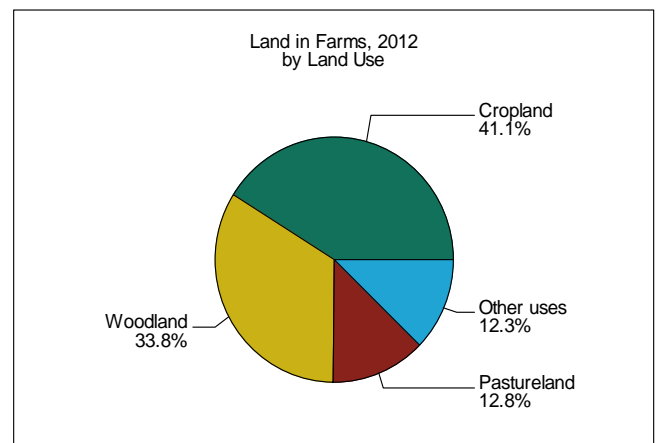
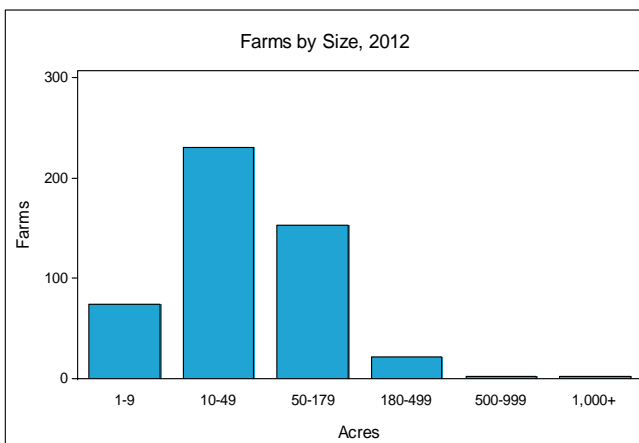


## Avery County North Carolina

	2012	2007	% change
<b>Number of Farms</b>	483	477	+ 1
<b>Land in Farms</b>	28,224 acres	27,818 acres	+ 1
<b>Average Size of Farm</b>	58 acres	58 acres	0
<b>Market Value of Products Sold</b>	\$17,198,000	\$20,522,000	- 16
Crop Sales \$16,535,000 (96 percent)			
Livestock Sales \$664,000 (4 percent)			
Average Per Farm	\$35,607	\$43,024	- 17
<b>Government Payments</b>	\$71,000	\$92,000	- 23
Average Per Farm Receiving Payments	\$3,090	\$6,107	- 49





## Avery County – North Carolina

### Ranked items among the 100 state counties and 3,079 U.S. counties, 2012

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	17,198	84	100	2,456	3,077
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	16,535	68	100	1,822	3,072
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	664	88	100	2,928	3,076
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	38	96	100	2,751	2,926
Tobacco	30	69	74	359	436
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	58	-	635
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	340	73	99	1,263	2,802
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	163	58	98	1,188	2,724
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	4,066	35	97	504	2,678
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	11,827	2	50	7	1,530
Other crops and hay	71	92	97	2,942	3,049
Poultry and eggs	(D)	82	99	(D)	3,013
Cattle and calves	397	73	99	2,827	3,056
Milk from cows	(D)	43	52	(D)	2,038
Hogs and pigs	10	75	91	2,086	2,827
Sheep, goats, wool, mohair, and milk	32	56	98	2,192	2,988
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	21	73	93	2,642	3,011
Aquaculture	81	31	58	688	1,366
Other animals and other animal products	20	51	95	1,905	2,924
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Cut Christmas trees	7,343	3	51	7	1,557
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	1,277	78	98	2,823	3,057
Nursery stock crops	1,007	6	91	87	2,077
Vegetables harvested, all	119	71	99	1,198	2,801
Potatoes	70	17	94	316	2,354
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	1,444	75	100	2,811	3,063
Layers	700	68	100	2,135	3,040
Sheep and lambs	251	41	95	1,938	2,897
Horses and ponies	218	79	100	2,723	3,072
Colonies of bees	153	41	95	1,062	2,761

### Other County Highlights, 2012

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales:		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	88	Farming	223
\$1,000 to \$2,499	46	Other	260
\$2,500 to \$4,999	48	Principal operators by sex:	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	86	Male	456
\$10,000 to \$19,999	63	Female	27
\$20,000 to \$24,999	19	Average age of principal operator (years)	58.4
\$25,000 to \$39,999	37	All operators by race <sup>2</sup> :	
\$40,000 to \$49,999	12	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	45	Asian	-
\$100,000 to \$249,999	32	Black or African American	2
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
\$500,000 or more	2	White	667
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	14,678	More than one race	8
Average per farm (\$)	30,389	All operators of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin <sup>2</sup>	2
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	4,229		
Average per farm (\$)	8,755		

See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes, explanations, definitions, and methodology.

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<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.