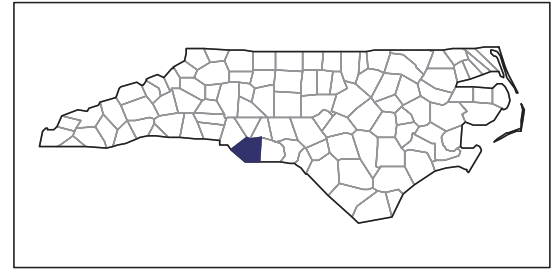


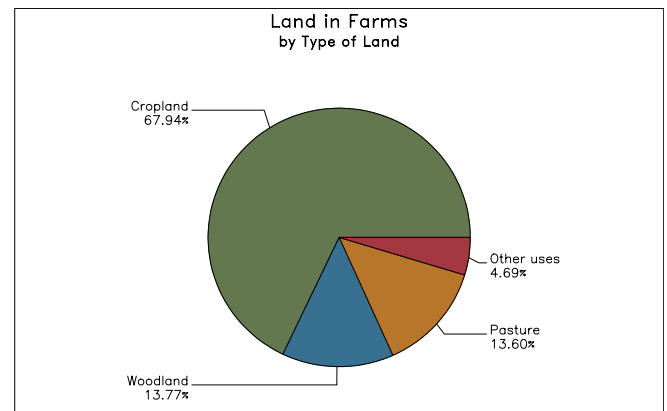
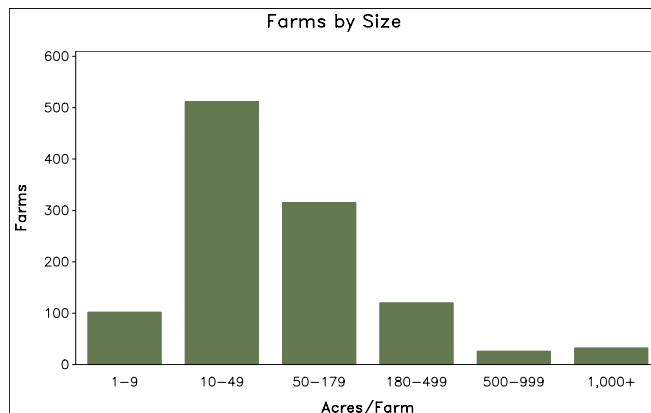
2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

County Profile



Union County North Carolina

	2007	2002	% change
Number of Farms	1,107	1,224	- 10
Land in Farms	178,193 acres	190,704 acres	- 7
Average Size of Farm	161 acres	156 acres	+ 3
Market Value of Products Sold	\$410,496,000	\$261,302,000	+ 57
Crop Sales \$46,636,000 (11 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$363,859,000 (89 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$370,818	\$213,482	+ 74
Government Payments	\$1,755,000	\$2,300,000	- 24
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$8,087	\$8,677	- 7



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County Profile

Union 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	410,496	4	100	85	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	46,636	16	100	907	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	363,859	5	99	56	3,069
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	23,791	9	99	918	2,933
Tobacco	(D)	(D)	77	(D)	437
Cotton and cottonseed	1,345	31	53	330	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	20	99	(D)	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	15,398	8	95	209	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	53	-	1,710
Other crops and hay	962	26	100	1,558	3,054
Poultry and eggs	350,476	4	99	12	3,020
Cattle and calves	9,037	8	98	1,273	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	41	89	(D)	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	140	11	98	856	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	393	17	96	614	3,024
Aquaculture	9	46	60	1,029	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	61	15	91	1,265	2,875
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Soybeans for beans	52,570	4	90	489	2,039
Wheat for grain, all	36,373	2	84	351	2,481
Corn for grain	30,180	10	99	777	2,634
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	14,394	14	100	1,358	3,060
Cotton, all	6,828	27	54	261	627
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	13,907,937	2	75	13	2,476
Turkeys	1,314,394	4	75	21	2,371
Layers	1,149,230	3	99	89	3,024
Quail	(D)	1	52	2	1,386
Pullets for laying flock replacement	145,149	16	83	190	2,627

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	315	Farming	570
\$1,000 to \$2,499	113	Other	537
\$2,500 to \$4,999	99		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	97	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	86	Male	938
\$20,000 to \$24,999	24	Female	169
\$25,000 to \$39,999	39		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	20		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	43	All operators by race ² :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	57	American Indian or Alaska Native	7
\$500,000 or more	199	Asian	14
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	315,021	Black or African American	9
Average per farm (\$)	284,571	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1
		White	1,647
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	104,082	More than one race	9
Average per farm (\$)	94,021	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin ²	22

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.