16	White	1,588
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	35,539	More than one race	18
Average per farm (\$)	31,590	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	16
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,707		
Average per farm (\$)	6,851		

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.