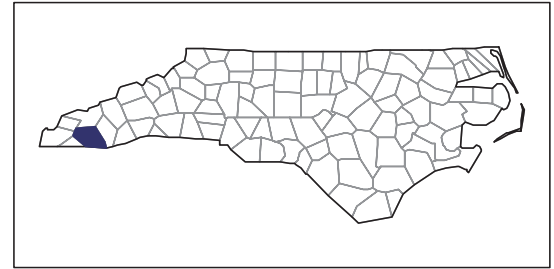


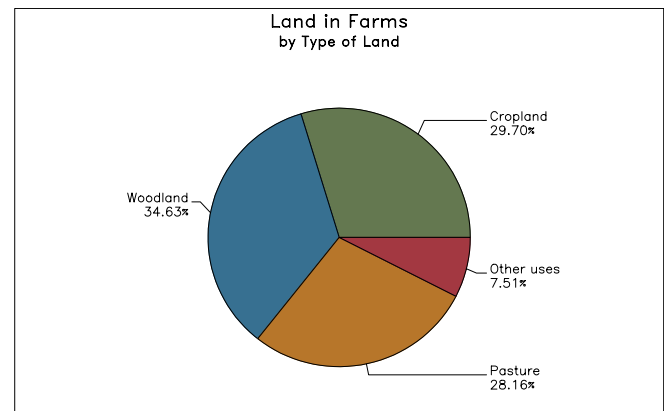
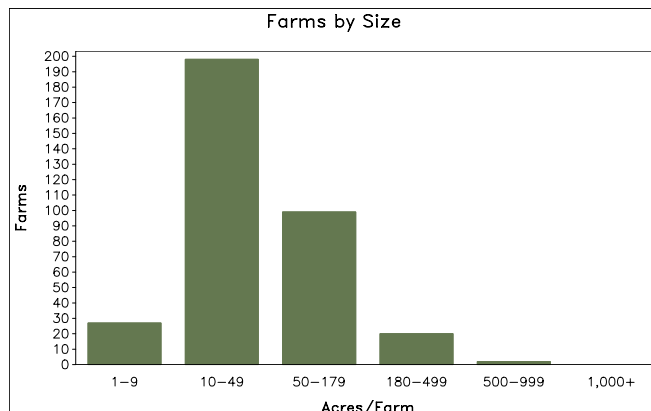
# 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## County Profile



## Macon County North Carolina

	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	346	347	0
<b>Land in Farms</b>	21,133 acres	22,495 acres	- 6
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	61 acres	65 acres	- 6
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$5,589,000	\$4,597,000	+ 22
Crop Sales \$2,284,000 (41 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$3,305,000 (59 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$16,154	\$13,249	+ 22
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$10,000	\$33,000	- 70
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$686	\$625	+ 10



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### Macon County – North Carolina

#### 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	5,589	93	100	2,783	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,284	94	100	2,540	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	3,305	81	99	2,615	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	91	99	(D)	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	77	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	53	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	545	64	99	1,027	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	50	98	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	759	75	95	1,209	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	598	7	53	78	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	25	79	99	2,029	3,020
Cattle and calves	1,004	58	98	2,613	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	62	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	10	74	89	2,281	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	48	45	98	1,692	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	(D)	(D)	96	(D)	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	5	60	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	20	40	91	1,780	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	3,666	57	100	2,504	3,060
Cut Christmas trees	305	8	57	210	1,756
Vegetables harvested for sale	160	66	99	1,134	2,794
Nursery stock	55	53	87	810	2,130
Sweet corn	55	31	95	647	2,384
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	3,552	57	98	2,603	3,060
Goats, all	930	43	99	808	3,023
Layers	865	65	99	1,749	3,024
Horses and ponies	456	60	98	2,335	3,066
Colonies of bees	278	34	94	821	2,640

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	95	Farming	155
\$1,000 to \$2,499	51	Other	191
\$2,500 to \$4,999	55	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	66	Male	304
\$10,000 to \$19,999	35	Female	42
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	60.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	18	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	American Indian or Alaska Native	3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	3	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3	Black or African American	-
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	2	White	503
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	6,135	More than one race	4
Average per farm (\$)	17,731	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	10
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-412		
Average per farm (\$)	-1,190		

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.