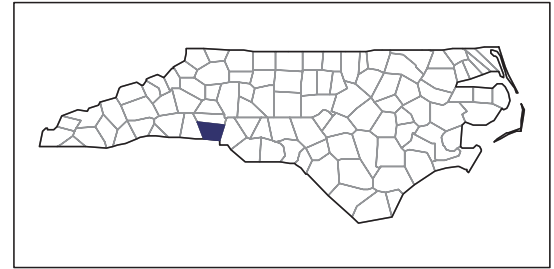


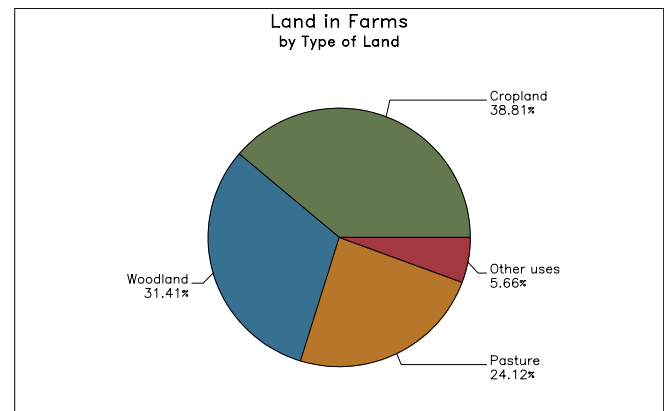
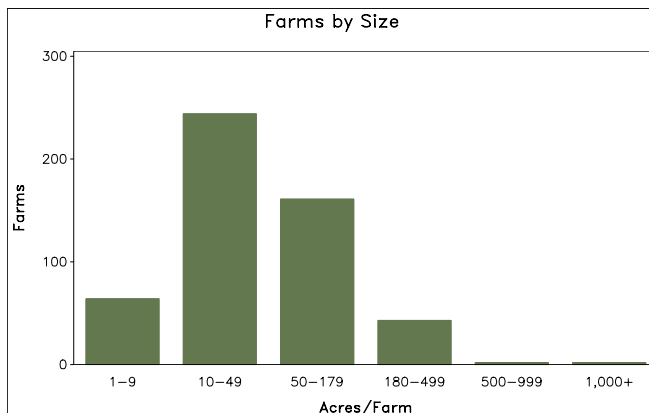
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile



Gaston County North Carolina

	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	516	450	+ 15
Land in Farms	37,561 acres	41,827 acres	- 10
Average Size of Farm	73 acres	93 acres	- 22
Market Value of Products Sold	\$11,221,000	\$11,943,000	- 6
Crop Sales \$2,707,000 (24 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$8,514,000 (76 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$21,745	\$26,539	- 18
Government Payments	\$198,000	\$365,000	- 46
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$2,204	\$3,148	- 30



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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	11,221	86	100	2,561	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,707	93	100	2,489	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	8,514	69	99	2,139	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	258	79	99	2,285	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	77	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	53	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	294	77	99	1,319	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	252	38	98	976	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,583	55	95	902	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	53	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	319	61	100	2,438	3,054
Poultry and eggs	3,437	61	99	779	3,020
Cattle and calves	1,649	49	98	2,409	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	3,030	18	62	921	2,493
Hogs and pigs	14	70	89	2,138	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	91	25	98	1,186	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	270	24	96	865	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	60	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	23	35	91	1,726	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	7,778	34	100	1,949	3,060
Soybeans for beans	2,157	68	90	1,394	2,039
Corn for silage	792	22	79	1,124	2,263
Wheat for grain, all	619	70	84	1,785	2,481
Vegetables harvested for sale	139	70	99	1,185	2,794
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	250,218	49	75	466	2,476
Quail	(D)	9	52	(D)	1,386
Cattle and calves	8,259	38	98	2,152	3,060
Horses and ponies	1,363	20	98	977	3,066
Layers	1,112	58	99	1,534	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	188	Farming	161
\$1,000 to \$2,499	93	Other	355
\$2,500 to \$4,999	60		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	78	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	40	Male	451
\$20,000 to \$24,999	11	Female	65
\$25,000 to \$39,999	19		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	3	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.8
\$50,000 to \$99,999	9		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$500,000 or more	8	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	10,922	Black or African American	1
Average per farm (\$)	21,167	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	779
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,190	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	2,306	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	6

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.