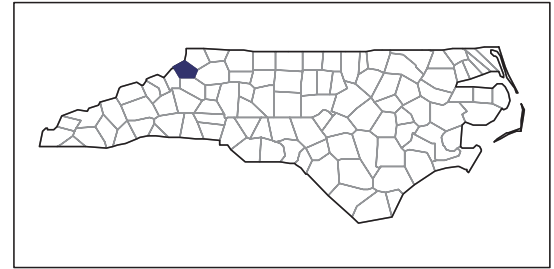


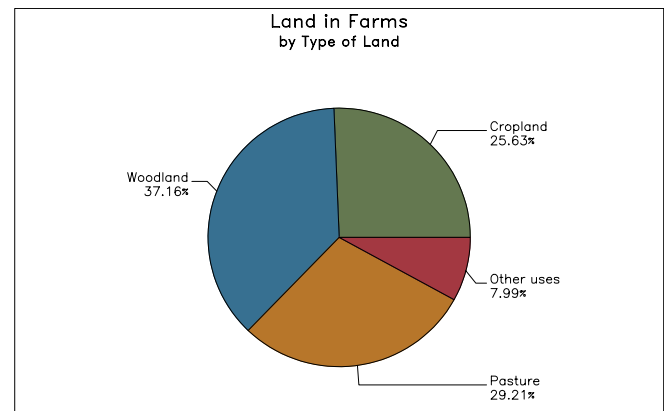
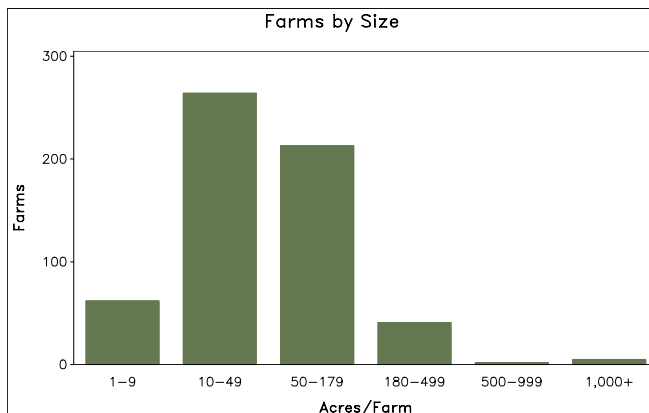
# 2007 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

## County Profile



## Watauga County North Carolina

	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	587	731	- 20
<b>Land in Farms</b>	45,782 acres	51,758 acres	- 12
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	78 acres	71 acres	+ 10
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$11,529,000	\$11,615,000	- 1
Crop Sales (D)			
Livestock Sales (D)			
Average Per Farm	\$19,641	\$15,889	+ 24
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$77,000	\$60,000	+ 28
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$1,709	\$843	+ 103



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#### 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	11,529	85	100	2,546	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	(D)	(D)	100	(D)	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	(D)	(D)	99	(D)	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	8	95	99	2,774	2,933
Tobacco	(D)	72	77	(D)	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	53	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	259	83	99	1,387	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	250	39	98	981	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	4,196	5	53	13	1,710
Other crops and hay	269	66	100	2,531	3,054
Poultry and eggs	24	80	99	2,035	3,020
Cattle and calves	(D)	(D)	98	(D)	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	(D)	(D)	62	(D)	2,493
Hogs and pigs	7	75	89	2,377	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	32	56	98	1,984	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	40	68	96	2,335	3,024
Aquaculture	(D)	(D)	60	(D)	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	12	50	91	1,957	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	5,301	46	100	2,245	3,060
Cut Christmas trees	2,795	4	57	19	1,756
Nursery stock	159	33	87	481	2,130
Vegetables harvested for sale	78	85	99	1,475	2,794
Corn for silage	46	58	79	2,058	2,263
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	7,490	42	98	2,215	3,060
Horses and ponies	854	43	98	1,588	3,066
Layers	588	77	99	2,047	3,024
Goats, all	378	71	99	1,748	3,023
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	300	63	75	1,289	2,476

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	133	Farming	200
\$1,000 to \$2,499	80	Other	387
\$2,500 to \$4,999	81	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	94	Male	524
\$10,000 to \$19,999	88	Female	63
\$20,000 to \$24,999	17	Average age of principal operator (years)	59.3
\$25,000 to \$39,999	33	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	15	American Indian or Alaska Native	4
\$50,000 to \$99,999	31	Asian	1
\$100,000 to \$249,999	11	Black or African American	1
\$250,000 to \$499,999	1	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	3	White	839
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	8,564	More than one race	1
Average per farm (\$)	14,589	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	3,724		
Average per farm (\$)	6,345		

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.