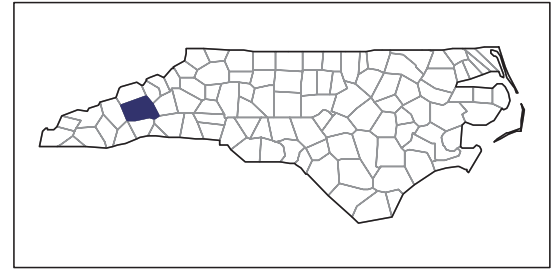


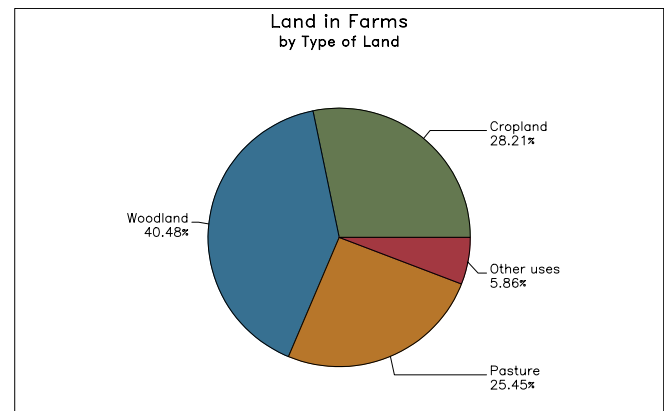
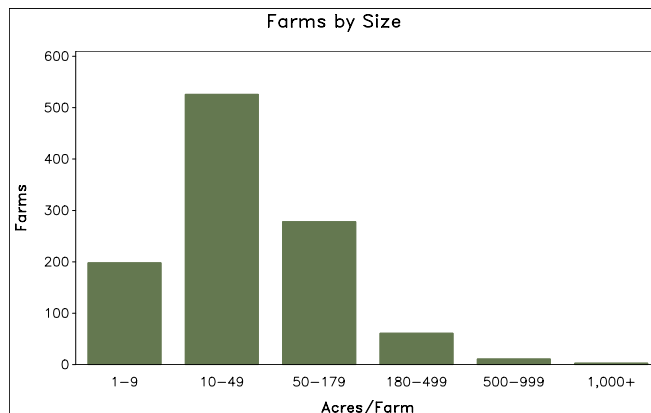
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile



Buncombe County North Carolina

	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,077	1,192	- 10
Land in Farms	72,087 acres	94,934 acres	- 24
Average Size of Farm	67 acres	80 acres	- 16
Market Value of Products Sold	\$37,241,000	\$21,830,000	+ 71
Crop Sales \$28,206,000 (76 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$9,034,000 (24 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$34,578	\$18,314	+ 89
Government Payments	\$203,000	\$150,000	+ 35
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$2,035	\$1,532	+ 33



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Buncombe 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	37,241	58	100	1,818	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	28,206	33	100	1,253	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	9,034	67	99	2,109	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	73	88	99	2,523	2,933
Tobacco	94	71	77	341	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	53	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	3,952	24	99	385	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	4	95	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	110	15	53	390	1,710
Other crops and hay	550	44	100	2,082	3,054
Poultry and eggs	302	69	99	1,185	3,020
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,395	17	62	866	2,493
Hogs and pigs	89	63	89	1,406	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	220	7	98	575	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	475	12	96	515	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	5	91	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	12,453	19	100	1,491	3,060
Corn for silage	1,161	14	79	924	2,263
Vegetables harvested for sale	715	32	99	624	2,794
Tomatoes in the open	340	4	90	79	2,368
Cut Christmas trees	175	11	57	339	1,756
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	13,512	19	98	1,766	3,060
Layers	6,562	49	99	753	3,024
Quail	2,300	19	52	272	1,386
Horses and ponies	2,043	4	98	533	3,066
Goats, all	1,710	23	99	376	3,023

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	360	Farming	392
\$1,000 to \$2,499	196	Other	685
\$2,500 to \$4,999	172	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	150	Male	865
\$10,000 to \$19,999	76	Female	212
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	28	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	13	American Indian or Alaska Native	6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	36	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	15	Black or African American	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	8	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	7	White	1,627
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	26,576	More than one race	12
Average per farm (\$)	24,676	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	27
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	14,222		
Average per farm (\$)	13,205		

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.