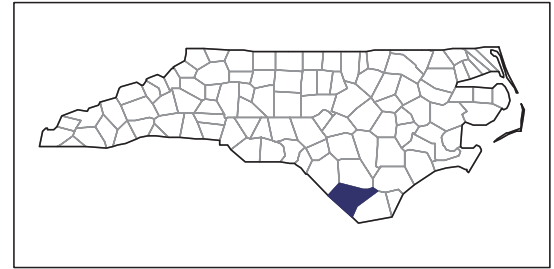


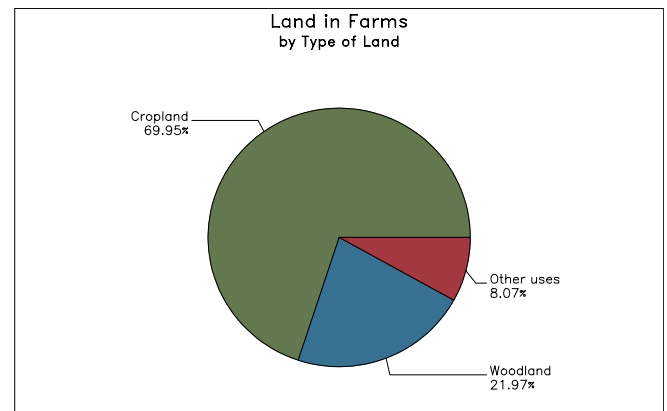
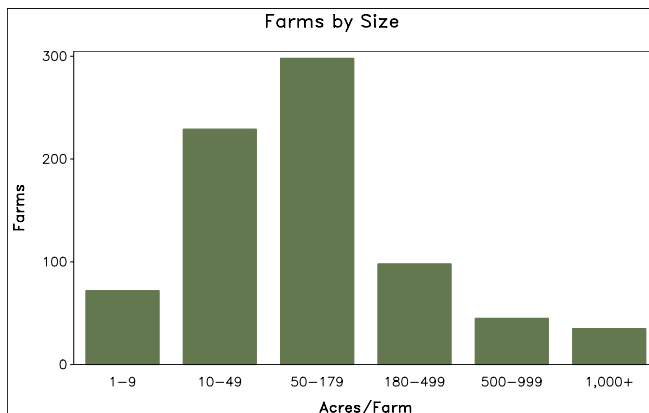
# 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## County Profile



## Columbus County North Carolina

	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	777	828	- 6
<b>Land in Farms</b>	152,387 acres	160,128 acres	- 5
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	196 acres	193 acres	+ 2
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$141,403,000	\$106,249,000	+ 33
Crop Sales \$45,477,000 (32 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$95,926,000 (68 percent)			
<b>Average Per Farm</b>	\$181,986	\$128,320	+ 42
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$2,902,000	\$1,683,000	+ 72
<b>Average Per Farm Receiving Payments</b>	\$7,678	\$6,871	+ 12



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

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	141,403	21	100	584	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	45,477	17	100	920	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	95,926	24	99	412	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	18,204	15	99	1,014	2,933
Tobacco	12,770	14	77	22	437
Cotton and cottonseed	1,340	32	53	331	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	7,706	12	99	235	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	639	16	98	621	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,034	42	95	657	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	13	31	53	1,025	1,710
Other crops and hay	1,771	15	100	980	3,054
Poultry and eggs	13,437	47	99	498	3,020
Cattle and calves	1,674	47	98	2,399	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	48	47	62	2,114	2,493
Hogs and pigs	80,605	10	89	42	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	32	57	98	2,007	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	101	45	96	1,679	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	53	60	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	28	91	(D)	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Corn for grain	38,489	5	99	685	2,634
Soybeans for beans	36,958	10	90	630	2,039
Wheat for grain, all	9,502	16	84	729	2,481
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,270	48	100	2,251	3,060
Tobacco	4,650	13	77	16	437
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	740,265	36	75	343	2,476
Hogs and pigs	263,048	9	93	53	2,958
Cattle and calves	8,472	35	98	2,135	3,060
Colonies of bees	1,965	2	94	316	2,640
Layers	1,188	55	99	1,478	3,024

### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	181	Farming	393
\$1,000 to \$2,499	90	Other	384
\$2,500 to \$4,999	85	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	83	Male	708
\$10,000 to \$19,999	87	Female	69
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.8
\$25,000 to \$39,999	35	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	18	American Indian or Alaska Native	28
\$50,000 to \$99,999	50	Asian	4
\$100,000 to \$249,999	40	Black or African American	56
\$250,000 to \$499,999	28	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	57	White	903
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	118,995	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	153,147	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	30,349		
Average per farm (\$)	39,059		

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.

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