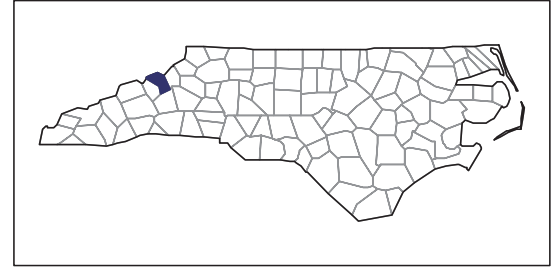


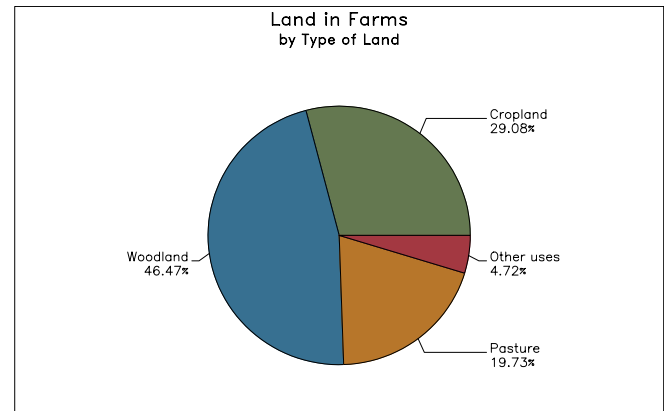
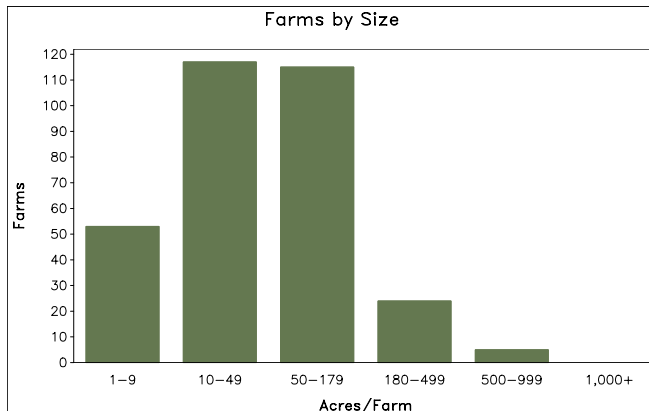
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile



Mitchell County North Carolina

	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	314	358	- 12
Land in Farms	22,787 acres	26,044 acres	- 13
Average Size of Farm	73 acres	73 acres	0
Market Value of Products Sold	\$3,568,000	\$3,873,000	- 8
Crop Sales \$2,999,000 (84 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$569,000 (16 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$11,363	\$10,818	+ 5
Government Payments	\$178,000	\$20,000	+ 790
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$6,606	\$904	+ 631



2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile

Mitchell 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	3,568	96	100	2,884	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	2,999	92	100	2,454	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	569	93	99	2,964	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	98	99	(D)	2,933
Tobacco	155	66	77	321	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	53	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	126	94	99	1,730	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	280	35	98	930	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	751	77	95	1,218	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	1,563	6	53	35	1,710
Other crops and hay	(D)	85	100	(D)	3,054
Poultry and eggs	8	89	99	2,556	3,020
Cattle and calves	466	70	98	2,791	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	-	-	62	-	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	84	89	(D)	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	36	49	98	1,894	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	52	60	96	2,177	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	60	60	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	71	91	(D)	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,954	72	100	2,745	3,060
Cut Christmas trees	1,167	6	57	39	1,756
Nursery stock	229	25	87	388	2,130
Tobacco	63	63	77	308	437
Apples	60	9	76	434	2,144
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	1,882	71	98	2,794	3,060
Goats, all	395	69	99	1,714	3,023
Horses and ponies	288	72	98	2,699	3,066
Layers	287	84	99	2,496	3,024
Colonies of bees	185	49	94	1,000	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	90	Farming	118
\$1,000 to \$2,499	56	Other	196
\$2,500 to \$4,999	41	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	52	Male	274
\$10,000 to \$19,999	32	Female	40
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.7
\$25,000 to \$39,999	15	All operators by race ² :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	9	American Indian or Alaska Native	1
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	4	Black or African American	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	-	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
\$500,000 or more	1	White	452
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	3,906	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	12,440	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	1
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	11		
Average per farm (\$)	35		

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.