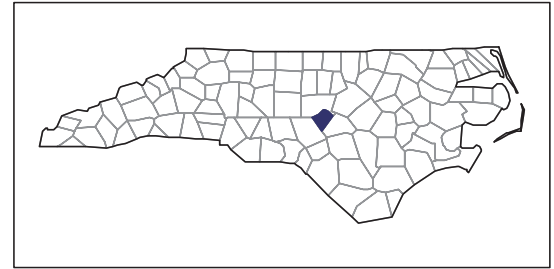


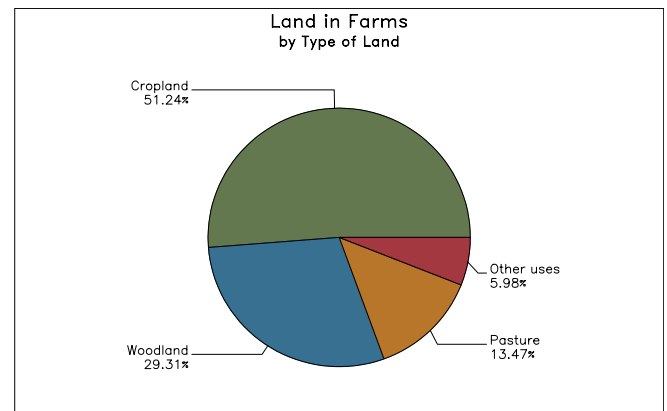
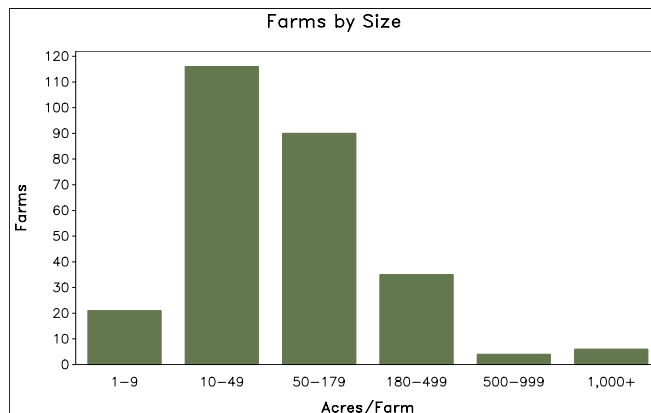
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile



Lee County North Carolina

	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	272	304	- 11
Land in Farms	36,210 acres	46,084 acres	- 21
Average Size of Farm	133 acres	152 acres	- 13
Market Value of Products Sold	\$31,450,000	\$22,066,000	+ 43
Crop Sales \$10,463,000 (33 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$20,987,000 (67 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$115,627	\$72,585	+ 59
Government Payments	\$211,000	\$111,000	+ 90
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,295	\$2,126	+ 55



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Lee 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	31,450	64	100	1,947	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	10,463	67	100	1,839	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	20,987	52	99	1,478	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	981	66	99	1,987	2,933
Tobacco	7,419	24	77	47	437
Cotton and cottonseed	83	45	53	548	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	302	76	99	1,309	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	199	48	98	1,087	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,294	59	95	988	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	18	27	53	917	1,710
Other crops and hay	167	77	100	2,724	3,054
Poultry and eggs	18,230	40	99	426	3,020
Cattle and calves	1,132	54	98	2,572	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	1,342	53	89	848	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	238	28	96	978	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	60	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	14	47	91	1,922	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	6,308	57	90	1,143	2,039
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	2,922	62	100	2,595	3,060
Tobacco	2,012	28	77	53	437
Corn for grain	1,533	66	99	1,764	2,634
Wheat for grain, all	1,025	66	84	1,622	2,481
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,265,904	27	75	277	2,476
Layers	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,024
Hogs and pigs	4,244	54	93	903	2,958
Cattle and calves	3,452	59	98	2,615	3,060
Rabbits and their pelts	680	4	80	115	2,574

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	60	Farming	111
\$1,000 to \$2,499	46	Other	161
\$2,500 to \$4,999	39	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	38	Male	224
\$10,000 to \$19,999	18	Female	48
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.2
\$25,000 to \$39,999	10	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2	American Indian or Alaska Native	-
\$50,000 to \$99,999	14	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7	Black or African American	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	11	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	19	White	387
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	26,259	More than one race	2
Average per farm (\$)	96,541	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	7,077		
Average per farm (\$)	26,017		

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.