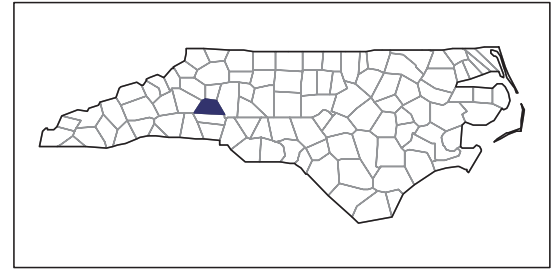


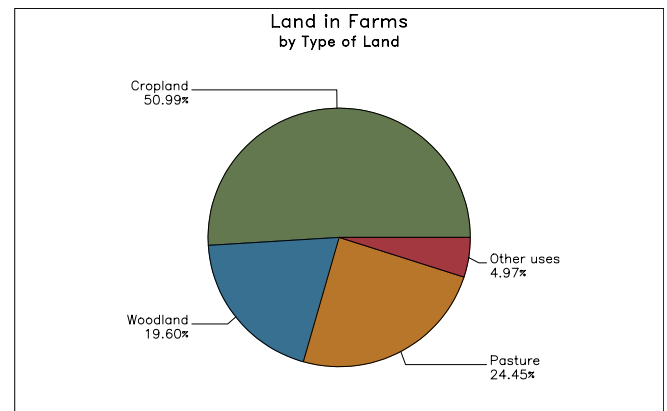
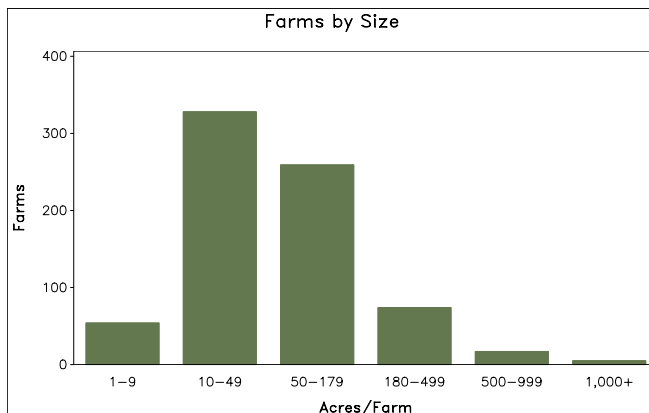
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile



Catawba County North Carolina

	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	737	715	+ 3
Land in Farms	71,906 acres	78,516 acres	- 8
Average Size of Farm	98 acres	110 acres	- 11
Market Value of Products Sold	\$30,521,000	\$21,448,000	+ 42
Crop Sales \$12,418,000 (41 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$18,103,000 (59 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$41,413	\$29,997	+ 38
Government Payments	\$456,000	\$423,000	+ 8
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,680	\$2,919	+ 26



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Catawba 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	30,521	65	100	1,971	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	12,418	60	100	1,740	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	18,103	53	99	1,594	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	2,225	55	99	1,755	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	77	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	53	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	45	99	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	101	66	98	1,395	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	8,658	18	95	320	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	22	53	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	403	54	100	2,290	3,054
Poultry and eggs	11,937	48	99	526	3,020
Cattle and calves	3,224	30	98	2,012	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	2,236	20	62	1,037	2,493
Hogs and pigs	188	62	89	1,226	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	66	37	98	1,438	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	429	14	96	565	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	60	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	23	34	91	1,717	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	13,477	17	100	1,417	3,060
Soybeans for beans	9,049	50	90	1,054	2,039
Wheat for grain, all	4,773	35	84	992	2,481
Corn for grain	1,789	61	99	1,719	2,634
Corn for silage	901	21	79	1,052	2,263
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	665,043	37	75	357	2,476
Layers	51,903	32	99	487	3,024
Cattle and calves	13,356	20	98	1,778	3,060
Horses and ponies	1,837	9	98	645	3,066
Goats, all	1,603	27	99	412	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	268	Farming	268
\$1,000 to \$2,499	105	Other	469
\$2,500 to \$4,999	85	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	92	Male	634
\$10,000 to \$19,999	68	Female	103
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	27	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	19	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	18	Asian	5
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11	Black or African American	8
\$250,000 to \$499,999	12	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	21	White	1,101
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	29,921	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	40,599	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	21
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	2,377		
Average per farm (\$)	3,226		

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.