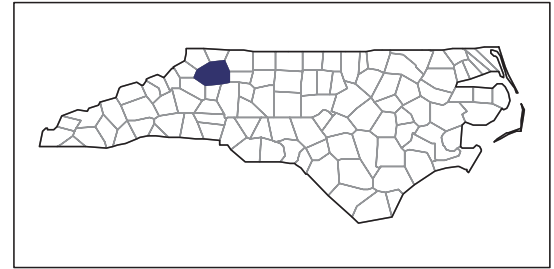


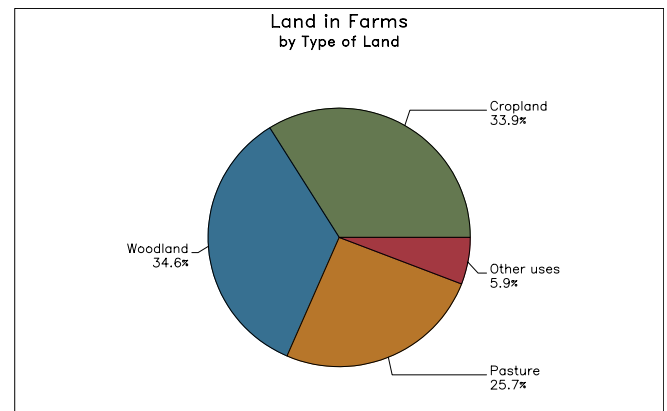
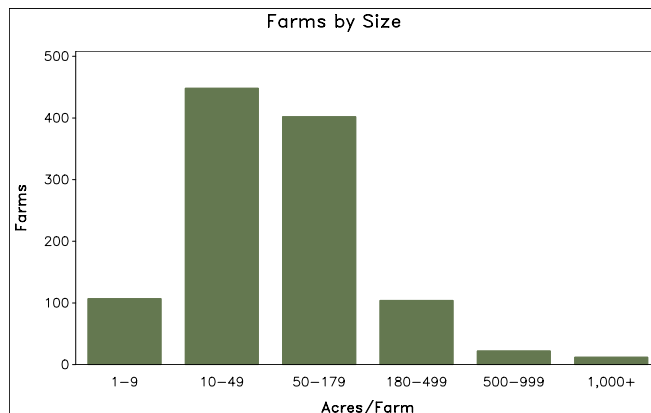
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## County Profile



## Wilkes County North Carolina

	2007	2002	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	1,095	1,273	- 14
<b>Land in Farms</b>	109,970 acres	124,189 acres	- 11
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	100 acres	98 acres	+ 2
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$389,831,000	\$207,506,000	+ 88
Crop Sales \$6,828,000 (2 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$383,003,000 (98 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$356,010	\$163,005	+ 118
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$419,000	\$680,000	- 38
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$10,747	\$4,500	+ 139



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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	389,831	5	100	99	3,076
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	6,828	78	100	2,079	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	383,003	4	99	51	3,069
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	1,827	61	99	1,820	2,933
Tobacco	1,459	45	77	164	437
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	53	-	626
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	42	98	99	2,178	2,796
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	1,227	6	98	415	2,659
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	1,532	56	95	918	2,703
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	60	19	53	556	1,710
Other crops and hay	681	37	100	1,899	3,054
Poultry and eggs	362,449	3	99	10	3,020
Cattle and calves	14,103	2	98	931	3,054
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,592	7	62	678	2,493
Hogs and pigs	5	78	89	2,487	2,922
Sheep, goats, and their products	64	39	98	1,464	2,998
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	770	4	96	289	3,024
Aquaculture	-	-	60	-	1,498
Other animals and other animal products	20	39	91	1,767	2,875
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	18,355	8	100	1,117	3,060
Corn for silage	5,856	2	79	265	2,263
Corn for grain	1,596	65	99	1,753	2,634
Tobacco	385	46	77	171	437
Apples	291	3	76	135	2,144
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	16,727,127	1	75	9	2,476
Layers	502,733	9	99	158	3,024
Pullets for laying flock replacement	439,056	6	83	72	2,627
Cattle and calves	31,457	4	98	999	3,060
Quail	(D)	10	52	(D)	1,386

#### Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	268	Farming	542
\$1,000 to \$2,499	105	Other	553
\$2,500 to \$4,999	136		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	144	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	112	Male	960
\$20,000 to \$24,999	16	Female	135
\$25,000 to \$39,999	21		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	8	Average age of principal operator (years)	57.2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	16		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	42	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	43	American Indian or Alaska Native	8
\$500,000 or more	184	Asian	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	293,548	Black or African American	10
Average per farm (\$)	268,080	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		White	1,586
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	99,124	More than one race	7
Average per farm (\$)	90,524	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	4

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.