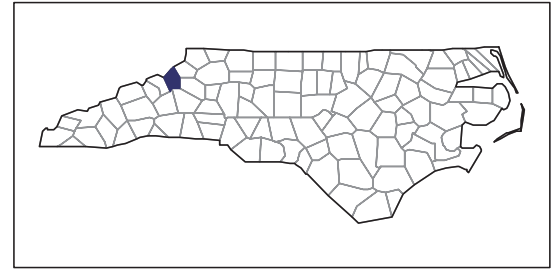


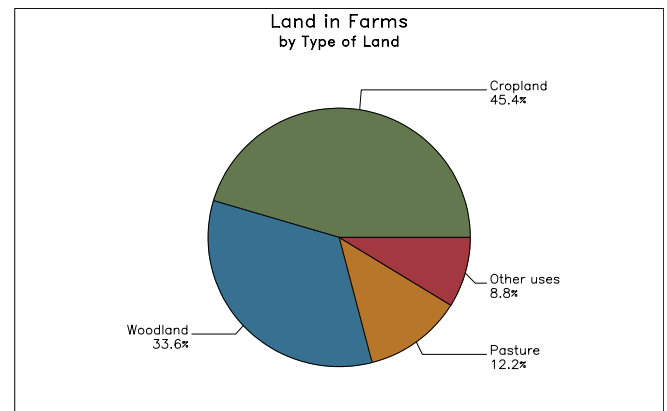
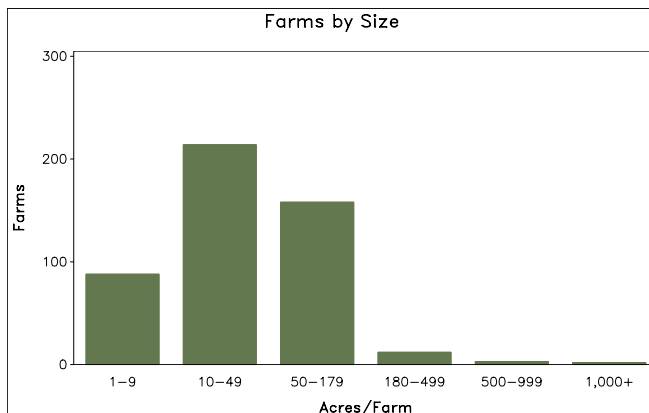
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile



Avery County North Carolina

	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	477	495	- 4
Land in Farms	27,818 acres	30,614 acres	- 9
Average Size of Farm	58 acres	62 acres	- 6
Market Value of Products Sold	\$20,522,000	\$27,877,000	- 26
Crop Sales \$20,103,000 (98 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$419,000 (2 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$43,024	\$56,318	- 24
Government Payments	\$92,000	\$41,000	+ 124
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,107	\$1,520	+ 302



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Avery 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	20,522	75	100	2,236	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	20,103	44	100	1,452	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	419	95	99	2,989	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	99	99	(D)	2,933
Tobacco	54	73	77	357	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	53	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	122	95	99	1,742	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	5,270	27	95	460	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	14,568	2	53	5	1,710
Other crops and hay	46	91	100	2,935	3,054
Poultry and eggs	3	97	99	2,820	3,020
Cattle and calves	363	79	98	2,852	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	56	62	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	89	89	2,910	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	12	82	98	2,531	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	13	85	96	2,799	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	40	60	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(Z)	86	91	2,651	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Cut Christmas trees	7,882	3	57	7	1,756
Nursery stock	1,397	3	87	59	2,130
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	994	83	100	2,880	3,060
Vegetables harvested for sale	81	81	99	1,455	2,794
Short-rotation woody crops	49	2	16	543	1,134
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	1,189	81	98	2,888	3,060
Horses and ponies	335	69	98	2,617	3,066
Layers	154	91	99	2,736	3,024
Goats, all	90	90	99	2,616	3,023
Colonies of bees	58	72	94	1,537	2,640

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	100	Farming	194
\$1,000 to \$2,499	57	Other	283
\$2,500 to \$4,999	54	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	76	Male	449
\$10,000 to \$19,999	64	Female	28
\$20,000 to \$24,999	13	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	28	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	14	American Indian or Alaska Native	5
\$50,000 to \$99,999	23	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	35	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	6	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	7	White	683
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	17,859	More than one race	6
Average per farm (\$)	37,440	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,432		
Average per farm (\$)	7,195		

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.