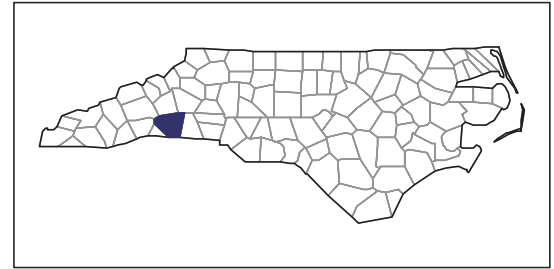


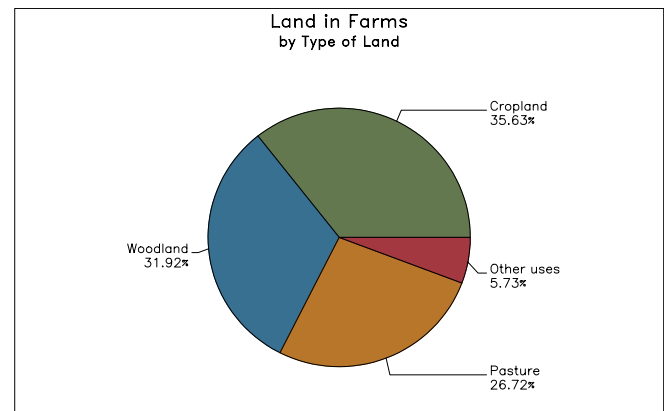
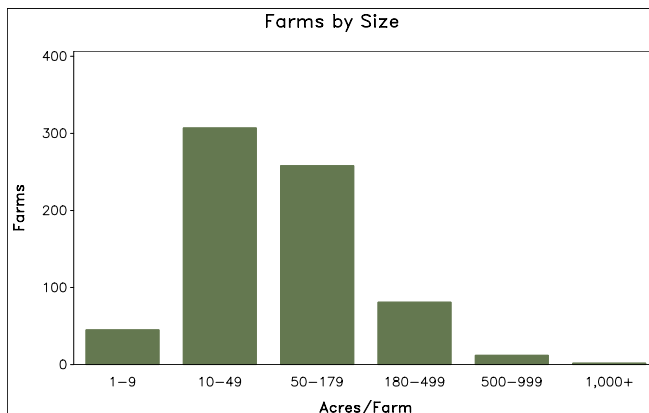
# 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## County Profile



## Rutherford County North Carolina

	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	705	653	+ 8
<b>Land in Farms</b>	65,898 acres	67,856 acres	- 3
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	93 acres	104 acres	- 11
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$6,590,000	\$9,205,000	- 28
Crop Sales \$1,453,000 (22 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$5,137,000 (78 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$9,347	\$14,096	- 34
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$258,000	\$183,000	+ 41
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$2,386	\$1,498	+ 59



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### Rutherford 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	6,590	91	100	2,744	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	1,453	96	100	2,693	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,137	77	99	2,421	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	159	86	99	2,393	2,933
Tobacco	-	-	77	-	437
Cotton and cottonseed	(D)	52	53	618	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	410	69	99	1,154	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	325	87	95	1,611	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	24	53	(D)	1,710
Other crops and hay	439	51	100	2,242	3,054
Poultry and eggs	2,102	64	99	878	3,020
Cattle and calves	2,286	36	98	2,214	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	55	65	89	1,558	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	207	31	96	1,093	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	60	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	167	6	91	770	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	11,443	24	100	1,580	3,060
Soybeans for beans	803	75	90	1,586	2,039
Wheat for grain, all	257	76	84	1,997	2,481
Corn for grain	202	84	99	2,219	2,634
Vegetables harvested for sale	186	62	99	1,074	2,794
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	126,018	53	75	535	2,476
Cattle and calves	7,145	43	98	2,245	3,060
Goats, all	1,789	21	99	354	3,023
Horses and ponies	1,524	11	98	842	3,066
Layers	1,124	57	99	1,526	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	321	Farming	257
\$1,000 to \$2,499	97	Other	448
\$2,500 to \$4,999	96	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	62	Male	622
\$10,000 to \$19,999	69	Female	83
\$20,000 to \$24,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.0
\$25,000 to \$39,999	26	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	11	American Indian or Alaska Native	14
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7	Asian	4
\$100,000 to \$249,999	5	Black or African American	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	2	White	934
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	10,298	More than one race	3
Average per farm (\$)	14,608	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	-2,908		
Average per farm (\$)	-4,124		

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.